**Cornell Engineering Career Center — Create a personal plan to inform your career decisions!**

**HOW WILL YOU CHOOSE TO SPEND YOUR TIME AT CORNELL OVER THE NEXT FOUR YEARS?**

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**Graduation**

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**Inspiring and empowering Cornell Engineers to create lifelong career success**
Here are some ideas you might consider exploring during your time at Cornell:

### FIRST YEAR

**Fall Semester**
- Attend Clubfest in early September and identify a few organizations that interest you
- Find a part-time, on-campus job (studentemployment.cornell.edu)
- Gain engineering experience in a Project Team
- Write a resume draft (use engineering resume template) and create a profile on Handshake (update your career interests)
- Participate in a hackathon through eship.cornell.edu

**Winter Break**
- Find a seasonal job back home
- Network with family and friends
- Create a LinkedIn profile and start connecting
- Start completing the Career Exploration and Applications & Interviewing Workbooks (on Engineering Career Center website)
- Search for internships on Handshake and company websites
- Look for research opportunities at Cornell: reach out to professors and connect with Engineering Learning Initiatives (Olin Hall)
- Review Planning Guides for Study Abroad (http://tinyurl.com/SA4year)
- Enroll in ENGRG2350: Career Development in Engineering (for spring semester)

**Spring Semester**
- Research careers, industries, and companies
- Apply to the Alumni Connections program
- Look into the Co-op program (details on Engineering Career Center website)

**Spring Break**
- Participate in the Alumni Connections Program

**Summer**
- Work a seasonal job back home
- Volunteer
- Continue with a Project Team over the summer
- Conduct research at CU (connect with Engineering Learning Initiatives) or through the Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) program
- Participate in an internship

### SOPHOMORE

**Fall Semester**
- Check out the Job by Graduation Plan in Handshake (under the “planning” tab)
- Attend Co-op Information/Registration Session
- Take on a leadership role as an undergrad TA, Engineering Ambassador, Peer Advisor, Club President, Manager at work, etc.
- Attend small group career sessions and workshops on a variety of career topics
- Apply to Alumni Connections Program
- Participate in the Alumni Connections Program
- Explore Cornell’s Certificate in Engaged Leadership Program through Engaged Cornell

**Winter Break**
- Apply to Co-op positions
- Search for internships on Handshake and company websites
- Participate in Alumni Connections Program
- Work a seasonal job

**Spring Semester**
- Participate in Co-op interviews
- Declare a major
- Connect with people on LinkedIn and schedule informational interviews
- Sign up for a mock interview

**Spring Break**
- Participate in the Alumni Connections Program
- Participate in an Alternative Spring Break Program

**Summer**
- Take Co-op classes
- Study Abroad
- Conduct research at CU (connect with Engineering Learning Initiatives) or through the Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) program
- Participate in an internship

### JUNIOR

**Fall Semester**
- First term of Co-op
- Apply for internships on Handshake and company websites
- Sign up for a mock interview
- Participate in on-campus recruiting
- Apply to Alumni Connections Program
- Apply to Kessler Fellows Program

**Winter Break**
- Participate in Alumni Connections Program
- Work a seasonal job

**Spring Semester**
- Study Abroad
- Kessler Fellowship: Essentials Of Entrepreneurship (for Kessler Fellows only)
- Participate in on-campus recruiting
- If you’re interested in graduate school:
  - look into requirements and deadlines
  - find a GRE testing location
  - identify people who can write letters of recommendation

**Spring Break**
- Participate in the Alumni Connections Program
- Participate in an Alternative Spring Break Program

**Summer**
- Second term of Co-op
- Study Abroad
- Conduct research at CU (connect with Engineering Learning Initiatives) or through the Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) program
- Participate in an internship
- Kessler Fellows summer experience (for Kessler Fellows only)

### SENIOR

**Fall Semester**
- Kessler Fellows Fall Symposium Series (open to all)
- Participate in on-campus recruiting for full-time jobs
- Stop in during drop-in hours to meet with an advisor to discuss managing & negotiating job offers
- Write personal statement for graduate school
- Consider the M.Eng. program
- Apply to the Alumni Connections Program

**Winter Break**
- Participate in the Alumni Connections Program
- Work a seasonal job

**Spring Semester**
- Continue applying for jobs & networking
- Talk with Career Services re: accepting job offer
- Plan living accommodations

**Spring Break**
- Participate in the Alumni Connections Program
- Participate in an Alternative Spring Break Program

**Summer**
- Congratulations! Explore the world as a Cornell Alumnus. Find fellow Cornellians along the way.
- Register for CornellConnect to access the alumni database

**ONGOING:** Career Fairs in early September and February, on-campus recruiting, small group career sessions, networking, information sessions, applying for internships and research opportunities, attending career workshops, and building your resume, LinkedIn, and Handshake profiles.