Just a year ago I was working in my first IT job as a Quality Assurance Analyst. This was a career pivot for me from originally being a scientist. Working as an analyst showed me the powerful potential of organizing, accessing, and structuring data. I could see how things that I had spent weeks or months analyzing could be done in a fraction of the time. Many of the endeavors I planned for myself in the near future, like organizing my finances, making goals for investments, analyzing what kind of investments I should be making in stocks and cryptocurrency. I want to learn learn how to create and admin for a database. This will allow me to input information I can query to give me instant feedback on a wide variety of data points. I’ll be able to automate alerts for myself so I can focus on more casual endeavors. At the end of my Quality Assurance role, I began using Selenium with Javascript to automate much of my manual testing. I’m currently in the process of creating a new database through my current job role as a Data Analyst. Much of what I’m building takes a significant amount of manual processing that I’m hoping to automate. The skills I will learn in this program will be instrumental in achieving this.

As mentioned previously, I recently pivoted away from science into data analysis. Eight months off to travel and shadow other people in the industry to make sure this was the pathway that I wanted to head down. I know with the proper application of focus and drive I will be able to increase my earning potential. From there, in conjunction with these new skills I will be able to transfer into a working lifestyle that affords me the ability to work more flexibly, and maximize the gains I earn for myself into better managed investments.