

# SIMPSON GUMPERTZ & HEGER SCHOLARSHIP



## Announcement of the 2019 Buchberg Scholar Award and Internship

### To Prospective Applicants:

Simpson Gumpertz & Heger Inc. (SGH) established the Buchberg Scholar Award to encourage undergraduate college students who strive for excellence in all aspects of their lives, including their civil engineering studies. Brandon Buchberg, P.E. held both an undergraduate and graduate degree from Georgia Institute of Technology (GT) and was a member of SGH's Building Technology Division, based in our Boston office. In November 2013, Brandon unexpectedly passed away and SGH established this scholarship and internship opportunity in his memory. Brandon was a strong engineer but his depth of character and breadth of activities are what truly set him apart.

Brandon was adventurous, spirited, and loved traveling to new places and meeting new people. He participated in many activities beyond those related to his engineering profession including attending cooking classes, hiking and mountain biking in the mountains of Peru and Europe, and playing guitar in the SGH band.

SGH supports the civil engineering profession and wishes to grant this award to an individual who embodies the strength of character that Brandon demonstrated every day and in all that he did.

### What is the Buchberg Scholar Award?

SGH established this award to encourage students in the pursuit of civil engineering to look beyond their studies and recognize the other characteristics that make a well-rounded individual such as making a positive impact in the community and the lives of others, as well as participating in extracurricular activities. The scholarship is not focused on the academic performance of the recipient. The award includes three parts:

1. **Financial Award:** SGH will award \$5,000/yr (for up to 4 years) as long as the recipient remains an undergraduate civil engineering or graduate

engineering major student at GT in good academic standing (as determined by the university).

- 2. Internship:** A paid internship at SGH's Boston Office during a semester or summer of the recipient's choice. SGH is a national engineering firm with offices in Boston, New York, Washington D.C., Chicago, Houston, the San Francisco Bay Area, and Southern California. Depending on workloads, the winning applicant may have the opportunity to travel to other offices.

### Who May Apply?

All undergraduate-level civil engineering majors who (1) are in their second year of study or above (2) intend to continue engineering study at Georgia Tech for the 2019 academic year, and (3) are in good academic standing are encouraged to apply for this award.

### How to Apply

Students interested in applying for the Buchberg Scholar Award are asked to submit the following:

- A cover letter introducing the applicant and summarizing their qualifications and experiences, along with a maximum 2-minute video introducing the applicant to the committee.
- A one-page essay on the following topic:
- Brandon exhibited the quality of being larger than life to new people he just met and his longtime friends and colleagues. Tell us about your experiences in making a positive impact in the lives of others.
- Up to four letters of reference focusing on engagements beyond the classroom from any of the following categories:
  - Professors of engineering studies at GT.
  - Professional letters of reference.
  - Personal letters of reference.
- All reference letters should be sent directly to [BuchbergScholarship@sgh.com](mailto:BuchbergScholarship@sgh.com).
- A resume demonstrating the applicant's extracurricular activity participation and leadership, work experience and other personal items of interest.

- Official college and/or university transcript(s). Electronic transcripts are acceptable.

*Please note: We review academic transcripts only to determine current academic standing with the university. Grades and course selection is not a major factor in our selection process.*

### Selection Criteria:

We will select a winner of the award based on the following criteria:

#### First Round:

- Actions or participation in extracurricular activities that have a positive impact in their community and/or in the lives of others.
- Ideas expressed and communication skills demonstrated in the one-page essay and introductory video.
- Reference letter review.

#### Final Round:

- A video interview with members of the Buchberg Scholarship Committee, for applicants short-listed in the first round.

### Presentation of the Award:

Date and location are to be determined.

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### Send Applications to:

Applicants can submit materials electronically to [BuchbergScholarship@sgh.com](mailto:BuchbergScholarship@sgh.com) with the subject "Buchberg Scholar Award\_Applicant's Last Name."

Applications must be received by **5:00 p.m. on 30 November 2018.**

You may contact Daniel Clark at [dpclark@sgh.com](mailto:dpclark@sgh.com) for more information.

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