The Ph.D. program in GIScience has prepared me academically and professionally for my future career, and I really recommend it to my friends and peers.

– He (Hannah) Jin, current Ph.D. student at Texas State University

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