

# Fund for Excellence for Geospatial Technology

Geospatial technology captures, stores and displays data related to its geographic location. The maps developed using geospatial technology allow a deeper analysis of a specific geographic area. HACC, Central Pennsylvania's Community College, has a degree program available for students who are interested in working in this field. Additionally, HACC offers a certificate program for students who are interested in using geospatial technology to enhance their careers. In both of these programs, students learn how to develop and use meaningful data in their careers.

As the field of geospatial technology grows, it is imperative that HACC stays on the cutting edge by providing the most advanced educational experience. The Fund for Excellence for Geospatial Technology is dedicated to supporting the innovative ideas and initiatives that will have a positive impact on students enrolled in these programs. This fund will allow students to gain the necessary experience to use geospatial technology and develop maps that will help them understand spatial patterns and relationships in their careers.

YOUR support of the Fund for Excellence for Geospatial Technology will help us provide the most innovative educational experience through opportunities such as:



## Central Pennsylvania Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Day

HACC hosts an educational opportunity on the Wednesday of National Geography Week each year. It is a free event that provides reputable and well-known keynote speakers in the GIS field. It is a great networking and educational event for those already in the field and for those just starting out, and draws a large turnout every year!

## GIS Speakers Series

Because all current geospatial technology classes are offered online, students do not have face-to-face opportunities with professionals in the field. The GIS speaker series would allow students to engage with professionals on topics including career pathways and technology.

## Pennsylvania GIS Conference Sponsorships

To make the most of their education, we encourage students to attend outside educational opportunities in their field whenever possible. This fund will provide the necessary funding for students to travel to and attend professional events and learning opportunities at the Pennsylvania GIS Conference.

As geospatial technology expands to help businesses of all kinds, many HACC graduates use their skills immediately in the workplace. YOU can ensure that the HACC geospatial technology programs remain on the cutting edge of innovation by visiting [hacc.edu/GiveNow](http://hacc.edu/GiveNow) to make a gift to the Fund for Excellence for Geospatial Technology.

For more information, please contact the HACC Foundation at [foundation@hacc.edu](mailto:foundation@hacc.edu).

*“Geospatial technology is ubiquitous and can be applied to any discipline that examines spatial questions or phenomenon. We use geospatial technology every day, but yet it is a discipline and profession that many know little about. The Geospatial Technology Fund for Excellence would support initiatives that increase awareness of the discipline and of the career pathways that are available.”*

– **Nicole Ernst** HACC Associate Professor, Geospatial Technology  
Associate Director & Co-Principal Investigator, National Geospatial Technology Center of Excellence



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