

My unique contribution to Insight Venture Partners is my willingness to take initiative and be proactive, particularly in a team setting. For example, last summer as a research assistant at the Partnership for Public Service, I updated the data sets for IT budgets of all the federal cabinet agencies as part of my independent work. I had chosen this topic after asking my supervisor what projects would most benefit the firm. This task required me to do work outside of my day-to-day tasks, gathering background knowledge on a topic I was unfamiliar with and coordinating with senior level employees. The resulting product is now a deliverable for the firm and will be used by presidential transition teams in 2020 to determine IT budgets.

In particular, these traits enable me to work well in teams, whether it be supporting my fellow team members or leading in the most effective way possible. During my time as a research assistant for the Social Stigma and Perception lab, I was at a meeting during which the Principle Investigator was speaking about how we needed to manually analyze over a thousand pieces of text for the project. Although I was not asked, I took it upon myself to write a simple program that automated the task. This ended up saving the team over ten hours of work. Because I knew I had a background in computer science that other team members did not, I could use my skills to benefit the team as a whole.