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- Economic Research Intern
- Full-time, 40 hours per week
- Unpaid but receiving Career Center Internship Grant

What do you do as an intern at this organization?
As an intern for the Department Economics and Commerce at the Embassy of Uruguay, I was responsible for formulating market studies on various exports, analyzing trade and financial information, compiling memos/reports (economic, commercial, political) based on economic research to send to the Ministry of the Economy and Finance, and responding to consultations from American/Uruguayan businesses seeking counterparts.

How did you find your internship?
I really wanted a chance to delve into both of my majors - international affairs and economics - and it occurred to me that the best place to do so would be in the economic/financial/commercial department of an embassy. I found the contact information for various embassies on the internet and went about the application process as instructed.

What do you enjoy most about your internship?
Because I was continually performing economic research and completing reports and market studies, I learned about financial/economic topics that I was extremely interested in. By virtue of being in an embassy, I absorbed cultural and political information as well.

What do you find challenging?
Many of the tasks and projects I worked on were completely new to me, and the assignments were all about finding ways to use new tools in the most effective way possible. In that sense, the internship was challenging, but it was also very rewarding.

What advice would you offer to someone who wants to make the most of an internship like yours?
I would advise them to take advantage of the opportunity as much as possible; ask questions, ask to be taught how to use the different research tools and databases available to you and take notes! A lot of the things you can learn at an embassy will be useful at Tufts and beyond. Go to the events that they hold and talk to new people.

About the Organization
Embassy of Uruguay, Department of Economics and Commerce
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