Digital Intern
Part-time, 2 full days, 16+ hours per week
Unpaid but receiving American Studies Shapiro Award

What do you do as an intern at this organization?
Every day, I assist the web/social media producer in building the web posts for each of 12-15 stories aired daily on Here & Now. Then, we promote each segment on various social media channels. I also assist producers with office organization, errands, and lunch acquisition.

How did you find your internship?
I found my internship via the internship page on the WBUR website, which lists available positions throughout the station. I applied for this and one other.

What do you enjoy most about your internship?
I like feeling useful -- without my presence, I feel that my supervisor would have trouble completing her daily to-do list. Every day, I can see the effects of my contributions on the website and in social media.

What do you find challenging?
It's difficult to be the front line of receiving criticism from the public (social media, website comments, emails), when I am not the one producing the content. Additionally, 8-9 hour days without pay can be a little taxing.

What advice would you offer to someone who wants to make the most of an internship like yours?
Application deadline is rolling -- I applied in early April. Always look for extra work; I pitched a story this summer even though it wasn't in my job description and now I've gotten my story on national radio.

About the Organization
Here & Now // WBUR
Boston, MA

A live production from NPR and WBUR Boston, in collaboration with public radio stations across the country, Here & Now reflects the fluid world of news as it’s happening, with timely, smart and in-depth news and conversation. Here & Now has a successful track record: it began at WBUR in 1997 and is carried today by over 383 stations nationwide. Here & Now expanded from one to two hours on July 1, 2013, in collaboration with NPR. The expanded program serves as a bridge in midday, between NPR’s signature news magazines, Morning Edition and All Things Considered. This marks the first time NPR has collaborated with a member station on a daily news program.