

Dear Shapeways team,

I am writing this letter to apply for a summer internship at Shapeways. I am a computer science major and communication designer looking to expand my skillset in software development, and also a maker. There are few companies that are so single-mindedly dedicated to providing creative people with tools and space to make extraordinary things as Shapeways. Shapeways is, quite literally in the business of making dreams become reality, and if that isn't exciting and worthwhile, I don't know what is.

Through my coursework at UC Berkeley, I have developed a firm grounding in important concepts of computer science, good software design, and maximized performance, and have gained extensive practical coding knowledge. While at university, I have also had the chance to immerse myself in graphic design, and expand my understanding of visual thinking and problem solving. But there is only so much one can learn in a classroom. Engineering, to me, means creating. It is about discovering a problem, and then finding an elegant solution. My goal now is to take my classroom knowledge out into the world and use it to actually build something meaningful, for a purpose that I believe in.

As a team member, I can offer reliability, commitment to quality, and unending enthusiasm for learning new things. I have gained experience both in leadership and in collaboration through leading a graphic design team and building technology projects with my peers. I strive to always think outside the dodecahedron.

Above all, I have a passion for all things functional, beautiful and user friendly. My ultimate goal in life is and always has been to make the world a more beautiful, joyful, useable place. I want to build products that make other people's lives happier and more magical, and I can think of no better place to start than Shapeways.

Sincerely,
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