

My name is Xiaokai Qi. I'm from China and graduated from Guangdong Experiment High School in last summer. As the third generation of electrical engineering in the family, watching my grandparents, my dad and now my cousin work in this industry, I have been influenced by them and it just seemed natural to me to follow this path. Even though I did not have enough time to explore this field in high school as I went to a Chinese local school and had to study both Chinese and American education system, my dad and grandfather have led me to do several little experiments, including one testing the energy consumed by turning on and off light to see the effect Earth Hour produced. Besides these experiments that I designed and participated, I also had the opportunity to intern in CSG last fall, to learn more about a new project they were about to launch. From the internship, I had the chance to observe and learn about electric power system dispatching. In the first quarter in college, two classes I am taking right now, Engineering 96 and Computer Science 31 allowed me to explore both hardware and software field of EE.

However, admittedly I don't have a lot of hands-on electrical engineering related experience, but I am ready to learn more. As I am taking introductory computer science class this quarter, I am interested in exploring more in this field so I would like to work on software development, but actually I am welcome to any kind of experience and to explore more.