GET EXPERIENCE

MICRO-INTERNSHIPS AND GIGS
Explore freelance opportunities on platforms including:
- Guru
- MindSumo
- Outern
- Parker Dewey
- Uplancer
- Upwork

VIRTUAL EXPERIENCE PROGRAM
Solve companies’ real-world problems while building your skills with experiences provided through Forage (formerly InsideSherpa).

TRAINING/ COURSES
Enroll in courses to develop new technical and professional skills.
- Coursera
- edX
- Lynda.com/ LinkedIn Learning
- Udemy

RESEARCH
Use your department's website to locate faculty and reach out to inquire about potential research opportunities. Review the College of Engineering's Undergraduate Research website.

VOLUNTEERISM AND PART-TIME JOBS
Gain important transferable skills.
- Volunteer in-person or virtually through DoSomething, GiveBesa, or VolunteerMatch
- Apply for part-time jobs using Handshake, Indeed, LinkedIn, and other job search websites

PERSONAL PROJECT
Put your skills to the test to solve a problem or create something new. Need inspiration?
- Aaron's Initiative
- Can't Stop Columbus Projects
- Faris' Project
CONNECT AND PREPARE

BUILD YOUR ONLINE PRESENCE
Expand your professional presence and stand out from the crowd.
- Update your Handshake
- Create a LinkedIn profile
- Develop an e-portfolio

GROW YOUR NETWORK
Connect with alumni using the LinkedIn Alumni Tool or AlumniFire and conduct informational interviews with your contacts.

ATTEND VIRTUAL EVENTS
Connect with potential employers through career fairs, information sessions, conferences, and webinars. Review Handshake events and those offered by your field’s professional organizations.

PREPARE FOR FUTURE RECRUITMENT
- Update your resume
- Brush up on interview skills
- Research companies and industries of interest

HIGHLIGHT THE VALUE OF YOUR SUMMER EXPERIENCES
Reflecting on what you learned and outlining your accomplishments will also be an important step in the process. The activities listed above are valuable, but it’s up to you to articulate their value to potential employers. Practice explaining how these activities helped develop your qualifications and be sure to update your resume.
Meet with an ECS Advisor for assistance.

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