

Interning at Epsilon Consulting Services this summer was a fantastic first internship experience. Epsilon is a trading technologies startup located in New York City. While big banks have their own technology divisions that create financial software for use within the bank, smaller banks and companies often don't have the resources to develop such software internally. Epsilon's main objective is to create top-of-the-line and self-contained financial software that smaller companies can use to manage their financial activities.

Epsilon is currently working on creating a web-based trading platform. This platform would also offer information about market conditions. My role at Epsilon was to write code that used market data to generate several yield curves and then to use those curves to value caps. My project was the perfect intersection of my areas of study, finance and computer science, and I learned an incredible amount on the job. This summer experience gave me an important insight that will likely impact my future career: while I like and appreciate finance, I truly *enjoy* coding. After this internship experience, I can see myself pursuing more coding opportunities. This internship was incredibly enriching, and I'm very grateful for the support from the M&T Fellowship that let me pursue it.

I learned about Epsilon because my mom knows the CEO. As a result, I applied to the internship and she was able to put in a good word about me to my future boss. For those underclassmen who are seeking internship opportunities, my advice would be to take advantage of all the ways you can get connected. Use Penn's Career Services heavily and reach out to potential contacts to see if they are looking for an intern. In addition, I would also recommend applying to internships in a set period of time. Some of my applications were staggered, so I had to give my decision about another internship offer before I heard back from Epsilon. I decided to reject the other internship because I was really hopeful about Epsilon, but all in all, it's better to not have to take a risk.