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UAlbany Graduate and Undergraduate Researchers Spending Summer at CTG

CTG is excited to welcome five University at Albany students from an array of backgrounds and disciplines who will spend their summer here as interns and fellows. What these students all have in common is an interest in the intersection of policy, management, and technology in government.

Our summer program engages UAlbany graduate and undergraduate students in CTG's portfolio of innovative and cutting edge applied research and practice projects. Students are provided a unique educational and work experience as they build strong foundations for their careers in research and practice and become part of CTG's global network of digital government researchers and practitioners.

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Here's a quick introduction to our students and areas they will be working on this summer. For more information on their backgrounds and interests, click on their names.

Ashley Davis-Alteri is a second year PhD student at Rockefeller College, specializing in public administration. She comes to CTG through Rockefeller College's Center Fellowships Program, which offers a range of fellowship opportunities to graduate students. This summer Ashley will be assisting with research tasks related to CTG's work on public value, air quality data, and Community Anchor Institution broadband speed data collection.

Martin Robinson is an undergraduate at UAlbany majoring in Political Science at Rockefeller College. He expects to graduate in May 2014. Martin has already delved into background research on common areas of concern identified by local governments in New York—*food deserts* and *banking deserts*—and ways technology can help local governments identify these areas to improve policy making. In addition, he is providing support to the National Youth in Transition Database project to build knowledge about how other states are using social media to connect with their foster care population.

Katie DePalma is an undergraduate student at the UAlbany who recently applied to Rockefeller College for the fall. She is studying political science, as well as violin performance. Katie is working with the Broadband Internet Community Anchor Institutions project on data collection. She will also be working with CTG Director Theresa Pardo on a research project to identify global trends in technology use by government to better engage with business and citizens.

Adarley Luiz Grando Gilho is an undergraduate student of computer science at UAlbany's College of Computing and Information. Adarley is attending UAlbany as part of an exchange program offered through the University of Brasília and funded by the Brazilian Government. He expects to graduate from the University of Brasília in December of 2014. This summer he will be working with our web team to research and prototype web frameworks—specifically for css preprocessing, responsive web design, and javascript—to incorporate and standardize across CTG websites and web applications.

Meley Kifleyesus, is a senior at UAlbany pursuing a BS in Computer Science, combined with applied math and a minor in financial market regulation. Meley will be joining CTG's web team for the summer, initially working on researching different online publishing options for CTG reports, specifically eBooks.

These students will be joining CTG graduate assistant **Djoko Sigit Sayogo**, who is in his final year as a PhD student at Rockefeller College, specializing in Public Administration. Djoko has been at CTG for the past three years doing research related to his dissertation, which is focused on the motivations for data sharing in the iChoose network. In 2008, Djoko received the Fulbright Presidential Scholarship for PhD study to attend the University at Albany.

For more information on graduate and undergraduate opportunities at CTG, please click [here](#).