

Alumni Panel: Key Insights & Career Advice

Advice for Students:

Networking and Relationships:

- Build relationships with professors and peers because they can lead to mentorships, job opportunities, and valuable industry insights.
- Gain practical experience through internships, volunteer work, and student organizations.

Early Job Preparation & Skill Development:

- Start job searches early and remain patient during the hiring process.
- Be proactive and seek out opportunities have room for growth.
- Explore diverse opportunities and participate in industry events for broader exposure.
- Technical skills, particularly in Geographic Information Systems (GIS), Python, and Esri products, are critical.
- Don't underestimate communication, problem-solving, and time management.
- Prepare for interviews by researching potential employers, practicing responses, and formulating thoughtful questions to make a strong impression.

Addressing Future Geographic Challenges:

- Prepare yourself with specialized geographic skills and spatial analysis
- Contribute to interdisciplinary projects to make informed decisions about challenging, real world issues.

