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- Emma Boyd (Biopsychology, 2016)
- Intern/Student, Salat Laboratory
- Part-time, 24-32 hours per week
- Unpaid but receiving Career Center Internship Grant

What do you do as an intern at this organization?
My responsibilities include assisting the clinical coordinator with IRB regulatory documentation and amendment submission, general study preparation and observation. Additionally, I’m learning clinical applications of neuroimaging and different methods of MRI brain scan data processing/analysis.

How did you find your internship?
I talked to my concentration advisor in the Psychology Department and she referred me to a lab that best suited my interests.

What do you enjoy most about your internship?
I really enjoy the variety of my tasks as an intern. My supervisors have been extremely supportive by providing me with a range of projects to work on and subject visits to observe, as well as encouraging me to expand my own knowledge into the field through personal research of the disease population and other neurocognitive disorders, neuroimaging technologies and analyses.

What do you find challenging?
The most challenging aspect is being flexible and managing several projects at one time. Many parts of the research process can overlap and you have to be open to changes in current projects, study protocols, analyses, etc.

What advice would you offer to someone who wants to make the most of an internship like yours?
Get involved in what interests you and set clear goals! Talk to your supervisor/principal investigator about taking on projects or observing other parts of studies to get full exposure of the clinical research process.

About the Organization
MGH/HST Martinos Center for Biomedical Imaging
Charlestown, MA

The MGH/HST Martinos Center for Biomedical Imaging is dedicated to fostering research that spans disciplines from the basic biosciences to clinical investigation to the development and medical application of new imaging technologies. Research done in the Salat Laboratory examines structural and functional changes in the brain with aging and age-associated neurodegenerative disease.