

# TOP CAREER TIPS FOR NEW CLARK SCHOOL STUDENTS

### AFTER NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

- **1.** Explore our website. Visit eng.umd.edu/careers to view handouts, workshops, and much more.
- **2. Update (or create) a resume.** See the Resume Writing Handout or watch a recorded workshop on our website.
- **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 on our website.
- **5.** Start Your Career Readiness Challenge. Visit go.umd.edu/ecschallenge to see how you can gain skills needed for your professional development.

#### ONCE THE SEMESTER BEGINS

**6.** 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.

#### **Walk-in Resume Critiques**

Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**7. 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.

Find an Internship (or Co-op)
Optimizing your LinkedIn
Resume Writing

Cover Letters & Professional Correspondence
Career Fair Preparation
Interview Tips

- **8.** 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 <a href="mailto:go.umd.edu/engworkshop">go.umd.edu/engworkshop</a>.
- **9.** 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. ▶

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## MORE CAREER TIPS FOR NEW CLARK SCHOOL STUDENTS

**10. 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:

Competition Groups and Clubs	Contact Info
AIChE's Chem-E Car Competition	chemecar.umd@gmail.com
Concrete Canoe	cnccc@asce.org
Cybersecurity Club	president@csec.umiacs.umd.edu
Robotics@Maryland_	team@ram.umd.edu
Solar Decathlon	http://2017.solarteam.org
Terps Racing	terpsracing@eng.umd.edu
Terrapin Hackers	http://terrapinhackers.com
UMD Hyperloop	umdloop@gmail.com
Student Societies/Professional Organizations	
Alpha Omega Epsilon, Engineering Sorority	upsilonpres@gmail.com
American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA	)marylandaiaa@gmail.com
American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE)	umdasce@gmail.com
American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME)	asme.umdchapter@gmail.com
Black Engineers Society (BES)	bes.president@gmail.com
Biomedical Engineering Society (BMES)	bmesumdcp@gmail.com
Engineering Student Council (ESC)	esc@umd.edu
Engineers Without Borders (EWB)	ewbumcp@gmail.com
Engineering World Health (EWH)	ewhatumd@gmail.com
Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE)	ieee.umd@gmail.com
Society of Asian Scientists & Engineers (SASE)	saseumd@gmail.com
Society of Fire Protection Engineers (SPFE)	MarylandSFPE@gmail.com
Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE)	shpeumcp@gmail.com
Society of Women Engineers (SWE)	SWE.umd@gmail.com
Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honors Society (TBP)	
Theta Tau Professional Engineering Fraternity	

#### **11.** 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.