Allison Gray

Master’s Program - Computer Science

Allison Gray is pursuing an M.S. degree in Computer Science at JSU. Last summer she was one of six JSU students that interned at the Y-12 facilities in Oakridge, Tennessee. The internships are part of a capacity-enhancing effort between the JSU Department of Computer Science and the National Nuclear Security Administration’s (NNSA) Massie Chair in Cyber Security Program. NNSA, an agency within the Department of Energy (DOE), enhances national security through the military application of nuclear science. Allison assisted with environmental cleanup activities and their unneeded materials inventory.

Computer science has long been an interest for Allison. She was developing and creating her own web pages while still in high school in Biloxi. The strong influence of her soccer coach in high school led to a Bachelor’s degree in Exercise Science from Bellhaven, but she returned to her love of computer science when she applied to JSU for the Master’s program. Her favorite classes so far have been those that challenge the students with real world problems and allow them to apply what they are learning in their courses.

Ms. Gray “can’t say enough” about how helpful she has found everyone to be at JSU. Her favorite thing about graduate school is the opportunity to form study groups with friends. Allison will graduate this May. She loves travelling, and hopes to have many chances to do so when she arrives in Austin, Texas, to take up her new job with GM.