

“CGS helped me develop an appreciation for the importance of excellence and attention to detail in the GIS community. Working on a number of projects at the center allowed me to gain experience and challenge myself away from the lecture room. My time at CGS also gave me the opportunity to develop further GIS skills within a local government industry for the City of Santa Clarita. My experience at CGS represents the foundation of my current career at Southern California Gas Company. I was extremely fortunate to work with amazing mentors that had a significant influence on my long-term professional goals.”

-J. Medina (Now employed at the Southern California Gas Company)

“Working at the Center for Geographical Studies has been a professionally and academically enriching experience. I started to work at CGS as a student intern during my undergraduate studies at CSUN in 2009 working on georeferencing historical maps. I was assigned more responsibilities and work on different projects through the years that helped expose me to new technical topics in the GIS field in addition to professional, management, and administrative skills to aid in running and managing projects. My continued work at CGS has allowed me to grow professionally and gain a versatile skill set that has become the foundation for my professional development. I am currently a Project Manager at the Center and work with local, regional, and state agencies on projects across a wide range of topics. Above all, I remember the opportunity that was offered to me at CGS when I was an undergrad intern and always strive to keep that in perspective when offering our students and staff the same opportunities to learn and grow.”

- J. Osuna (Now employed as Project Manager at CGS)

“The Center for Geographical Studies provides a great opportunity for students to gain valuable GIS experience that will help advance their GIS goals. I can say with confidence that the Center for Geographical Studies (CGS) laid the foundation for my GIS career path and helped me acquire a necessary set of skills to be successful in the professional GIS world. I am tremendously grateful to the CGS for the giving me the opportunity to have worked as both an undergraduate and graduate student. While with the Center, I had the privilege of working on multiple GIS projects that took GIS to a new level, a level where I began to utilize and understand GIS beyond the classroom and textbook. On top of that, my time with the CGS gave me a tremendous amount of work experience and a skillset that, to this day, I list on my resume. Landing a job after college graduation is not easy as there is a lot of skilled competition. I believe the CGS helps students develop a competitive edge and transition from their academic career into the working world by providing a professional GIS setting and quality work experience.”

- S. Western (Now employed at AECOM)