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- Chloe Perez (Political Science, 2016)
- Research Fellow
- Full-time, 35 hours per week
- Paid

What do you do as an intern at this organization?
My daily tasks include compiling daily news clips, writing tweets and Facebook messages, various research reports, updating and maintaining databases, i.e., reporter lists, potential state level allies, and ballot initiatives.

How did you find your internship?
I found it on Idealist.org and applied directly.

What do you enjoy most about your internship?
I enjoy our external field trips. We were sent to a Power Pac+ Conference and heard Senator Cory Booker speak about progressive issues.

What do you find challenging?
I try very hard to produce reports that contain new states updates on grassroots efforts in various states despite limited reporting on their efforts.

What advice would you offer to someone who wants to make the most of an internship like yours?
Apply as soon as possible. It's a fairly relaxing internship with easy hours (10am-5pm with an hour lunch) and a few cool field trips to other progressive organizations. As long as you sincerely work diligently they will work with you on your projects and timelines.

About the Organization
Ballot Initiative Strategy Center
Washington, D.C.

Ballot-measure campaigns affect everything progressives fight for. Yet, for forty years, well-funded regressive and corporate interests have dominated ballot measures to the detriment of working families, public education, women, the LGBT community, communities of color, immigrants and the poor. The Ballot Initiative Strategy Center is changing that. BISC strengthens democracy by building a national progressive strategy for ballot measures. In ten years, BISC envisions a future where progressives change the game and use ballot measures as a political and civic engagement tool for victory. BISC recognizes that ballot measures are a permanent part of the process in the 24 initiative states and that well-crafted measures can be a force for good public policy, civic engagement and infrastructure building. We strengthen the progressive movement by conducting innovative research, providing technical assistance, hosting convenings, facilitating collaboration, offering strategic advice, conducting campaign assessments and helping funders make the best decisions about allocation of scarce resources. BISC helps progressives take back the initiative.