

"Practice makes perfect". With internship experience, students are able to integrate academic activities and the real-world work experience. Learn strengths and weaknesses by creating learning objectives and receiving feedback from their supervisor.

I am Ehsan Doustmohammadi, a doctoral student in Civil Engineering at University of Alabama at Birmingham. I have been involving in the regional congestion monitoring project which is a contract between University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) and Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham (RPCGB) since [March 2015](#). This project utilize the National Performance Management Research Data Set (NPMRDS) provided by FHWA, to help monitor roadway performance and manage traffic congestion.

As an intern, I have had a chance to be surrounded by professionals in the industry that I was looking for access to. This is an opportunity to learn from everyone around me, ask questions, improve skills and impress them with my eagerness. These people can be potential future colleagues or can be the connection to my first job.