FROM PASSION SPRINGS PURPOSE

My goal... finding a balance between my two passions of biology and film.

Getting started...
I worked with my Biology advisor, my professor, and my dad to reach out to different labs to see if they were willing to take an underclassman with minimal-to-no lab experience. It took quite a few tries, but once I was able to talk to the principal investigator at CDIPD, I expressed my sincere interest in joining her lab. Many professionals are excited to share their work with you!

Bringing my story to life...
Once I met the PI in person, I worked hard to learn the basic lab techniques as quickly as possible. Parasitology was not my main subject of interest, but I found that I loved the lab environment and the people with whom I worked. As the summer ended, I was surprised to find how much I enjoyed the lab, which led me to joining a lab here on campus in a subject that I love.

My internship take-away...
After returning to campus, I accepted a lab position at the Wash. U. School of Medicine — something I would not have done, had I not discovered how much I enjoyed research in a lab. With majors in two completely different fields, I’m still figuring out what I want to do. Whether it’s graduate school, biotech entrepreneurship, or making films, I just want to stay passionate and motivated.

Jessie’s advice: “Try putting 1000% effort into your internship. Based on how exhausted or rewarded you feel afterwards, this can act as a test for your real motivation to be in that career.”

I interned with the Center for Discovery and Innovation of Parasitic Diseases in San Francisco.

This Week’s Opportunities

- Randa Accessories
- ExxonMobil Corporation
- Central Intelligence Agency (CIA)
- ING Financial Partners
- Cardinal Education
- Boeing Co.
- Alzheimer’s Association
- WUSTL Office of Admissions

Events

- APRIL 14: Deloitte Consulting LLP Info Session
- APRIL 16: City Year Networking Event
- Peace Corps Info Session
- APRIL 19: Q&A with Riot Games

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