Your resume needs to show both education and experience by the time you graduate. This is a crucial year to gain a variety of experiences through internships, part-time work, campus involvement, research, and volunteering. These experiences will also help you discover what career path you will pursue.

- Learn about summer internship opportunities for third years through the On Campus Interview program. In the “Jobs” section of your UCR Handshake account, click on “On-Campus Interviews” to see a list of all upcoming interview opportunities, and apply.

It’s time to further develop and utilize your networking skills. Talk to people all around you — other students, family, friends, professors, supervisors, and professionals you meet at career fairs or other events. Have a “career conversation” to explore careers and eventually find a job.

- Talk to everyone you know: faculty, staff, advisers, career counselors, family, and friends.
- Attend these workshops and events: Career Fairs, Job Discovery Series, Employer Information Sessions, Networking Your Way to a Job, and Now Hiring Interns.
- Create or enhance your LinkedIn profile by attending Mastering LinkedIn.

A great resume may get you an interview, but the interview will get you the job. Interviewing is a skill that takes practice to perfect, so practice often.

- Attend the Ace the Interview workshop.
- Practice your interview skills by utilizing the StandOut mock interview tool in the Resources section of your UCR Handshake account and scheduling a mock interview appointment with a career counselor.

Career exploration includes finding out if your desired career requires an advanced degree. This is a good time to do some research and discuss pursuing graduate school with a career counselor and faculty. Reference College-Specific Game Plans for timelines.

- Research occupations for job outlook, salary, education, training, etc.
- Research graduate school application deadlines and testing requirements.
- Attend the Graduate and Professional School Information Day Fair, Law School Information Day Fair, and Health Professions School Information Day Fair.
- Write your personal statement. The Academic Resource Center offers assistance with this.
- Get letters of recommendation. Give faculty members one to three months of advance notice and share your resume or CV with them as well.
- Contact the Academic Resource Center for graduate exam preparation seminars including the GMAT, the GRE, the LSAT, and the MCAT.

For more information on this and other resources to prepare for your future career, stop by the Career Center, email careercounseling@ucr.edu, or call (951) 827-3631.

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FIRST YEAR
- EXPLORE CAREERS
- CHOOSE A MAJOR
- CREATE A RESUME
- GET INVOLVED
- EXPLORE MAJORS

SECOND YEAR
- GET A SUMMER INTERNSHIP OR JOB
- BUILD RESUME WRITING SKILLS & INTERVIEWING SKILLS
- NETWORK/BUILD RELATIONSHIPS
- WRITE YOUR CAREER PLAN
- GET AN INTERNSHIP OR JOB

THIRD YEAR
- EXPLORE MAJORS
- CREATE A RESUME
- GAIN MORE EXPERIENCE
- BUILD YOUR NETWORK
- RESEARCH GRADUATE/PROFESSIONAL SCHOOLS

SENIOR YEAR
- GET INVOLVED
- EXPLORE MAJORS
- NETWORK/BUILD RELATIONSHIPS
- BUILD YOUR NETWORK
- APPLY TO GRADUATE PROFESSIONAL SCHOOLS

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