Top Career Tips For New Clark School Students

After New Student Orientation

1. **Explore our website.** Visit [go.umd.edu/engjstips](http://go.umd.edu/engjstips) to view and download the handouts we use in our workshops.

2. **Update (or create) a resume.** Review the Resume Writing handout located in the link above for revision tips.

3. **Follow us @UMDCareerENGR** for more information on career advice, what our students are doing, and exciting opportunities that present themselves!

4. **Set up or update your LinkedIn.** LinkedIn is a great way to connect with your classmates or alumni, research organizations in your field, and look for opportunities. Before you arrive, take time to update this page and start making connections. You can download our Tips for Using LinkedIn handout at the link above.

5. **Have your resume reviewed.** After the first day of classes, bring a printed copy of your up-to-date resume to our office. Our peer career advisors will give you suggestions on how to improve it.

Once the Semester Begins

6. **Set up your Handshake account.** Use this portal to search and apply for internships, co-ops, and jobs with employers that are looking to hire students. Landing at least one internship or co-op as a student will set you on a course towards a great entry level job once you graduate.

   **Walk-in Resume Critiques**
   Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
   No Appointment Needed

7. **Attend career-building workshops virtually or in Glenn L. Martin Hall.** Peer and staff career advisors lead interactive sessions on these topics throughout the semesters. View the schedule of upcoming workshops on our website at [go.umd.edu/engworkshop](http://go.umd.edu/engworkshop).

8. **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 dates and details.

   - Find an Internship (or Co-op)
   - Optimizing your LinkedIn
   - Resume Writing
   - Cover Letters & Professional Correspondence
   - Career Fair Preparation
   - Interview Tips
   - Networking & Other Job Search Strategies
   - Job Offers and Salary Negotiation

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Engineering Career Services
9. Get involved! Whether you gain hands-on engineering experience you can put on your resume or you just want to meet people with similar interests, there are plenty of student organizations and competition teams on campus. Here are a few examples of Clark School chapters:

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10. Participate in cutting edge research...
- with faculty of the A. James Clark School of Engineering: eng.umd.edu/research-opportunities
- on campus and beyond via the Maryland Center for Undergraduate Research: ugresearch.umd.edu/
- funded with prestigious national scholarships: scholarships.umd.edu/

Want to explore the other services our office provides students? Come visit us! In addition to resume reviews you can also see us for cover letter reviews, interview tips, job search strategies, mock interviews, and so much more!

It is never too early to explore possible career paths, seek to gain experience, and start building your network.