

INTERN SUCCESS STORY



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From the onset, the environment was welcoming and fostered a rich, hands-on experience that far exceeded my expectations.

Joining the Texas Comptroller's office as an intern in the Communications and Information Services division was a pivotal moment in my career. Unlike typical internships, my role here was not just to observe but to actively participate and contribute to meaningful projects. This approach allowed me to integrate quickly with the team, who did not see me as just an intern but as a valuable member of the team. One of the most enriching aspects of my time here was the opportunity to work directly with the Texas Comptroller, Glenn Hegar, and various cross-functional teams, including IT, legal, and policy departments. This exposure to the inner workings of the office and the chance to contribute to many multimedia campaigns significantly broadened my understanding of how integrated communication strategies support the agency's goals and regulatory requirements.

Transparency and honesty were key themes throughout my internship.

The culture of learning and mentorship here is unparalleled. My team members were always eager to share their knowledge, pushing me to expand my skills and encouraging me to step out of my comfort zone. The inclusivity extended beyond our department; the office has a commendable practice of arranging many social events and networking opportunities,

allowing us interns to connect with our peers and learn from senior leaders across different divisions. These interactions were invaluable, offering insights into various career paths and the inner mechanics of working in a governmental body.



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The leadership team made a concerted effort to ensure all interns understood what working here entails, providing a realistic view of the challenges and rewards. This openness was incredibly refreshing and played a crucial role in my decision to transition into a part-time role within the office. Reflecting on my journey, it's clear that the Texas Comptroller's internship program is not just about gaining practical skills; it's about cultivating a supportive community that champions personal and professional growth. I'm grateful for the relationships I've built, the skills I've developed, and the seamless transition from an intern to an employee.