

TOP 10 CAREER TIPS FOR NEW CLARK SCHOOL STUDENTS

Congratulations on your acceptance into the A. James Clark School of Engineering! We look forward to assisting you with your career preparation. Here are just a few ideas to help you get started:

AFTER NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

1. Attend career-building workshops in Glenn L. Martin Hall. Peer and staff career advisors lead interactive sessions on these topics throughout the summer and semester. View the schedule of upcoming workshops on our website at http://go.umd.edu/engworkshop.

Find an Internship (or Co-op)
LinkedIn 101: Create an Account
Resume Writing
Cover Letters & Professional Correspondence

Career Fair Preparation Interview Tips Networking & Other Job Search Strategies Job Offers and Salary Negotiation

- **2. Explore our website.** For example, go to http://go.umd.edu/engjstips to view and download the handouts we use in the workshops.
- **3. Update (or create) a resume.** Attend a workshop or download the Resume Writing handout from the link above for tips on format and content.
- **4.** Follow us @UMDCareerENGR for more career advice!



ONCE THE SEMESTER BEGINS

5. Have your resume critiqued. 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. After the critique, they will give you access to the Careers4Engineers database.

Walk-in Resume Critiques

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

- **6.** Set up your <u>Careers4Engineers/Careers4Terps</u> account. Use this portal to search and apply for internships and jobs with employers that are looking to hire UMD 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.
- **7.** 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.

Fall & Spring Career & Internship Fair 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 Clark School Students

8. 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	
Concrete Canoe	cnccc@asce.org
Cybersecurity Club	president@csec.umiacs.umd.ed
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)	
American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE)	umdasce@gmail.com
American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME)	
Black Engineers Society (BES)	bes.president@gmail.com
Biomedical Engineering Society (BMES)	
Engineering Student Council (ESC)	
Engineers Without Borders (EWB)	
Engineering World Health (EWH)	
Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE)	
Society of Asian Scientists & Engineers (SASE)	saseumd@gmail.com
Society of Fire Protection Engineers (SPFE)	
Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE)	
Society of Women Engineers (SWE)	
Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honors Society (TBP)	

9. Assist in cutting edge research...

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

10. Explore interests outside of your major by ...

- joining a club: http://orgsync.umd.edu/
- staying active or joining a team: https://recwell.umd.edu/
- trying a new hobby: http://thestamp.umd.edu/art_learning_center

Visit our office for additional help with career planning. We are happy to answer general questions or to meet individually to discuss your job search, interview preparation, salary and job offers, or post-graduation plans.

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

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