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Internship Focus:  
Contracts & Purchasing



## What projects are you currently working on?

While I have been working on a variety of projects thus far, a specific one I am enjoying is our optimization project. As a team of Interns, we are working together to collect data from a variety of sources to improve efficiency at Charge. Interviewing employees to learn about ways they optimize their work has proven to be very interesting. This project will last the duration of all our internships. I am excited to see where this project goes and the ways it can help Charge improve all sides of their construction process.

## What's something new you have learned so far?

Over the past few weeks, I have learned a multitude of skills that I will carry with me throughout life. While shadowing the engineering team I learned that before they can begin to design the layout of future electrical or gas work they must collect mass amounts of data from PG&E, surveys, and the local city. This is a very important step of the process and not something I would have known or thought about without my time in the engineering department.

## Does any particular experience stand out to you?

Two people that have really taught me a lot are Amy Friberg and Melissa Cruzen. FileMaker is custom software to help with ordering, inventory tracking, and almost everything Charge needs. While this software is very helpful for all parts of the company it can be somewhat confusing when using it for the first few times. Melissa

and Amy have been very patient with teaching me how to use FileMaker for the various things they use it for and the various ways I will use it this summer.

## What do you look most forward to working on during your internship?

With Charge being a construction company, I am really enjoying learning about a section of business I had very little knowledge of. One of the main parts of my internship is working with contracting and I have loved learning about this side of business.

## What skills/experience do you hope to gain by the end of your internship?

Contracts. I've only worked with contracts for about two weeks, but have learned so much. Without contracts it's impossible to know what is supposed to be done, when and why. I hope to own my own business one day, so understanding contracts effectively will help immensely.

## What do you see yourself doing in the future?

After earning my degree there are two main paths I would like to follow. The first is working as an investment banker where I hope to learn more about finance and the use of money. After that I hope my own business, which I have already started, will have had enough time to grow to a place where I can be dependent on it as my main source of income.