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- Sophie Laing (Political Science, French, 2016)
- Campus Vote Project Fellow
- Full-time, 45 hours per week
- Receiving stipend through Tisch Summer Fellows program

What do you do as an intern at this organization?
I research voting rights developments across the country. I also write blog posts for Campus Vote Project on new voting laws and how they effect student voting, and best practices for voting on college campuses. In addition to that, I update statistics used on website, construct state specific Webinar Power Points detailing CVP's mission and the voting laws in each state, and update and compile contact lists for specific outreach projects.

How did you find your internship?
I found this internship through the Tisch Summer Fellow program, and had heard about the TSF program from a friend who had participated the previous summer.

What do you enjoy most about your internship?
It’s great to be in DC! There are so many events to go to and so many issues to learn about, and my supervisors have been great about letting me be flexible with my hours when there are talks or panels I want to attend. I have enjoyed getting to know my coworkers, and having the opportunity to write blog posts for Campus Vote Project.

What do you find challenging?
There was definitely a steep learning curve in the beginning when writing my first blog posts, since I was writing about the content of specific bills and laws. At the start of any job it’s hard to know what exactly is expected of you, but don't be afraid to ask lots of questions.

What advice would you offer to someone who wants to make the most of an internship like yours?
The deadline for the TSF program was early January, so it snuck up very quickly. TSF and the CASE Network together are great ways to meet alumni, learn about career opportunities, and make the most of your internship. While at your internship get to know the people you work with- everyone is happy to grab coffee sometime and talk about what they do, and its a good way to get to know the place you are working for and also what else is out there.

About the Organization
Fair Elections Legal Network; Campus Vote Project
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The Fair Elections Legal Network (FELN) is a national, nonpartisan voting rights and legal support organization whose mission is to remove barriers to registration and voting for traditionally underrepresented constituencies and improve overall election administration through administrative, legal, and legislative reform as well as provide legal and technical assistance to voter mobilization organizations. The Campus Vote Project, launched in 2012, is a campaign to help college students work with administrators and local election officials to make the process of voting easier and overcome barriers students often face to voting that students often mention such as residency laws, registration deadlines, and strict voter ID requirements.