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My experience with Science Gateway was great. Again, Science gateways allow science & engineering communities to access shared data, software, computing services, instruments, educational materials, and other resources specific to their disciplines. I major in computer science with a focus in information science. This internship with Science Gateways really opened my eyes to a lot of new things. I see how well the people of the community network and how they transport information that it helpful to others. A mentor that I would like to further intern with is Dr. Linda Hayden. I didn't know about this program until I met Dr. Hayden at an ADMI conference in New Orleans, LA. Later, in the future I would like to contribute more with SGCI. I would like to become one of the mentors that helps the students with hackathons and solve problems that they have. My mentor Mona had one of the biggest impacts on me during the SGCI hackathon, she was always there whenever we needed her, and she also contributed in any way that she could. I would also like to give back to the SGCI program because I see how much they try to help students grow in their fields of study. Not only did I enjoy this experience, but I also learned a lot of the mentors and peers that I met with during the time I was here. I would give back to students who would like to attend the conference but don't have the funds to do so, I would also like to help minorities such as African American women to excel in the SGCI programs. Women are often over looked by people in the technical field, so I would give back to any women that are participating in any fields dealing with STEM. Science gateways community is very helpful for any male or female that is majoring in any STEM field. It shows different perspectives and builds better networks. Once someone build networks with peers, it becomes easier to grow in an industry. I would like to thank Science Gateways for giving me an experience that I never experienced before, and if I can, I would love to attend this event again.