Cara Goodman (Engineering Science, Environmental Science and Policy, 2015)
Intern
Full-time, 35 hours per week
Paid

What do you do as an intern at this organization?
I work on a variety of tasks and projects as needed, including planning the 2014 Harvest Your Energy Festival, organizing and updating the website, attending meetings with other departments, making phone calls and sending emails.

How did you find your internship?
I met my boss when she spoke at one of the Environmental Studies Lunch and Learn events earlier this year. I introduced myself and got an interview soon after.

What do you enjoy most about your internship?
We (myself and the other intern here) are always encouraged to ask questions and make our work a real learning experience. As part of this learning experience, we attend any meetings we are interested in, and we get to go on a lot of field trips to implement and check up on various projects around town.

What do you find challenging?
Keeping track of many different tasks and ideas at the same time can be quite difficult. I will often be in the middle of working on one thing when I am asked to switch to something more urgent to be completed first. It can be hard to remember all of the past things you were working on, and where you were going with each one.

What advice would you offer to someone who wants to make the most of an internship like yours?
There is no specific position or application deadline, but the Office of Energy and Environment (in Medford City Hall) is a work-study eligible position, and they have had many Tufts interns before. If interested, definitely email the office and introduce yourself.

About the Organization
Medford Office of Energy & Environment
Medford, MA

The Energy and Environment Office (E&E) is responsible for overseeing and implementing environmentally sound programs in the City of Medford. In cooperation with other departments and organizations, the E&E office works to improve energy efficiency, air quality, climate change protection, wetlands protection, open space conservation, and storm water management.