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## education

Simon Fraser University School of  
Interactive Arts & Technology

## have you met us before?

My brother, Thomas McKay, is part of your team and has toured me around the Ottawa office and through the kitchen for a fantastic lunch!

## Am I part of the Co-operative Education Program?

No.

## Internship Availability

4 months

## have you met us before?

My older brother began working at Shopify in 2015, and I have watched him grow into successively higher roles - always describing his experience with a glowing enthusiasm. When he has invited me to visit I always feel welcomed by the kind people he works with, and surprised by the projects and creative endeavours they describe. In my design cohort at SFU I have heard praise for the environment and process that the design team facilitates - and I am always excited to hear when a team holds design sprints.

## Why are you interested in a Design internship?

I discovered design on a class trip to Seattle, in Steven Holl's Chapel of St. Ignatius. While the experience felt rare and unparalleled, I was again surprised to find that great design can be found in almost any aspect of the human experience. In my four years studying Design, I have been repeatedly astounded by well designed experiences - both physical and digital. Studying design with talented peers at school has allowed me to delve deep into wicked problems, seeking to understand the interconnected web of pains and nuance that challenge people on a massive scale. I value this deep and nuanced understanding of people in projects of any scope, and I seek a design internship to become embedded in an environment of people and process that creates conscious and impactful design.