

## **EXAMPLE OF A BAD WSP 99 PROPOSAL -- WHAT IS WRONG HERE?**

**Why would the Winter Study Committee NOT pass this proposal?**

**1. Proposal:** describe your internship.

*I would like to work in a Chicago motorcycle repair shop. It is run by a friend of the family who has been in this business for over 10 years. This would be an amazing opportunity for me to experience first-hand the culture of the bike world, something I've always wondered about. Since my family lives in Chicago, it would be very convenient for me to spend time at the shop.*

**2. Intellectual merit:** Speak to the intellectual merit of your internship. What motivates you to pursue an internship? What is the internship's relevance to your educational growth?

*Because I know nothing about the motorcycle world this would be a wonderful chance for me to learn something about it. I want to steep myself in an experience that is completely foreign to me. My experiences so far have been academic, and my probable major in Dutch Studies will not give me much time to explore something different. Additionally, I don't know anything about engines, so this will be a great way to learn something about them.*

**3. Analysis:** What experience do you hope to gain as a result of the internship/apprenticeship?

*I haven't yet determined exactly what I will be doing at the shop. I spoke to the owner just before I came back to Williams in September, and he said that he would put together a working plan for me by the time I get there. But I know it will be an incredible experience to work with a person who is so different from anyone I know. I will meet very different people and will be able to ask them about their lifestyles. I plan to interview them and keep a daily journal of these interviews.*

**4. Reading list:**

- a. Before WSP: I plan to read Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance.*
- b. During WSP: Probably something about bike engines.*

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