

# Alumni-Student Connections: Why hire a GPS student?



*The following is part of the GPS Alumni-Student Connections Series, highlighting some of our students who have been recruited by our alumni. This series shows the power of connection between current students and our alumni.*

Justin Lee '14, a corporate philanthropy advisor at Southern California Edison (SCE), shares his perspective on why he chooses to aid GPSers in their career search. Lee has hired and/or helped hire several GPS students within the past couple of years.

## **Why did you choose to hire a fellow “GPSer”?**

Students from GPS possess valuable skills to the workforce. In addition to the technical research, problem solving and analytical skills, the soft skills have also been a factor. GPS students are pleasant to work with, hard-working, inquisitive, diligent and helpful.

## **What tips do you have for students about the hiring process?**

- Tailor your resume to make it relevant to the position.
- Show you've done your homework during the interview process and ask questions pertaining to the role and the company.
- Reach out to GPS alumni for informational interviews.
- Identify the roles you want five or ten years from now to see the qualifications and experience needed to get there.
- Always write a thank you note!