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- Elliya Cutler (Anthropology, Environmental Studies, 2016)
- Intern
- Full-time, 35 hours per week
- Paid

What do you do as an intern at this organization?
I write grant applications and I’m creating a procedures manual, which streamlines and schedules all of our communications. We have large amounts of data collected on a monthly basis, and I am in charge of processing it and sending out summaries.

How did you find your internship?
Green Streets Initiative is a community partner with the Tisch College, so this internship is part of the Tisch Summer Fellows program as one of the Massachusetts placement sites (previously Active Citizenship Summer).

What do you enjoy most about your internship?
I’ve been learning some new skills this summer, like grant writing, which is always an excellent outcome from an internship. It’s also been wonderful to work closely with the communities so close to Tufts and learn to understand this area better.

What do you find challenging?
My organization runs a recurring monthly event, Walk/Ride Day, on the last Friday of every month. That week is very stressful, as there is so much to do. It’s a challenge to deal with immediate issues while still progressing on my long-term projects.

What advice would you offer to someone who wants to make the most of an internship like yours?
Always be willing and eager to tackle any projects that you are given, because you never know what sort of skills you might learn from it. Form strong relationships with your coworkers, because they might be valuable contacts in the future.

About the Organization
Green Streets Initiative
Cambridge, MA

The Green Streets Initiative is an organization dedicated to celebrating and promoting the use of sustainable, active transportation in the Boston region and beyond. Through our monthly Walk/Ride Days, we help people experience environmentally friendly and healthier modes of transportation, change their daily routines, and enhance their lives. Our aim is to create safer, healthier streets and more vibrant communities for commuters and citizens of all kinds.