UNIVERSITY CAREER CENTER & THE PRESIDENT’S PROMISE (UCC/TPP)

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The University Career Center & The President’s Promise (Center) provides comprehensive career assistance for all students enrolled at the University of Maryland, College Park. Designed to support students through each stage of their career development, the Center offers an array of resources, services and programs that empower students to pursue their ambitions and navigate a meaningful career journey.

We Can Help You:
- address educational and career decisions
- take advantage of internships, full-time, part-time and summer employment opportunities
- sharpen job search skills and strategies, including improving resume and cover letters
- plan for graduate and professional school

A Network of Support

Located in the South Wing of Hornbake Library, the Center serves as a campus hub of career-related activities. We also distribute staff to locations in the following schools and colleges:

- College of Agriculture and Natural Resources (https://agnr.umd.edu/student-opportunities/internships-careers/)
- College of Arts and Humanities (https://ahru.umd.edu/careers/)
- College of Behavioral and Social Sciences, Feller Center for Advising & Career Planning (https://bsosundergrad.umd.edu/your-career/your-career/)
- College of Computer, Mathematical and Natural Sciences (https://cmms.umd.edu/undergraduate/research-internships/careerservices/)
- School of Public Health (https://sph.umd.edu/content/university-career-center-sph/)
- The Graduate School (https://gradschool.umd.edu/professionaldevelopment/)

Distributed staff provide advising and programming that targets industries and professional fields related to majors in their respective host school or college. Students may access any of the resources, services and programs based on their career interests and immediate needs.

The Center partners with other campus career operations, including:

- Robert H. Smith School of Business Career Services (https://rhsmith.umd.edu/office-career-services/)
- A. James Clark School of Engineering Career Services (https://eng.umd.edu/careers/)

- School of Public Policy Career Services (https://spp.umd.edu/career-connections/)

Careers4Terps & Other Online Resources

Update your Careers4Terps (C4T) profiles to manage your career. C4T is the Center’s online career management database and your gateway to:

- Applying to 1,000+ internship, part-time job, and full-time job postings
- Scheduling career advising appointments and signing up for workshops, panels, and employer programs
- Accessing virtual resources: Focus2 (self-assessment), FirstHand (industry guides), InterviewStream (virtual interviewing practice), and more.

Career Assistance

Schedule a 30-minute appointment with a career advisor or undergraduate Peer Career Educator through Careers4Terps. Topics may include:

- Choosing a major
- Exploring career fields & reaching out to professionals
- Searching for internships, jobs, and grad programs
- Preparing for interviews & mock interviews
- Resume/cover letter reviews

Terrapins Connect is the University’s virtual platform that connects Terps from across the world with one another for mentoring, networking and professional opportunities | terrapinsconnect.umd.edu (https://terrapinsconnect.umd.edu/v2/)

Career Courses

EDCP108I: College and Career Advancement: Concepts and Skills; Academic Transitions to Internships • 1 credit
This half-semester (7 weeks) course is recommended for students who have never had an internship and are actively searching for one. The online asynchronous course takes students through key exploratory and preparation activities, including understanding the components of an internship, increasing knowledge about an intended career field, developing a resume and cover letter, and identifying potential internship sites.

PSYC123: The Psychology of Getting Hired • 1 credit
This online asynchronous course introduces students to psychological principles involved in hiring processes. Students pace themselves through modules that combine academic content with hands-on activities, online discussions and deliverable materials. Two in-person activities—a resume review and a mock interview—occur in the Center.

Employer Hiring Events

The Center offers several hiring events during the fall and spring for UMD students and alumni from all academic backgrounds to connect with employers. Some hiring events include:

- Fall and Spring Career & Internship Fairs serving all majors and industries
- Industry-specific Career & Internship Fairs
- Meet-ups: smaller industry-specific informal networking events
- Individual employer information sessions
Workshops, Panels & Other Programs

The Center regularly offers workshops, panels, and other programs to educate students on potential career fields and relevant career development topics. All programs are listed on the UCC Event Calendar on our website (https://careers.umd.edu/).

Identity-Based Programs, including the “Working While Black Career Series”, programs for students with disabilities and intersecting identities, and more

Industry-Specific Programs, including internship & job search workshops based on industry, “Careers In...” panels, “Career Chats” with UMD alumni, Career Shuttles to local employers, and more

How to... Workshops for internship and job search strategies, building your network, preparing for interviews (general, scientific, technical), and more

Intern for a Day to expose students to different careers through one-day job shadowing experiences