SM2 Career Readiness Checklist

SEMESTER		

Get to know faculty members and students in your department
Meet with career coach to brainstorm career options you want to pursue
Update your resume or CV
Develop or enhance your elevator pitch
Develop a robust LinkedIn profile, join groups, participate in discussion forum
Attend Career Expos to gather information on different employers and internships or careers opportunities

SPRING SEMESTER OF YOUR FIRST YEAR

Identify and apply for summer internships
Continue to attend workshops, employer presentations, and career panels for information and networking
Seek opportunities to gain research experience and other practical experience
Get involved in student organizations or public service projects

SUMMER BETWEEN YOUR FIRST AND SECOND YEAR

Start a career log to record your thoughts on future goals	
Identify professional association meetings that you would like to attend	
Continue to expand your professional network, especially at your internship site	
Update your resume or CV and develop skill narratives	

FALL SEMESTER OF YOUR SECOND YEAR

Begin researching and applying for job opportunities	
Devote a significant amount of time to tailoring your application for each position	
Identify three references and ask permission to use their names	
Continue to attend workshops, employer presentations, and career panels	
Continue to meet with professionals in your field	

SPRING SEMESTER OF YOUR SECOND YEAR

Attend workshops on interviewing and salary negotiation
Arrange a mock interview with a career coach
Continue researching opportunities and applying for jobs
If you have not yet found a position, don't worry! Meet with a career coach to make a plan.
Work with a career coach to evaluate job offers and prepare for negotiation conversations.

Read our weekly Career and Professional Development Update e-newsletter (sent on Sunday) to stay informed about upcoming programs, events and jobs that may be of interest. Our website also contains a calendar of our programs, job search tools and links to Career Connect (our job listing database) and other job listing sites.



