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Type of Assistance Requested *	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Professional Development</li> <li>• Other (please explain in project narrative)</li> </ul>
Project Narrative *	<p>The colloquium is organized by Earth Science graduate students and is run entirely by donations and volunteer work. The poster contest in particular tends to attract the most interest from participating students looking to showcase their GIS-related research to the local community. It is an excellent opportunity for students to present their work in a conference-style venue, and network with professionals in the local professional GIS community. This year, we are expecting much greater participation in this poster contest.</p> <p>In the past, MAGIP has been so generous as to contribute to the success of our event by judging our poster competition and donating the customary cash prize for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners (\$100, \$75, \$50, respectively, for a total of \$300). We would be delighted to involve MAGIP in a similar capacity in this year's event. We are also currently looking to make room for an interview and resume workshop offered to students the day before the colloquium (April 20th for an interview session). The interview session is not confirmed, but in the event we are able to organize space for it to take place during an available time slot, we would like to further correspond with relevant MAGIP board members to finalize details regarding such a session.</p> <p>Still, our priority is to include MAGIP in the judging and prize-conferring for our poster competition. Participation on MAGIP's part would include attendance to the poster session which spans two hours on the afternoon of April 21st, a review of each poster by a number (typically 3-4) of MAGIP board members who will act as judges, and contest winner deliberation by MAGIP judges to occur immediately after the poster session. Contest winners will be announced during our banquet dinner, which, along with the rest of the day's activities, MAGIP judges and board members are encouraged to attend.</p> <p>Thank you in advance for your consideration! Including MAGIP in our events is a priority to the planning committee, and we hope to continue collaborating with you in the future.</p>
Project Start Date *	Thursday, April 21, 2016
Project Completion Date	Thursday, April 21, 2016
Applicant Resources to be committed to this project*	The Colloquium Planning Committee will be providing dinner to participating judges and board members interested in attending our colloquium, as well as any required administrative supplies (paper, pens, clipboards, attendee list, program, poster-presenter list, etc.). We would be happy to provide any other supplies needed by potential poster competition judges, within our capacity.