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- Anna Simonovsky (IR, ELS, 2015)
- Meetings Intern
- Part-time, 24 hours per week
- Unpaid

What do you do as an intern at this organization?
Every year during the U.N General Assembly the Council has foreign heads of state and foreign ministers meet with members. My time at CFR mainly focuses on projects varying from invitations, to following up with embassies, and keeping track of changes in leadership. I also participate in the meetings held at the council by doing check-in and microphone set-up for member questions. Other tasks include research on potential speakers, thank you notes, and database management.

How did you find your internship?
I had used resources from the organization in class assignments. I applied directly by emailing a resume and cover letter to HR.

What do you enjoy most about your internship?
I staff all meetings put on for members of the Council on Foreign Relations. As a result during my time I was able to see many important speakers in the fields of foreign policy and economics. A personal favorite was Hillary Clinton.

What do you find challenging?
The work often comes in waves. I have to keep reminding myself not to get frustrated on slow days.

What advice would you offer to someone who wants to make the most of an internship like yours?
It is really important to have a good attitude and try to be enthusiastic about basic tasks. This is something your supervisors will definitely notice.

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