



# TOP CAREER PLANNING TIPS FOR NEW INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Congratulations on being accepted into the A. James Clark School of Engineering! Our staff welcomes you and look forward to assisting you with your career preparation and job search. Here are just a few ideas to help you get started:

## IN AUGUST, BEFORE CLASSES BEGIN:

- Explore our website.** View tips, access handouts, watch pre-recorded workshops, find employment statistics and read student success stories: [eng.umd.edu/careers](http://eng.umd.edu/careers)
- Attend relevant orientation sessions** in addition to your required departmental, grad school, and immigration meetings. ISSS offers sessions that are especially helpful as you prepare for study, work, and life in the U.S. You can register on iTerp.

*[Finding Jobs On Campus](#)*  
*[Transportation Services & Parking](#)*  
*[Safety & Security](#)*  
*[Understanding U.S. Healthcare](#)*

*[Preparing For Your Future: Career Services](#)*  
*[Academic Success & U.S. Classroom Culture](#)*  
*[American Culture & Tools for Adjustment](#)*  
*[Becoming a Washington, DC "Insider"](#)*

- Start building a network** of friends with similar interests by ...
  - researching and joining a club: [terplink.umd.edu](http://terplink.umd.edu)
  - finding ways to stay active or join a team: [recwell.umd.edu](http://recwell.umd.edu)
  - exploring an engineering student society to get involved in: [eng.umd.edu/careers/employers/student-societies](http://eng.umd.edu/careers/employers/student-societies)
  - thinking about trying a new hobby: [thestamp.umd.edu/studioa](http://thestamp.umd.edu/studioa)

Meeting people and making friends that grew up in the U.S. can help you gain insight into U.S. culture. Employers want to hire students who have developed interpersonal skills, not just technical expertise.

- Follow us @UMDCareerENGR** for more career building tips, student stories, and information about upcoming opportunities!



- Apply for on-campus part time jobs.** See which departments usually hire students at [eng.umd.edu/careers/students/campus-jobs](http://eng.umd.edu/careers/students/campus-jobs). Refrain from visiting campus offices in person to ask for a job. The answer will most likely be no.
- Explore your Handshake account (two weeks before classes begin).** Use this portal to see resources, schedule appointments with career advisors, attend live workshops, and begin researching on-campus and internship opportunities.

# MORE CAREER TIPS FOR NEW INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

## ONCE THE SEMESTER BEGINS:

- Have your resume\* reviewed.** Once you are officially registered for classes, you can bring a printed copy of your updated resume to our office. Our peer advisors will give you suggestions on how to improve it and how to use it in Handshake.

### Walk-in Resume Critiques

Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:15 p.m. | No Appointment Needed

*\*Before uploading your resume to Handshake and applying for positions, we highly suggest having your resume reviewed by our office. Make sure to update your resume based on the tips you learn in the resume workshop before you share it with employers. Please bring your original and new resume to your appointment.*

- Meet employers on campus** to build your professional network and learn about possible career paths or internship opportunities. On our website, you can go to *Students* → *Career Fairs* and *Events* sections for details and dates.

Fall & Spring Career & Internship Fairs  
Employer Information Sessions & Lobby Tables  
Recruiters-in-Residence: Resume Clinics

Engineering Career Fairs  
Recruiters-in-Residence: Mock Interviews  
Tech Talks

- Prepare for the job search process** by practicing writing a cover letter, preparing for an interview, and working on expanding your networking. See [eng.umd.edu/careers/students/resources](http://eng.umd.edu/careers/students/resources) to access our helpful guides and view employment outcomes for past students.
- Keep up with your classes.** Grades and learning are important to your employability. Be sure to study throughout the semester and ask for help from your instructors if you don't understand the material.
- Take advantage of these and other campus resources** for your academic and personal well-being.

International Student & Scholar Services  
University Health Center  
University Counseling Center  
Writing Center  
Maryland English Institute

Office of Multicultural Involvement & Community  
Advocacy [MICA]  
Undergraduate & Graduate Student Legal Aid  
University Recreation & Wellness  
Accessibility & Disability Service

**Visit our office and website** for additional assistance with career planning. We are happy to answer general questions or to meet with you individually to discuss your unique job search plan.