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- CJ Higgins (Quantitative Economics, 2015)
- Investment Analyst
- Full-time, 40 hours per week
- Paid

What do you do as an intern at this organization?
At the Tufts University Investment Office, you rotate between marketable securities, private equity and real assets. Daily tasks include interacting with managers of the Tufts portfolio in meetings and discussing investment strategies with colleagues. During the internship you will either choose or be assigned a research project topic. With the help of the other analysts and the directors in the office, you will put together a presentation and explain your findings to the staff.

How did you find your internship?
Jumbo Jobs

What do you enjoy most about your internship?
I enjoyed the amount of responsibility and educational aspect of the internship. The staff is very understanding that you are deciding if you want to pursue a career in finance and they explain how choosing the investment management track can affect your future. The capstone research project assigned to the intern is something you will not receive from any other internship.

What do you find challenging?
Coming from a background with little finance experience, at first it was challenging to understand what was going on with the vernacular particular to the industry. However, you learn quickly and the open door atmosphere of the office allows you to ask questions.

What advice would you offer to someone who wants to make the most of an internship like yours?
Ask questions. At first it can be intimidating to be in meetings with others who are talking about things way over your head. By asking questions you demonstrate your willingness to learn and be engaged with what’s going on in the office.

About the Organization
Tufts University Investment Office
Boston, MA

Tufts University Endowment is an endowment fund with $677 million in assets under management. The fund engages in the following alternative investment strategies: buyouts/corporate finance, distressed debt/turnarounds, hedge funds, international private equity, mezzanine, real estate, and venture capital. Tufts University Endowment will commit from $5 million to $10 million per partnership, and has a net internal rate of return target of 15%-25%. The fund allocates 5% to 10% of its total assets to alternative investments. Tufts University Endowment was founded in 1993 and is headquartered in Medford, Massachusetts.