**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.

**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

**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

**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!