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- Katherine Shield (Political Science, Chemical Physics, Japanese Minor, 2015)
- Intern
- Part-time, 16 hours per week (8 am – 4 pm, 2 days/week)
- Unpaid

What do you do as an intern at this organization?
I organize and prepare for the show, monitor online/social media during the live show, research and contact potential guests for future shows.

How did you find your internship?
Family friend, KQED’s website

What do you enjoy most about your internship?
The best part of this internship is how fast-paced it is. Sometimes, we'll come up with a show idea on Monday at noon and it will be on air Tuesday 9am. I enjoy the fact that this puts a lot of real responsibilities on the interns, which means that we have a lot to do, but it all is actually necessary for the success of the program. I also love meeting all the guests on the show.

What do you find challenging?
It is challenging sometimes to keep up. Also, I'm not a journalism major, so I'm playing a bit of catch-up with certain skills that my fellow interns already have. But the producers are really good at helping whenever I have questions.

What advice would you offer to someone who wants to make the most of an internship like yours?
Application submission recommended 3 months before the start date, but it is not necessary to be that early. I would suggest this internship for anyone interested in live broadcast/news journalism. You need to be able to come up with ideas for shows and willing to do some preliminary research on them before pitching them to producers. Expect to work closely with producers, other interns, and hosts on a show like this.

About the Organization
KQED's Forum
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