



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:

THINGS TO DO IN AUGUST:

- Explore our website.** See the Students section for tips and resources on gaining experience beyond the classroom, what to expect in your U.S. job search and how to stand out as an applicant. See Terps at Work for statistics and success stories.
- Follow us @UMDCareerENGR** for more tips!   
- Get a head start on your U.S. internship search** by attending career workshops in Martin Hall. Workshops on the topics below are offered throughout August and a few times each semester. You can sign up on our website at <http://ter.ps/engrworkshop>.

Find an Internship: Tips for International Students
*Resume Writing**
LinkedIn 101: Create an Account
Cover Letters & Professional Correspondence

Career Fair Preparation
Interview Tips
Cover Letters & Professional Correspondence
Job Offers and Salary Negotiation

** You must attend the Resume Writing workshop and update your resume before we can critique it or activate your Careers4Engineers/Careers4Terps account. Make sure to update your resume based on the tips you learn in the workshop before you share it with employers.*

- Attend relevant orientation sessions and workshops.** In addition to your required departmental, grad school, and ISSS orientations, these ISSS topics can be especially helpful as you prepare to work and live in the U.S.

Academic Success & U.S. Classroom Culture
American Culture 101
Finding On-Campus Employment
Transportation & Parking

Safety & Security
Tools for Cultural Adjustment
Understanding U.S. Healthcare
Becoming a Washington, DC "Insider"

- Apply for on-campus part time jobs.** See tips and links for departments that usually hire students at <https://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.
- Get involved!** Classes and grades are your largest priority, but make sure to take advantage of all the university and city have to offer. Whether you just want to meet people with similar interests or to gain hands on engineering experience you can put on your resume, there are plenty of student organizations and competition teams on campus.

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

MORE CAREER TIPS FOR NEW INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

ONCE THE SEMESTER BEGINS:

- Have your new resume critiqued.** Once you are officially registered as an engineering student at the University of Maryland, you can bring a printed copy of your updated resume to our office. We will give you suggestions on how to improve it and give you access to the Careers4Engineers/Careers4Terps database.

Find resume writing tips at <http://ter.ps/engrresume>.

Walk-in Resume Critiques

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

- Explore your *Careers4Engineers/Careers4Terps* account.** Use this portal to search and apply for internships and jobs with employers that hire Maryland 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.
- Attend events with employers** to network with professionals, learn about companies and maybe submit a resume. See our website for dates for these and more events.

*Engineering Picnic & Information Fair
Fall & Spring Career & Internship Fair
Employer Information Sessions & Lobby Tables*

*Engineering Career Fairs
Recruiters-in-Residence: Resume Clinics
Recruiters-in-Residence: Mock Interviews*

- Learn about career paths from alumni.** Terrapins Connect is a portal you can use to ask alumni for advice on career planning.
- Prepare for the job search process** by practicing networking, cover letter writing and interview preparation. See <https://eng.umd.edu/careers/students/job-search-tips>
- 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.
- Start building a network** of friends with similar interests by ...
 - joining a club: <http://orgsync.umd.edu/>
 - staying active or joining a team: <https://recwell.umd.edu/>
 - attending an engineering student society meeting: <https://eng.umd.edu/careers/employers/student-societies>
 - trying a new hobby: http://thestamp.umd.edu/art_learning_centerMeeting people and making friends that grew up in the U.S. can help you gain insight into U.S. culture.

- Take advantage of 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 help with career planning. We are happy to answer general questions or to meet with you individually to discuss your unique job search plan.