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Morgan Jordan (Biology, International Relations, 2016)
- Biology Department Research Intern
- Full-time, 40 hours per week
- Unpaid but receiving grant (Massachusetts Life Sciences Center Internship Challenge)

What do you do as an intern at this organization?
I assisted researchers in the biology department and carried out experiments including cell-based assays to test drug efficacy. In addition, I gathered and analyzed data for clinical protocols.

How did you find your internship?
Friend referral

What do you enjoy most about your internship?
Being able to contribute data to Acetylon's current projects focused on testing oncologic drug combinations was really rewarding. Working in a small pharmaceutical company, I had the opportunity to learn about the whole process of how a drug is tested and eventually approved for trial. The most enjoyable part of the internship was getting to work with some really talented biologists in the lab every day.

What do you find challenging?
There was a lot of self-motivated learning about the biology behind the experiments and the compounds being tested, which was hard but necessary for understanding the significance of each assay. Lab work can be tedious, but it was worth it when my experiment produced important and novel data that helped us understand the efficacy of the drug being tested. Also, the daily commute from Medford to South Boston was not fun!

What advice would you offer to someone who wants to make the most of an internship like yours?
To make the most of an internship like this, it is important to be as communicative as possible with your mentors. Don't be afraid to ask a lot of questions about every step, especially when you're working in the lab and analyzing data. If you feel overwhelmed or that you could be utilized more, be open about these types of things too. Communicating throughout your internship will also help you build relationships with the people you are working with, and it shows that you're interested and attentive.

About the Organization
Acetylon Pharmaceuticals
Boston, MA

Acetylon Pharmaceuticals, Inc. is building on the promise of epigenetics by applying its unique capabilities to discover and develop next-generation, selective small molecule drugs for the treatment of patients with critical unmet medical needs. The company is focused on development of safe, selective inhibitors of histone deacetylases (HDACs) active in the treatment of cancer, neurodegeneration, autoimmune disease and other life-threatening diseases.
Osman Aijazi (Economics, 2016)
Market Research Intern
Full-time, 45 hours per week
Paid

What do you do as an intern at this organization?
I performed Next Generation Sequencing (NGS) and Mass Spectrometry; built in-depth knowledge of related products, manufacturers, distributors and related market drivers and inhibitors for strategic analysis; conducted primary market research to understand end-user perspectives, observe market trends, and develop a professional contact network; and created graphics, presentations, and reports for client deliverables based on data analysis, financial modeling, company and product assessments, and forecasting.

How did you find your internship?
Jumbo Jobs

What do you enjoy most about your internship?
I really enjoy learning about new technologies, especially Next Generation Sequencing technology, because that will be a huge innovation that pushes personalized medicine in the future. My co-workers are great and I am learning so much from them to grow personally and professionally. Since I am working in an emerging market segment for the company, I really feel like I am able to make a difference right away and that the results of my projects provide new information for everyone.

What do you find challenging?
The internship had a huge learning curve. I had to absorb a ton of information about new markets, and we had quite a few training modules. Things become more routine once I got through the initial steps.

What advice would you offer to someone who wants to make the most of an internship like yours?
I would spend a lot of time learning about the industries that you are interested in and what the day-to-day job really looks like. It goes a long way in interviews when you have a unique reason for wanting to apply for a particular job, because it is your enthusiasm and passion that get you hired. I would also try to find alumni and network as much as you can—you never know how far an email can go!

About the Organization
Boston Biomedical Consultants
Waltham, MA

Boston Biomedical Consultants, Inc. (BBC) has been a trusted provider of consulting services to the In Vitro Diagnostics (IVD) industry for nearly 40 years. A recognized leader in market assessment and business strategy, BBC also specializes in the related areas of emerging molecular testing and cellular biology. Building on our extensive primary market research capabilities, BBC offers an unparalleled level of expertise to clients on a global level. Our clients receive detailed research reports and consulting services delivered in a timely manner and customized to meet their needs.
Brookside Community Health Center
www.brighamandwomens.org/Departments_and_Services/medicine/services/primarycare/brookside

- Haley Bliss (Community Health, Biology, 2016)
- Intern
- Part-time, 16 hours per week
- Unpaid

What do you do as an intern at this organization?
I organized a patient and staff satisfaction survey project to collect data for a grant application. I designed the surveys, administered them, and then recorded and analyzed the data. I also conducted patient phone interviews about interactions with Brookside's community resource specialists. Besides this main project, I updated and managed the family services patient database and shadowed different medical providers for a few hours each week.

How did you find your internship?
I found it through the Community Health internship database.

What do you enjoy most about your internship?
I really loved feeling like a part of the team at the health center. I was able to attend family services team meetings and interact directly with patients through the interviews, surveys, and shadowing. I also felt like my project was useful, which was important to me.

What do you find challenging?
This was my first real experience with Dominican Spanish, so at times it was difficult to understand the patients, but this was definitely a good challenge.

What advice would you offer to someone who wants to make the most of an internship like yours?
Contact people, and if they don't respond, don't be afraid to send a follow-up email. If you're interested in interning at Brookside, feel free to contact me!

About the Organization
Brookside Community Health Center
Jamaica Plain, MA

Brookside Community Health Center, one of two health centers licensed by Brigham and Women's Hospital, provides multi-disciplinary, comprehensive care with services in the following areas: Adult medicine; Pediatrics; Obstetrics/Gynecology (including midwifery); Family planning; Dentistry and Oral Surgery; Nutrition/WIC; Mental Health and Social Services. Each year, more than 11,000 patients from Jamaica Plain and the city of Boston use these services, making more than 69,000 visits to Brookside. The health center’s services are provided by a bilingual English/Spanish medical and professional staff. Brookside is moving towards becoming a certified Patient Centered Medical Home, which will reinforce our long-standing values. Brookside is a teaching site for Harvard Medical School, Mass General Institute of Nursing, Harvard Dental School, Smith College School of Social Work, Boston University School of Social Work, Massachusetts School of Professional Psychology, as well as other Boston area health care professional programs.
Carney Hospital | www.carneyhospital.org

- Jessica Mar (Community Health, Asian American Studies Minor, 2018)
- Market Manager
- Full-time, About 35 hours per week
- Unpaid but receiving Career Center Internship Grant

What do you do as an intern at this organization?
I am in charge of organizing farmers on the day that the Farmer's Market is open. I am responsible for being on-site during the operation of the market to ensure that all transactions between the customers and vendors run smoothly.

How did you find your internship?
I went to a talk where a Tufts alumni discussed his work at Carney Hospital where he sees a highly underserved population. He mentioned that one of his colleagues was working on bringing a Farmer's Market to the hospital so that the community could have access to fresh and healthy foods.

What do you enjoy most about your internship?
I enjoy being able to actually see how happy patients at the hospital are when they buy fresh fruits and vegetables for their family. I feel that I am making a difference in eliminating difficulties for this community to have access to healthy, unprocessed food.

What do you find challenging?
I find that coordinating with hospital administration can be challenging. It can be discouraging when I want to incorporate something new at the market that many people seem to enjoy, but cannot because the administration fears liability for its patients.

What advice would you offer to someone who wants to make the most of an internship like yours?
Always communicate with your supervisor, especially when you are unsure about something. They will work with you to make sure you have a pleasant experience in leadership.

About the Organization
Carney Hospital
Dorchester, MA

Carney Hospital is a community teaching hospital committed to the values of compassion, accountability, respect and excellence. Our reputation for clinical expertise and physician excellence and our strengths in key medical specialties are the reasons we are a teaching hospital for Tufts University School of Medicine. That means, while health care's new leaders are being trained by the best, our patients are being cared for by the best, too. Our doctors provide a wide range of services, including primary care medicine, a wide range of surgical specialties and subspecialties, inpatient and outpatient psychiatry, emergency medicine, critical care, pediatrics, cardiology, neurology, and ambulatory surgery.
Enbiotix, Inc. | http://enbiotix.com

- Jordan Klein (Biology, International Relations, 2016)
- Business Development Intern
- Full-time, 40 hours per week
- Paid

**What do you do as an intern at this organization?**
In business development for a biotech startup, my duties include strategy, research, and market, competitor, and clinical analysis. I also assist management with general business development and direction, which includes investor relations and acquisitions.

**How did you find your internship?**
I met a representative from Enbiotix at a Tufts Biomedical Business club event and then arranged the internship through the Massachusetts Life Sciences Center internship challenge program.

**What do you enjoy most about your internship?**
I enjoy the opportunity to be closely involved and working alongside upper level management during the early stage development of a biotech startup with great opportunity for growth, and I enjoy working in the fascinating space of antimicrobials.

**What do you find challenging?**
I work highly independently and I am expected to produce results in critical areas of business development. I present these results to management, which requires excellent personal and time management skills, as well as great attention to detail.

**What advice would you offer to someone who wants to make the most of an internship like yours?**
The Massachusetts Life Sciences Center internship challenge program offers great opportunities for students interested in the fascinating world of biotech to pursue internships in highly diverse positions.

**About the Organization**
Enbiotix, Inc.
Cambridge, MA

EnBiotix is a product-focused bioengineering company commercializing anti-infective inventions of EnBiotix co-founder and SAB Chair Professor James J. Collins. Through breakthrough systems and synthetic biology platforms, EnBiotix is transforming and revitalizing existing antibiotic classes to combat the global rise of drug-resistant bacterial infections. These approaches have developed a robust clinical product pipeline addressing a wide range of acute and chronic infections in what is today over a $40 billion market, with potential to significantly impact the lives of patients, caregivers, and payors worldwide.
Anonymous (Biology, 2016)
Protein Engineering Intern
Full-time, 40 hours per week
Paid

What do you do as an intern at this organization?
On a daily basis, I work on a project in a laboratory setting to optimize one of their protocols. I plan and perform experiments and then analyze the data. I also keep a laboratory notebook and go to weekly lab meetings where I present my findings. At the end of the internship, I will give a poster presentation of my research for the summer.

How did you find your internship?
I found this internship on their main website. However, I got an onsite interview by going on Jumbo Jobs.

What do you enjoy most about your internship?
I enjoy doing real experiments and seeing what research is like in an industrial setting as compared to an academic setting. I am not doing administrative work but I am doing research. The people I work for are very kind, which also makes work enjoyable.

What do you find challenging?
You have to jump straight into a new research topic and start performing experiments. It was a completely new topic that I had not learned about previously, so I spent a lot of time reading on my own to fully understand the background information of my project.

What advice would you offer to someone who wants to make the most of an internship like yours?
Start looking and applying for internships during winter break. There are a lot of application deadlines in January and February for this internship. Also look on Jumbo Jobs to see if on campus interviews are available - this is an easier way to ensure that you will get a first interview. If you just apply on their main website, where they are receiving thousands of applications, it is less likely you will get contacted for an interview.

About the Organization
Genzyme, a Sanofi Company
Framingham, MA

Genzyme is a biotechnology company that works to treat rare diseases using biologic therapies. At Genzyme there is a great focus on helping the patient and finding new and better ways to treat disease. In 2011, Genzyme was acquired by Sanofi, one of the largest pharmaceutical companies in the world, giving Genzyme a more global outreach.
Taylor Westmont (Biology, 2017)  
Biologics and Target Biology Intern  
Full-time, 40 hours per week  
Paid

What do you do as an intern at this organization?
I have been assigned to a project in the Biologics and Target Biology Department at Gilead. I work under a mentor, doing tissue culture and running assays, including Western blots, ELISAs, immunoprecipitation (IP), Coomassie Blue stains, etc. to determine the characteristics and different levels of protein isotopes.

How did you find your internship?
I applied through the Gilead website. After not hearing anything back for awhile, I emailed an HR rep and she started the interview process.

What do you enjoy most about your internship?
Gilead has a really strong intern program. There are a lot of us here and they have many events for us. There are weekly "Intern Seminars" where they introduce different departments and areas of research. I have learned a lot, not only in the lab, but from my fellow coworkers, who are always willing to share their experiences.

What do you find challenging?
I am constantly learning new information and it can be hard to keep track of it all, but my mentor is very supportive and I am becoming more self-sufficient.

What advice would you offer to someone who wants to make the most of an internship like yours?
Email a lot of people, and often. And if someone hasn't gotten back to you in a week, send them an email to inquire if they've heard anything. I started emailing Gilead in January.

About the Organization
Gilead Sciences
Foster City, CA

Gilead Sciences, Inc. is a research-based biopharmaceutical company that discovers, develops, and commercializes innovative medicines in areas of unmet medical need. We strive to transform and simplify care for people with life-threatening illnesses around the world. Gilead’s portfolio of products and pipeline of investigational drugs includes treatments for HIV/AIDS, liver diseases, cancer, inflammatory and respiratory diseases, and cardiovascular conditions.
Grow Clinic and Children’s HealthWatch
www.bmc.org/pediatrics-growclinic.htm and www.childrenshealthwatch.org

- Leanna Pham (Community Health, Sociology, 2018)
- Intern and Research Assistant
- Full-time, 40 hours per week
- Unpaid but receiving Career Center Internship Grant

**What do you do as an intern at this organization?**
At the Grow Clinic, I retrieved supplies, brought patients around the hospital, supervised children in the waiting room or during their visits, and shadowed the physician, social worker, and nutritionist when time allowed. For Children's HealthWatch, I interviewed parents about issues relating to healthcare, housing, childcare, etc.

**How did you find your internship?**
I found it online through the TIP Book.

**What do you enjoy most about your internship?**
I enjoyed my coworkers and the wide range of disciplines that I could explore despite working there for just 10 weeks.

**What do you find challenging?**
This was my first internship, so I found it challenging to reach out to my supervisors and staff members because they often appeared to be preoccupied with other important matters. Therefore, I felt like I received less supervision and tasks than I had hoped for.

**What advice would you offer to someone who wants to make the most of an internship like yours?**
Make sure to schedule time to meet with everyone you work with. This will provide an opportunity to build lasting connections and learn about career paths. Come in with set goals and ideas if you want to be put right to work.

**About the Organization**
Grow Clinic and Children's HealthWatch
Boston, MA

The Grow Clinic for Children is an outpatient subspecialty clinic at Boston Medical Center that started in 1984 to provide comprehensive specialty medical, nutritional, developmental and social services and dietary assistance to children from the Greater Boston area referred with Failure To Thrive (FTT) by their primary care physicians. In addition to providing clinical services, we advocate for policies that decrease the number of children in need. Children’s HealthWatch is the outreach and research arm of the Grow Clinic. Children’s HealthWatch identifies need for additional services for children in the pediatric emergency room with food insecurity and previously identified FTT and monitors the impact of public policy on the health of children ages zero to three.
IBM Watson Health | www.ibm.com/madewithibm/watson

- Mackenzie Merriam (Engineering Psychology, 2017)
- Quality Management Intern
- Full-time, 30-40 hours per week
- Paid

What do you do as an intern at this organization?
I made edits to Implementation Maps, Lean-6 Sigma Training material, and a master document list of work instructions, templates, and tables. I also created mock data for participants in the training.

How did you find your internship?
Referral

What do you enjoy most about your internship?
I had a lot of independence to get the work done, but everyone was very available and receptive to questions I might have.

What do you find challenging?
Most of the work was not very challenging.

What advice would you offer to someone who wants to make the most of an internship like yours?
The hiring process is slow, so try to start the process as early as possible.

About the Organization
IBM Watson Health
Dallas, TX

Building on strengths in cognitive computing, analytics, security and cloud, the new Watson Health unit aims to dramatically improve the ability of doctors, researchers and insurers to innovate by surfacing new insights from the massive amount of personal health data being created daily.
Health Policy Intern  
Full-time, 50 hours per week  
Unpaid but receiving Tisch Summer Fellow grant

**What do you do as an intern at this organization?**
I enhance the knowledge base and capacities of the Center for Evaluation and Applied Research in regards to policy issues relevant to the LGBTQ immigrant population in New York State. I conduct literature reviews and assist in the development of policy recommendations for public health interventions by reviewing and analyzing both quantitative and qualitative data; prepare briefing papers for supervisor conferences by consolidating extensive overviews, talking points, hot topic sheets, and profiles; and compile relevant data and draft reports and policy proposals in regards to the impact of housing insecurity and domestic violence on the mental health of New York immigrants. I also engage with New York community members and leaders by consulting neighborhood organizations.

**How did you find your internship?**
Tisch Summer Fellow

**What do you enjoy most about your internship?**
The staff and work environment

**What do you find challenging?**
Finding direction and a long-term project at the beginning of my internship

**What advice would you offer to someone who wants to make the most of an internship like yours?**
Research the organization and current initiatives beforehand to get an idea of work that you would like to get involved in.

**About the Organization**
New York Academy of Medicine  
New York, NY

An independent organization since 1847, NYAM addresses the health challenges facing the world’s urban populations through interdisciplinary approaches to policy leadership, innovative research, evaluation, education, and community engagement. Drawing on the expertise of our professional staff, diverse partners worldwide and more than 2,000 elected Fellows from across the professions, our current priorities are to create environments in cities that support healthy aging; to strengthen systems that prevent disease and promote the public’s health; to eliminate health disparities; and to preserve and promote the heritage of medicine and public health.
South End Community Health Center | www.sechc.org

- Nathaniel Tran (Anthropology, Spanish, 2017)
- Patient Services Intern
- Part-time, 24 hours per week
- Unpaid

**What do you do as an intern at this organization?**
Patient services refers to all aspects of the health center excluding clinical care. I was responsible for verifying and registering patients for MassHealth insurance, coordinating referrals for specialists, and quality assurance. The other half of the internship involved protocol analyst work to improve diabetes and mammogram screening.

**How did you find your internship?**
I emailed the head of HR and asked to work at the center.

**What do you enjoy most about your internship?**
My supervisors acknowledged my strong analytical skills and gave me projects to work on independently that allowed me to use critical thinking skills-- this was not a paper-pushing type of position.

**What do you find challenging?**
A community health center is often understaffed and underfunded. For me, this meant that my supervisor and coworkers rarely had time to train or walk me through things, so there was a lot of learning on the job.

**What advice would you offer to someone who wants to make the most of an internship like yours?**
Apply or ask around early. I began my search in March so that I would be at the top of the pile for the places I applied to (instead of waiting until May).

**About the Organization**
South End Community Health Center
Boston, MA

South End Community Health Center is a community based, multispecialty clinic offering services to primarily Spanish speaking patients. Dental, mental health, and medical services are integrated and available for patients of all ages.
Southern Jamaica Plain Health Center | www.brighamandwomens.org/Departments_and_Services/medicine/services/primarycare/sjphc

- Soerny Cruz (American Studies, Community Health, 2016)
- Health Equity Intern
- Full-time, 40 hours per week
- Unpaid but receiving Career Center Internship Grant

What do you do as an intern at this organization?
My responsibilities include case management (responding to referrals and connecting patients to resources), tracking class attendance, and supporting health equity projects (petition for a Boston Racial Justice Commission).

How did you find your internship?
I heard about the position from friends who have interned here in the past.

What do you enjoy most about your internship?
I appreciate working alongside providers who are passionate about racial justice and health equity in the community that I grew up in. I have developed and strengthened multiple skills because it is a multifaceted position.

What do you find challenging?
I have not found anything particularly challenging because I am from this community and am also bilingual (English and Spanish). The team I worked with this summer has worked really well together.

What advice would you offer to someone who wants to make the most of an internship like yours?
Be willing and open to learning and pushing yourself. This is a race-explicit organization that will shift the lens through which you look at problems, no matter where you are coming from.

About the Organization
Southern Jamaica Plain Health Center
Jamaica Plain, MA

The Health Promotion Center (HPC) is a part of the Southern Jamaica Plain Health Center. Our mission is to provide personal, quality health care with respect and compassion to our diverse community. The HPC uses the lens of Health Equity and takes an approach that considers social determinants of health/strives to be antiracist through its programming and campaign work.
Southern Jamaica Plain Health Center |  
www.brighamandwomens.org/Departments_and_Services/medicine/services/primarycare/sjphc  

- Alice Wasserman (Political Science, Community Health, 2017)  
- Health Promotion Center Intern  
- Full-time, 35-40 hours per week  
- Unpaid but receiving Career Center Internship Grant

**What do you do as an intern at this organization?**  
I administer the Health Promotion Center programming, consisting of a wide range of exercise, nutrition, mental health, and community programs for SJPHC patients and members of the surrounding community. Additionally, I am a case manager for the JP Fit program, which helps connect overweight or obese pediatric patients to YMCA scholarships, nutritionist appointments, and exercise programs. I am also developing multiple curricula for the Health Promotion Center to be used in various sexual health workshops in the Boston area and for our own programming. I also volunteer at the South Street Youth Center once a week to assist with teen summer programming. This summer, I helped launch a new program called the Girls Empowered League for adolescent girls. It is an exercise group that partakes in biweekly workshops and discussions on issues of sexual health, self defense, bullying, and more.

**How did you find your internship?**  
My T.A. for CH 1 told me about her experience as a Health Promotion Center intern. Later, my supervisor gave a Health Equity & Racial Justice Framing training to one of my classes and we connected.

**What do you enjoy most about your internship?**  
I value the connections I made with patients who spent a great amount of time in the Health Promotion Center. The HPC is a phenomenal community space, and I love working in this productive and energetic environment. I also enjoyed the curriculum development for the Girls Empowered League and teaching sexual health lessons to the participants.

**What do you find challenging?**  
Most of the work is focused and built around racial equity. There are aspects of this internship that can be personally challenging if you are not ready to talk about race and racism. However, the racial identity development I have undergone is one of my most valuable takeaways. Additionally, because SJPHC is a bilingual health center, communicating with patients in Spanish has been somewhat difficult at times, but most people are very understanding if you are not a fluent speaker.

**What advice would you offer to someone who wants to make the most of an internship like yours?**  
Come ready to talk about race and structural racism and to actually do the work. The work can be emotionally and mentally taxing, but working at the HPC is extremely rewarding and valuable to any career you want to pursue. To make the most of your time, you have to have a deep passion for health equity and a fierce motivation to get the work done, even if it consists of simple tasks.

**About the Organization**  
Southern Jamaica Plain Health Center; Jamaica Plain, MA

SJPHC is a community health center licensed by Brigham and Women's Hospital. Every year, more than 10,000 patients in Jamaica Plain and surrounding communities make 45,000 visits to SJPHC. Our bilingual staff provides these patients with comprehensive, high quality primary care. The Health Promotion Center (HPC) mission is to provide personal, quality health care with respect and compassion to our diverse community.
Jenny Allison (Psychology, Entrepreneurial Leadership Studies, 2017)
Business Operations Intern
Full-time, 40 hours per week
Paid

What do you do as an intern at this organization?
Each Unum intern gets a project assignment at the beginning of the summer, which he or she is responsible for carrying out and completing over the course of 10 weeks. I was working with one department to address operational difficulties they had. I talked to over 30 people within the company to produce my final recommendations. At the end of the internship, all interns made formal presentations to the Unum executive team and passed our work into their hands for its implementation!

How did you find your internship?
I spoke with an Unum representative at a Boston career fair in January, where I had a preliminary interview. I signed up for the career fair through the Tufts Career Center, and I submitted my resume online in advance. I then interviewed in Worcester for the final round.

What do you enjoy most about your internship?
It was amazing to work in a company so invested in my success. Not only did I receive tremendous support in my department, but I was able to meet high-ranking individuals across other offices via video conferences. It was also rewarding to produce a meaningful project for the business, one that I know they will use. Finally, it was great to work alongside other young people (there were 6 other interns).

What do you find challenging?
The work I was doing was complex and difficult, but I loved that! It definitely wasn't busywork. I think my challenge at first was gaining the confidence to pick up the phone and call people I didn't know at all. But after doing that several times, it became easier, and I gained a lot of confidence in myself.

What advice would you offer to someone who wants to make the most of an internship like yours?
Be proactive; show that you have initiative in reaching out to people and following up. They want to find people who will work hard and bring value to the company, so show that you are prepared to do just that when you interview. Be prepared and be confident in yourself! As far as deadlines go, they seemed pretty flexible (other interns were given offers as late as May), but you can email the HR recruiter with any questions.

About the Organization
Unum
Worcester, MA

At Unum and Colonial Life, our mission is to help protect people financially when they are injured or ill and need it most. And in today’s uncertain environment, financial protection benefits are more important than ever. You can’t predict the future, but you can prepare for it.