About Summer of Maps

Summer of Maps is a program that offers a $5,000 stipend to student GIS analysts to perform geospatial data analysis for non-profit organizations. Every year we match up non-profit organizations that have spatial analysis needs with talented students of GIS to implement projects over a three-month period during the summer.

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Azavea's Summer of Maps is a no-filler fellowship. This has been the most hands-on experiential learning opportunity I’ve had outside the classroom. The guidance from our mentors and our level of involvement and self-direction we have with the projects gives us an unmatched opportunity for both professional and skills development."

— Tyler Dahlberg, 2013 Fellow

Student Eligibility

This is a paid fellowship program opened to full-time or part-time students. Azavea defines a student as an individual accepted into or enrolled in an accredited post-secondary institution located in the United States, including community colleges, universities, masters, and PhD programs. If you are accepted into or enrolled in a college or university program as of April in the year you are applying, you are eligible to participate in the program. You do not need to be in a Geography or GIS program in order to apply, but you should have experience performing analysis using GIS desktop software.

During your fellowship, you can expect to:

- work closely with your mentor
- be trained to use the most current GIS practices and systems in real-life contexts
- write actual scope of services
- participate in client meetings
- work directly with “your” clients
- present your final analyses to colleagues, clients and their potential funders
- be interviewed by the press to back up your findings

Timeline

- **Feb**  
  Student applications open
- **March**  
  Student applications close
- **Mid-April**  
  Accepted fellows announced
- **Early June**  
  Fellowship starts

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