

Meet Juliette Okel

Juliette Okel is a Senior in Technical Communication at Missouri S&T, graduating in May 2022. Although she did not start off her journey here as a tech com major, she has quickly found her passion for the field. After switching to technical communication in the spring of 2021, she has held a new and exciting internship each semester. Beginning as an unpaid Space and Defense Technical Writing Intern at LeNgeiner, Okel learned a great deal about proposal writing. "I learned how to condense and dissect intricate information given to me by the engineering team and turn it into an understandable, yet intelligent, piece of writing for entities like the US Army and Air Force. This internship opened a whole new world of opportunities for me," says Okel. She took from that experience and learned that her career goals lie in the writing and editing realm of engineering.

Next, Okel picked up a paid Sales Development Technical Writer position at Edge Impulse, a computer software company. "This is my current semester's internship where I write government proposals for software development and implementation. Here, I work as a point of contact among the engineers, sales development representatives, and the customers in order to explain in detail the product our company is producing." Okel works daily, between classes, with this team as a fully remote contract writer.

She will be rounding out her time at Missouri S&T in the spring of 2022 with the biggest position yet, a Technical Writer and Editor Co-Op position at Leidos, an American defense, aviation, and research company. "Here, I will be using a variety of word processing software to edit training, product, project, and technical infrastructure documents to ensure they comply with system specifications and report guidelines that meet contract requirements. I have found a love for the technical communication world and wish to always be in this field," says Okel.

Through Missouri S&T's degree program, Okel has been able to apply what she has learned in class to real-world opportunities. Each of the technical communication classes specifically touch the career field in their own way, allowing her to continue to learn and grow while she works.

