

# Anna Cobb

## Failure Objective

I have a hard time accepting rejection and criticism. This is partly because I work hard, and it is difficult to see my hard work be rejected or not deemed “the best”. It is also because I tend to attach my sense of intelligence and worth to the success of my work. But there is something about this resume that makes me feel like rejections matter a little less. In fact, that I don’t have more on this resume makes me think I should try things outside of my comfort zone a little more often.

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## Academic & Professional Failures

### Journals My Papers Have Been Rejected At

Since July 2025

- Nature Energy

### Fellowships I Did Not Win

Since August 2022

- K&L Gates Fellowship (CMU)
- So, so many that I applied to in high school and undergrad

### Competitions I Lost

Since August 2022

- NASA Blue Skies Competition: we did win the Best Presentation award but were the only graduate students competing (everyone else was still early or mid-way through undergrad).

### Graduate Programs I Was Not Accepted To

Since March 2022

- Berkeley’s Energy and Resources Group (ERG)

### Internships I Interviewed For and Did Not Get

Since August 2018

- Redwood Materials
- ENERCON Services, Inc.
- Tesla
- GAF Energy

### Internships I Did Not Get an Interview For

- 99% of internships I’ve ever applied to

Since 2016

### Things I Tried Very Hard to Achieve and Didn’t

Since August 2018

- Maintaining a 4.0 GPA during undergrad

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## Skills I Could Not Master

### Software & Modeling Approaches

- CFD (computational fluid dynamics): this was a significant part of my undergrad and something I never truly felt comfortable with

### Programming Languages

- SQL: maybe it was the way it was taught, but I found this harder to learn than most other languages I know

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## Unprofessional Failures

- Failed belay climbing certification test (I did eventually pass☺) August 14, 2024
  - Not a failure, but to show that you live and you learn, I’ll note that I passed my lead test first time with flying colors!