

INTERN SUCCESS STORY



AMI BETTES

I wanted an internship focused on finance, and I liked what I'd heard about the Comptroller's office.

I didn't know too much about working for a governmental body when I was looking for a summer internship, but I wanted more experience in the financial field or analytics, and I knew that the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts had a reputation for providing a good environment for employees. After applying for several of the agency's internship positions through Handshake, a talent recruiting platform, I was selected to be a summer intern with the Account Maintenance Division.

During my internship, I was tasked with doing research, performing file maintenance corrections to taxpayers' accounts and analyzing crude oil and natural gas taxpayer accounts to refund eligible credits by evaluating amended returns. This taught me about the tax laws of the state of Texas and how they are enforced.

I learned about tax law in a welcoming environment.

The atmosphere here at the agency is extremely welcoming and open. My co-workers were more than happy to help me and answer any questions I threw at them. They included me in their day-to-day activities and, since I was new to Austin, they provided me with information about attractions all over the area that helped me to become familiar with the city.

When I graduated from Trinity University, I applied for a vacancy in the Revenue Estimating Division, and I was hired to be the Fiscal Note Coordinator.

My experience as an intern put me on a career path at the agency.



Ami Bettles

As the Fiscal Note Coordinator, I will handle fiscal notes sent to the agency when the Texas Legislature is in session, oversee systems used to manage and assign fiscal notes to other analysts, coordinate responses to other agency divisions and the Legislative Budget Board and take on revenue analyst roles.

Although the Legislature isn't currently in session, I'm learning so much about how Texas government operates and the impact of politics on state revenue.

I chose to pursue a position with the Comptroller's office immediately after graduating because of the overwhelmingly positive internship experience. I knew from the two months I spent here that it would be a start of a career, not just a job.