

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](#)

CONNECT
AND
PREPARE

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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.

