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- Matthew Bogen (Economics, 2016)
- Business Operations Intern
- Part-time, 10-15 hours per week
- Unpaid

What do you do as an intern at this organization?
I handled a lot of the IT and other technology-related challenges and issues in the office, as well as general office work. My tasks were largely determined by the day-to-day tasks that the office needed to complete, but there were several longer-term projects.

How did you find your internship?
I found it through Jumbo Jobs; School the World has a history of hiring interns from Tufts.

What do you enjoy most about your internship?
There were numerous logistical and technical challenges that required delving into the nitty-gritty of how things get done. Juggling between the minutiae of those processes and the higher level outcomes they had was gratifying.

What do you find challenging?
While often gratifying, I wouldn't call it enjoyable. There were frequent periods where I had nothing to do, and I had no clear responsibilities; I was often assigned to whatever issue the organization had to deal with, regardless of how unrelated it was to my position.

What advice would you offer to someone who wants to make the most of an internship like yours?
Before starting, make sure that there's a long-term project or goal you want to work on that your boss will help encourage.

About the Organization
School the World
Medford, MA

School the World strives to guarantee a primary education for children in the developing world. Currently operating in Guatemala and Honduras, it combines partnerships with NGOs, outreach to local governments, and training and support for parents to construct, staff, and populate schools. Since its founding in 2009, it has constructed schools in over two dozen communities; the dropout rates have fallen to zero and children's literacy rates in these communities have more than doubled.