How to start your career planning now

Don't wait until you're ready to graduate to start planning for your career. The Engineering Career Resources & Employer Relations office offers a variety of resources, events, and activities to help you position yourself for future success as an engineer—starting during your first year at Penn State!

Hear Penn State engineering alumni talk about job prospects and career options at **bit.ly/explore-engineering**

1 Prepare job search and application documents

Get started by drafting a strong resume that includes a summary of your educational qualifications, work experience, and relevant skills. Visit our website for ideas and tips for resumes, curricula vitae, cover letters, and other job search and application documents.

2 Participate in career events

More than 1,000 different employers participate in virtual or in-person engineering career events every year at Penn State University Park. Want to connect with recruiters, learn about different companies or organizations, and find out what employers really want? Check out our website to see what's coming up!

3 Gain real-world experience

Get practical work experience while you're still a student by completing an internship, co-op, or short-term research opportunity—and even earn academic credit! There are hundreds of semester-long and summer engineering internships and co-ops posted on an ongoing basis in Nittany Lion Careers [bit.ly/nl-careers], the University's free single-system recruiting platform for all students, alumni, and employers.

Check out career.engr.psu.edu for helpful tools and information:

- Job search timelines and resources
- Co-ops and internships
- Resumes and other job search documents
- Networking and interviewing
- Comparing job offers
- Accepting the job
- Engineering average salaries
- Tips for success in the workplace
- Department and campus career contacts
- Upcoming events

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