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My name is Celina, and I was a development intern with Maven Pictures in 2015.

Maven pictures is a small, independent film production company. What this means for your internship experience is that you will be working closely with a handful of full-time employees whose personal tastes and interests guide the projects that Maven Pictures accepts. For example, the head of development loved female-driven dramas and films with a strong emotional core. You will be helping employees like her find good scripts and projects by writing reports ("coverage") on the written materials that are submitted to the company. Put simply, you read a bunch of screenplays and let everybody in the company know which ones are worthy

of turning into films. You will also learn how to pitch adaptations of foreign movies, and help the producers brainstorm actors, directors, and cinematographers who they can attach to projects. You will do very few coffee runs, and virtually no administrative tasks aside from providing back-up on the telephone. 90% of your work will be meaningful, and 70% of your time will be spent reading (basically, my dream). Maven Pictures is a tight-knit company and they do a really good job with training their interns and making them feel welcome and appreciated.

Being an English major helped me with this internship because I was able to bring my knowledge of good storytelling to my analysis of scripts. My studies at Wellesley helped me understand, almost intuitively, what successful characterization and pacing was. Additionally, having strong writing skills meant I could produce good coverage efficiently -- a skill that, once mastered, created the opportunity for me to pursue other projects in the company that I otherwise would not have been trusted with.

This internship, more than any other experience at Wellesley, has directly impacted my career plans. I am now pursuing a career in screenwriting using the knowledge I gained from my internship at Maven Pictures. I also made lasting connections in the company, and I am so grateful to everyone there for nurturing my interests and answering all my questions about the industry. Film is a very exciting medium, and without Maven I would not have been exposed to the possibilities of what a career in film could be!