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My internship with the Governor's Office of Homeland Security was very enjoyable. Much of my work involved preparing a PowerPoint presentation for my supervisor, Mike Dayton, involving various legislation, programs, and security plans that he would use during a workshop session of a larger conference. I also summarized reports, legislation, and programs into small memos that became useful to other staffers. The supervisors and staffers were very nice, supportive, and were willing to help if you needed it. Moreover, the office has a laid back atmosphere. My supervisor also wanted me to give a PowerPoint presentation of a topic of my choosing to office staff so we can practice presenting an esoteric topic in front of an audience. He also offered guidance on my future career and graduate school plans.

UC Scholar Interns are assigned to two supervisors: Mike Dayton (Deputy Director of Legislative Affairs) and one other based on your interests. My other supervisor was Jessica Cummins. I drafted discussion notes for testimony in front of the Legislature and created a prototype draft of the California Strategy for Maritime Security based on an older draft and a federal version of the plan. My most exciting tasks were attending a PPIC meeting in San Francisco, traveling to the aforementioned Legislature hearing in Long Beach, attending science and technology discussions, and listening to three conference calls. In all of these, I had the opportunity to participate and ask questions of the speakers. These give you ample opportunity to network with people in the Homeland Security field. Taking the initiative to learn something new, to attend a meeting or conference call, or to take on another task can help you gain the most out of your internship. I would wholeheartedly recommend this internship without reservation.