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- Safiya Subegdjo (International Relations, Leadership Studies, 2015)
- Development & Communications Intern
- Full-time, 35 hours per week
- Unpaid but receiving grant as Tisch Summer Fellow

What do you do as an intern at this organization?
I am helping RESPOND prepare for its 40th anniversary by creating a short video project while simultaneously processing and organizing archives. I also registered for and manage the organization’s Google for Nonprofits account, including Google AdWords and One Today, a mobile fundraising platform.

How did you find your internship?
Tisch Summer Fellows: Massachusetts Program

What do you enjoy most about your internship?
I enjoy working with a team of diligent, upbeat people who give me a perfect balance of flexibility and structure to work on creative projects.

What do you find challenging?
The first few weeks were challenging in terms of interacting with RESPOND clients - men and women who have been or are currently being abused. I needed to learn the right words to say and how to properly deal with a tough situation.

What advice would you offer to someone who wants to make the most of an internship like yours?
Look at the fellowship placements through Tisch Summer Fellows as soon as they are posted! Also, call nonprofit organizations that you are interested in and ask if they could use a summer intern, and list your skills and what you would be able to offer.

About the Organization
RESPOND, Inc.
Somerville, MA

New England’s first domestic violence agency and the second oldest in the nation, RESPOND, Inc. is a pioneer in the movement to end domestic violence. Its work began in the early 1970s, when four Somerville, Massachusetts women started a grassroots effort to support victims of domestic violence by opening their own homes as safe havens for women fleeing abuse. In 1974, these “founding mothers” formed RESPOND. For over 40 years RESPOND has provided life-saving shelter, support services, training and education to more than 100,000 members of the community. Services are free and confidential, and available to all survivors of domestic abuse.