





Alumni Panel

Advice for Students:



- **Networking:**
 - Maintain good communication with professors and keep networks alive during school & after graduation
 - Consider an informational interview
 - Stay in touch with your SDSU geography network (sign up for the Alumni listerv after graduation)
 - Make a LinkedIn
- **Internships:**
 - Get one! Take advantage of internships outside of academia
 - Write down all your duties and tasks while interning
- **Job Search:**
 - Take advantage of the fact that you're a geographer!
 - Allows you to bridge gaps and provide unique perspectives
 - Provides different lenses to problem solve
 - Create a 1 sentence response to the question: What is geography to you?
 - You have a unique skillset- advocate for yourself!
 - Blend of art and science
 - Geographers can look at problems holistically
 - We are able to take vague initiatives and place analytical frameworks around it
 - The ability to create maps is a bonus!
 - Look at current job openings- what skills are you missing?
 - Apply for jobs even if you don't meet 100% of the requirements
 - Consider having a professional edit your resume
- **Other Advice:**
 - In your career, be open to change
 - Assess areas of your job you can improve- not just 'hard' skills
 - Skills to work on- Reading latest field trends; Project Management

Get in contact with our Panel!



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Need help setting up LinkedIn?

Check out these resources:

- [LinkedIn Profile Checklist](#)
- ['How to Use LinkedIn as a College Student'](#)
- [13 LinkedIn Profile Tips for College Students](#)



Check out this current opening at SDG&E!!!

[HTTPS://WWW.INDEED.COM/VIEWJOB?CMP=SAN-DIEGO-GAS-%26-ELECTRIC&T=SENIOR+SOFTWARE+ENGINEER&JK=DD9682277A703177&Q=SOFTWARE+ENGINEER+GIS&VJS=3](https://www.indeed.com/viewjob?cmp=san-diego-gas-%26-electric&t=senior+software+engineer&jk=dd9682277a703177&q=software+engineer+gis&vjs=3)

This position is for a Senior Software Engineer - Geographic Information Systems. The Senior Software Engineer - GIS (Geographic Information Systems) is a hands-on technical role responsible for the design, development, delivery, and maintenance of technology applications and systems within enterprise GIS. Works within a team developing front-end or back-end features and functionality, such as systems, interfaces, databases, business intelligence systems, or other applications or systems that deliver business value. Works on more complex products, such as those with dependencies on systems or applications owned by other teams, to solve challenging and unique technical problems pertaining to enterprise GIS.



Places of work mentioned by Panelists:

- Citibank
- Padre Dam Municipal Water District
- Union Bank
- Bladwin and Sons
- SANDAG
- SDG&E
- Recon Environmental
- Tree San Diego
- Santee Storm Water
- USD
- SDSU
- Grossmont Community College

