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- Caroline Higley (Environmental Studies, Psychology, 2016)
- Environmental Intern
- Full-time, 40 hours per week
- Unpaid but receiving Career Center Internship Grant

What do you do as an intern at this organization?
My internship is structured as an exploration of environmental policy at local, regional, and state levels, and of careers that involve environmental policy. In this position, my work involves discussion, research, asking questions, and interviewing professionals to gain perspective. In addition, it includes fieldwork for analysis and research purposes, community outreach, public education, and town representation.

How did you find your internship?
I recognized the amplitude of environmental implications in the Lakes Region of New Hampshire. A family member referred me to the Community Development Director of the Town of Meredith, as this position involves regulation of the environment at the local level.

What do you enjoy most about your internship?
I enjoy the flexibility and dynamic of my work, which allows me to research and learn in line with my interests, and understand how specific issues manifest themselves throughout levels of legislation. I also enjoy the range of exposure to topics and careers that have informed my interests.

What do you find challenging?
I find it challenging to schedule my time in line with my learning responsibilities, specifically with preparatory research; i.e. understanding how and the extent to which I must prepare in advance. Further challenges have included learning how to maximize the resources with which I have been provided.

What advice would you offer to someone who wants to make the most of an internship like yours?
As there are environmental concerns everywhere, this is the type of internship that can be executed in a place with environmental issues about which you care. Reach out, ask questions, and take the initiative to explore how your academic interests are integrated into the working world for success.

About the Organization
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The Mission of the Community Development Department is to facilitate courses of action leading to positive outcomes in land use, natural resource conservation, transportation, housing, public health and economic development. The department strives to be comprehensive in its approach while promoting public participation, collaboration and informed decision making.