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What brought you to Charge? How did you see it fit into your professional goals?

I first learned about Charge at my college career fair. I wanted a hands-on experience, and when further learning about the procurement intern position, I felt it would be a great stepping stone and preparation for my master's program.

What was your onboarding process like?

My onboarding process started with a construction site visit and walk through with one of our main vendors. It was a great way of understanding exactly what their jobs entail and seeing them come to life.

Can you describe a project you are working on?

One of the main projects I am working on is procurement standardization. This project will reveal the existing procurement processes, stepby-step workflows, and best practices among the specialists. I am learning that no day is like the previous one. Each day has new obstacles, and pivoting is essential.

What is next after your internship is over?

After my internship is over, I will be heading to Durham University in England to complete a master's in management for Supply Chain Logistics.



What is something you admire about Charge, as well as your internship so far?

What I admire about Charge and my internship so far is the kind and welcoming atmosphere. Everyone here genuinely wants to see one another succeed and celebrates one another's successes. Not only is this motivating, but it makes me excited to show up to work each day.

What skill(s) do you hope to improve upon over your internship period?

Some skills I hope to improve and develop are understanding purchasing strategy, planning, negotiating skills, inventory management, and relationship building as these are all skills in procurement that I can transition and utilize in supply chain management.

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