

## CTG Online News

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### Five UAlbany Students Making a Difference at CTG this Summer

CTG is excited to welcome five University at Albany graduate assistants and interns from an array of backgrounds and disciplines for the summer. The students come to CTG through various UAlbany academic programs, but all have in common an interest in the intersection of policy, management, and technology in government.

Our graduate assistant and internship programs engage 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.

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Here's a quick introduction to our students, who are already deeply engaged in their summer projects. For more information on their backgrounds and interests, click on their names.

**Ashley Alteri** is a third year PhD student at Rockefeller College at the University at Albany, specializing in Public Administration. She is a recipient of a Dean's Center Fellowship, awarded to promising doctoral candidates, to pursue policy research or applied policy analysis at one of Rockefeller's affiliated centers or research partners. This is her second graduate assistantship at CTG. This summer Ashley will be working on writing activities related to CTG's public value framework and assisting with research proposals for CTG's smart cities program.

**Jonathan Stricoff** is a Senior at the University at Albany majoring in accounting with a minor in business. Jon, who also spent the spring semester at CTG, is continuing to develop various financial tools to support CTG's budget and financial management process. The tools will be used to track information and data that can be used for developing different models to forecast CTG's state and research foundation sponsored project revenue for fiscal year budgeting, thus improving the Center's financial and portfolio management process.

Below, our three computer science student interns are taking a team approach this summer to both developing software products and implementing a software project management approach for the Center. Using the Agile/Scrum methodology, the team (under the guidance of Derek Werthmuller and Jim Costello) is currently engaged in a two-week sprint to refine a mobile app to help government professionals in their organizations' capabilities for the mobile work environment. Once the initial sprint is completed, the team plans to extend the Agile/Scrum approach to additional software design efforts at CTG and further improve on the mobile app, perhaps in another sprint.

**Guilherme Xavier Ferreira** is an exchange student at the University at Albany, attending on a scholarship from the Brazil Scientific Mobility Program. He is taking courses at UAlbany in computer science and IT management, and expects to graduate from Federal University of Itajuba in Itajuba-MG, Brazil with a Bachelor of Science in December 2015.

**Larissa Silva Teixeira** is an exchange student at the University at Albany, attending on a scholarship from the Brazil Scientific Mobility Program. She is taking courses at UAlbany in computer science and expects to graduate from Federal Fluminense University, Niteroi - RJ, Brazil with a Bachelor of Science in December 2015.

**Emmanuel S. Udoh** is a graduate student at the University at Albany, majoring in Information Science, with a concentration in Information Systems and Technology. He has a graduate background in computer science, and is beginning postgraduate studies in Informatics in the fall of 2014.

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