**Get Experience**

**Alternative Experiences**

**Micro-Internships and Gigs**
Explore freelance opportunities on platforms including:
- Parker Dewey *(recommended)*
- Guru
- MindSumo
- Upwork

**Virtual Experience Program**
Solve top companies' real-world problems while building your skills with experiences through Forage.

**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
- Electrion
- Faris' Project
**ALTERNATIVE EXPERIENCES**

**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

**ATTEND 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.

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

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

**HIGHLIGHT THE VALUE OF YOUR 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.