A large commercial airplane is flying across the clear blue sky with the sound of soft rumbling from the turbine engines — this is the sight and sound that every young boy enjoys. One can only dream of having a career in aerospace as he can excitedly chase after planes as they fly across the sky and disappear into the clouds. During the summer of 2015, I was that lucky boy who had the opportunity to experience a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to intern at the United Technology Aerospace System (UTAS).

As an intern at UTAS, I was given the privilege to work on the chemical purchasing process team that dealt with researching, developing, and manufacturing aircraft components. My responsibilities included managing the procurement of chemicals for five manufacturing facilities in the United States and establishing a cost-effective supply chain. I had the ability to gain valuable knowledge in a software program called Systems Applications and Product (SAP) and also understand exceptional customer service while directly under the guidance of the manager. All of these vast opportunities have enabled me to become a solid tactical executioner that not only fully supported my team’s purchasing initiatives, but also gave me the capabilities to be successful in my future career.

This internship at UTAS was my dream come true to work for an amazing aerospace company; my two passions of aerospace and supply chain came together and gave me both the opportunity of a lifetime and perspective into my future. United Technology Aerospace System has challenged my professional growth and provided me with a glimpse of how corporate supply chain works. From this experience, I know I truly love the field and cannot wait to continue my career with the company.