

Dear Hiring Manager,

My name is Aisha Kazembe, and I am excited to be applying for the Quality Assurance Internship at Splunk! I am a designer and engineer interested in building digital environments that are comfortable, secure and functional. To start this journey, I pursued a BS in environmental engineering at the University of Southern California. While completing my degree, I began to become more interested in the tech side of environmental engineering and sustainability related work. Throughout my undergraduate degree, I was able to explore different methods of digital fabrication, coding, AR visualizations and modeling as my introduction to the world of technology.

These experiences led me to pursue a job in technology transformation and implementation, specifically related to sustainability work, where I built systems that managed companies' social and sustainability related reporting data (air quality calculations, emissions, equipment inventories, EHS and ESG events, and future physical risks). While working in this position, I worked in a balance of client facing consulting and technical work. I worked with many industries including chemical, pharma, tech, real estate, and food and beverage. As part of this position, I worked on both the front end and back end of systems that managed our clients' data, learned a proprietary coding language from scratch so that I could configure the software to complete the required tasks for our clients (database management, integrations, etc.) using agile methodologies, completed user testing internally and with clients, and worked on data analysis and transformation. Doing this work made me realize that I would like to further explore my interest in code and technology research related work by pursuing grad school.

This fall, I began a masters degree in design and technology at Parsons School of Design. In this program, I am focused on further developing my coding skills, and learning different methods of digital representation, which I hope to use to work with software and emerging technologies. My goal is to build a career where I am able to develop a flexible and growing skillset to tackle today's technological problems, and make digital environments that are functional and interesting. To me, this means making a point to continue learning how to give digital spaces the comfort and uniqueness that we often see in physical spaces, paired with smooth and satisfying interfaces and consumer trust.

I admire Splunk's dedication to building digital security for their customers in a time where access to data has a lot of power, as well as the intention to build teams that are kind, supportive, and mission driven. I would greatly look forward to the opportunity to join a team that's focused on a quality experience for both clients and employees, to learn from some of Splunk's greatest technologists, and to use my existing skills to help ensure quality on Splunk's side of the digital world. Thank you for your time, and please feel free to reach out with any questions.

Best regards,
Aisha Kazembe