IBI Dubai is primarily a consultant for urban planning and transportation analysis projects. My job was to help my colleagues complete tasks for these projects, which often included doing online research, analyzing geospatial and traffic data, and writing reports. IBI’s urban planning projects are each unique, whereas the transportation analysis projects often reuse the same analysis methods.

Towards the end of the summer, my work was more focused on creating and improving templates that will help the company with future projects.
Although there were many tasks to complete for each project, the most rewarding part was combining all of the tasks to create the final report. At that moment, each of the small steps contributes to the project as a whole, which validates the many small efforts made throughout the process.
My work’s impact on IBI

- My work on IBI’s client projects helped sustain the short-term success of the company. However, the templates that I created in the last two weeks of my internship were beneficial to the transportation team in the long-run, since the templates automate analysis that is conducted on every project.
Impact on my academics and career

- Since completing my internship, I have considered taking a course in transportation analysis and infrastructure.
- I have gained a greater interest in consulting in a specific field, since the projects are varied while the overall themes and ideas are the same.
Personal Growth

- Living in Dubai for the summer was an incredible experience, since free time can be spent visiting the city and doing activities around the city.
- Moving to a new city in the summer makes it difficult to meet new people, but I was able to find friends and activities that kept me occupied when I wasn’t visiting the city.
- There is much more independence living in an apartment in a city than there is living in a college dorm. This independence and responsibility contributed to my personal growth over the summer.