

Dropbox Personal Statement

I am a masters candidate in computer science at Georgia Tech. Part of what led me to apply to Georgia Tech is its Interactive Intelligence specialization, which allows me to design systems that people would actually want to use. Aside from the courses involving various aspects of the domain of Artificial Intelligence, I am excited to both learn and incorporate knowledge from the Human Interaction course that is offered. I feel that both designers and engineers want to create tools that people want to use and that they enjoy using. After all, nobody enjoys using websites that are a chore. At the end of the day, I want people to be able to use a website or app and not experience frustration. Overall, I feel that this degree will both allow and require me to tap into my background in the visual arts, tech and humanities.

Prior to undergrad, I had pursued a variety of areas in the written and visual arts. These areas have included 3D design sculptures and structures, creative writing, drawing and ceramics. Many projects have one thing in common: they do not always go according to plan. As a result, they require flexibility, patience, creativity and logic in order to reach the desired outcome. I feel that my background helps to prepare me for situations in which things go as planned and also for those in which they do not. In undergrad I pursued a degree in the liberal arts. My degree involved a lot of written assignments for which I had to research, plan the written piece and then deliver the finished product. I also explored finance and different areas of the health science fields during undergrad. I felt and still feel that college is a proper place and time to explore different areas of interest. For example, I plan to be a lifelong learner. I simply enjoy learning about different things. It's a part of my personality; I'm curious, which I feel should serve me well in tech and designing the technologies of tomorrow. Overall, I find that, once the research and planning are completed for a project, the rest comes together pretty quickly.

Part of my reason for applying to Dropbox is that it is a company I have been following for quite a while. For years now, Dropbox has invested in their employees' well being and happiness. I also admire their commitment to helping their employees feel represented through the creation of different groups such as Women at Dropbox and BlackDropboxers. I also used Dropbox during one of my electives; this led to our team being selected to represent the college at a state level competition.

As a part of the Content Design Intern team, I would look forward to continuing my experience as a remote worker, as well as returning to my roots in the arts, while still immersed in tech and learning more about Dropbox. In the future, I hope to ensure that customers continue to have an enjoyable and frustration-free experience. I also look forward to continuing to grow my design and software engineering skills.