

Hello, I'm Carson Smith. I'm a first-year Computer Information Systems and Technology student at UT Dallas and I'm looking to growing my experiences through an internship. I believe I have drive and passion—as well as the skills—as a burgeoning IT professional to make an impact in your company.

Firstly, I'd like to touch on my education. At Allen High School, I achieved the AP Scholar with Distinction award in my Junior year, which was only given to students who had achieved an average score of 3.5/5 on all AP exams taken, as well as achieved a 3 or higher on at least five AP exams. Here at UT Dallas, the credits I've earned through AP have already gotten me ahead: I'm taking several courses that most freshmen in my major do not usually take. In my Introduction to Programming class, I've already proved a useful resource to my peers; I frequently help them out when the professor is busy or unavailable. Outside of formal education, I earned my CompTIA A+ certificate over the summer after about two weeks of independent study, and I'm now working towards my CompTIA Security+ certificate. My plan is to at least have all 3 “basic” CompTIA certifications—A+, Security+, and Network+—by the end of the semester. However, I won't stop there. Plenty of other certificates exist in the IT industry that all demonstrate more knowledge which I am ready, willing, and eager to gain.

When you learn something, you must put it to use. To that end, I've filled my spare time with projects. I currently host and maintain both a personal website and email server through Oracle VPS, both of which I took time to configure from scratch. Additionally, I'm currently developing a web application catalog for the company Petrophysics, Inc in order to modernize the end user experience on their website and streamline their sales process.

While I've developed, I've also led. I currently serve as a Development Project Manager at the startup company that I co-founded with a few of my friends, where I've diligently implemented and monitored an agile development model. This role, and my previous ones, have also taught me to problem solve, think on my feet, and leverage my available resources to resolve issues in a timely manner. That, combined with my unwavering commitment to learning and experiencing the IT field, is why I feel I would bring value as a part of your team.