



# TOP CAREER PLANNING TIPS FOR NEW INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

## WHERE TO BEGIN

- **Explore our website.** Discover tips and resources on how to gain experience beyond the classroom, what to expect in your U.S. job search and how to stand out as an applicant <https://eng.umd.edu/careers/students/getting-started>. Throughout the website, you'll also find statistics and student success stories: *Terps at Work*.
- **Get a head start on your U.S. internship search** by attending career workshops in Engineering. Workshops are offered throughout the year. To get more information and to register, please visit: <http://ter.ps/engrworkshop>.

*Resume Writing (required)\*  
Find an Internship: Tips for Intl. Students (required)\*  
CPT Authorization Steps for F-1 Visa Holders  
LinkedIn 101: Create an Account*

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

*\*Please note: Prior to the start of the semester, the "Resume Writing" workshop AND the "Find an Internship: Tips for International Students" workshop are required prior to a resume critique. The resume review is required to have the [Careers4Engineers/Careers4Terps](#) account activated.*

- **Have your new resume critiqued.** Once you are registered for classes, please bring a printed copy of your updated resume to our office. Our peer advisors will offer suggestions on how to improve it. Once that's complete, you will be given access to the Careers4Engineers/Careers4Terps database.

**Walk-in Resume Critiques**  
*Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:15 p.m. | No Appointment Needed*

- **Use your Careers4Engineers/Careers4Terps account.** This portal allows you to search and apply for internships and jobs with employers. Having at least one internship will set you on a course towards an entry level position once you graduate.
- **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 the Students section of our webpage or to the Career Fairs and Events sections for details and dates.
- **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>. Learn about career paths from alumni by using Terrapins Connect and LinkedIn.

*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*

# MORE CAREER TIPS FOR NEW INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

## Professional Development Opportunities Within Engineering

### Explore Research Opportunities

Browse campus Research Institutes at <http://eng.umd.edu/featured-institutes-and-centers>

### Competition Groups and Clubs

#### Email Contact

AIChE's Chem-E Car Competition .....	chemecar.umd@gmail.com
UMD Hyperloop .....	umdloop@gmail.com
Solar Decathlon .....	pcossard@umd.edu
Concrete Canoe .....	umdasce@gmail.com
Robotics@Maryland .....	president@ram.umd.edu
Terps Racing .....	umdterpsracing@gmail.com
Terrapin Hackers .....	team@terrapinhackers.com
Cybersecurity Club .....	president@csec.umiacs.umd.edu

### Student Societies & Professional Organizations

Alpha Omega Epsilon, Engineering Sorority (AOE) .....	upsilonpres@gmail.com
American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) .....	asme.umdchapter@gmail.com
Black Engineers Society (BES) .....	bes.president@gmail.com
Engineering Student Council (ESC) .....	esc@umd.edu
Engineers Without Borders (EWE) .....	presidentewbumcp@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) .....	tbp.president@eng.umd.edu
Theta Tau Professional Engineering Fraternity (TT) .....	otpresident@umd.edu
American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) .....	marylandaiaa@gmail.com
Biomedical Engineering Society (BMES) .....	bmesumdcg@gmail.com
American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) .....	umdasce@gmail.com
Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE) .....	ieee.umd@gmail.com
Society of Fire Protection Engineers (SFPE) .....	MarylandSFPE@gmail.com

## Professional Development Opportunities Outside of Engineering

### University Sponsored Student Organizations

#### Search for the organization on TerpLink

Alliance for Diversity in Science and Engineering .....	<a href="https://umd.campuslabs.com/engage/">https://umd.campuslabs.com/engage/</a>
Graduate Student Government .....	<a href="https://gsg.umd.edu/">https://gsg.umd.edu/</a>
Latinx Graduate Student Association .....	<a href="https://umd.campuslabs.com/engage/">https://umd.campuslabs.com/engage/</a>
International Student Career Assistant Alliance .....	<a href="https://umd.campuslabs.com/engage/">https://umd.campuslabs.com/engage/</a>

### Apply for on-campus part time jobs.

Learn about which departments are hiring by visiting: <https://eng.umd.edu/careers/students/campus-jobs>.