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Internship: Gridless Power

I secured my internship at Gridless Power through an email detailing an OCR opportunity for M&Ts. Gridless is a startup focused on portable energy; its products consist of the Gridless CORE, a portable battery pack product, the Gridless SOURCE, chargers for the CORE, and the Gridless Cloud, a mobile power tracking and management system. In the email, they stated they were seeking finance and graphic design/front-end development interns. Since I had significant interest in both areas, I wanted to learn more about the positions. Moreover, considering the firm had 5 full-time employees and was a true startup, I thought this would be a great opportunity for someone who is interested in working in a startup.

Jason Halpern, a M&T '10 graduate and co-founder of Gridless, interviewed me, and I learned that Gridless had already filled the finance intern role, but were still looking for a graphic design/front-end development intern. However, because they wanted me to have a meaningful experience, he said I could work on mainly the graphic design/front-end development side, but also help on finance side. That flexibility really appealed to me. My most significant projects consisted of working on the rental pricing model for the CORE, and a presentation on the rental industry. In addition, I am working on a brochure and information flyer illustrating the new rental options for the CORE and helped with researching competitors.

This internship has given me great insights into the culture of a startup and what front-end development and graphic design work consists of. I really enjoyed my work this summer, and I've continued to develop my skills in front-end development and am looking into possible tech internships for next summer.