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2026 Internship Program Awards

2026 Program Performance

- 60 student applications received (+10 YOY)
- 25 students interviewed (-5 YOY)
- 8 candidates received offers from hiring partners; 32% Placement (+ 4% YOY)
- Hiring Partner Participation:
 - 2 internship positions at SLBE Firms (+0 YOY)
 - 2 internship positions at Public Agency (+0 YOY)
 - 2 New Public Agency Hiring Partners
 - 6 Positions at returning 2025 Hiring Partner
 - 2 Firms hired more than one intern
- Mentor Participation
 - 2 Public Agency Employees (-2 YOY)
 - 6 Private Consultant Employees
 - 4 New Volunteers!

Thank You to Our Tier 1 Hiring Partners

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Tier 1 Partners guaranteed **6** internship positions!

Thank You to Our Tier 2 Hiring Partners

- Additional 3 positions offered by contingent partners (-2 YOY)
- 1 Private & 1 Public Agency
- All hiring partners participated in interviews!

Thank You to Volunteer Mentors!

- Alanna Bantigue (TY Lin)
- Jose Castro (Black & Veatch)
- Helena Zikov (Z+K Engineering)
- Hector Arias (Port of SD)
- Lauren Vasquez (Brown & Caldwell)
- Christian Santos (Dokken)
- Cassidy Thornbury (Brown & Caldwell)
- Donny Gerardi (City of San Diego)

2026 Internship Recipients!



Brooke Bever
School: SD Mesa College
Intern at: Wood Rodgers
Mentor: Alana Bantigue
(TY Lin)



Aidan Hicks
School: SDSU
Intern at: Rainbow MWD
Mentor: Lauren Vasquez
(Brown & Caldwell)



Samuel Abel
School: UCSD
Intern at: RE Services
Mentor: Helena Zikov
(Z+K Engineering)

2026 Internship Recipients!



Thomas Murphy
School: CSU Long Beach
Intern at: HDR
Mentor: Kailene Cadenhead
(Wood Rodgers)



Evan Rios
School: SDSU
Intern at: Wood Rodgers
Mentor: Cassidy Thornbury
(Brown & Caldwell)



Logan Blackstock
School: SDSU
Intern at: SDCWA
Mentor: Cassidy Thornbury
(Brown & Caldwell)

2026 Internship Recipients!



Katrina Wallacher
School: SDSU
Intern at: RICK
Mentor: Hector Arias
(Port of San Diego)



Christopher Martinez
School: UCSD
Intern at: RE Services
Mentor: Donny Gerardi
(City of SD)