EXPLORE OPTIONS

Here are some initial questions to ask yourself:

- What aspects of my major are related to my career of interest?
- What industry do I see myself working in?
- Which of my interests and strengths do I want to engage in?
- Will my career path require me to pursue an advanced degree?

Career Preparation

- Sign up for any of these FREE assessments with a peer advisor in Career Resource Room (CRR):
  - Strong Interest Inventory
  - Myers-Briggs Type Indicator

- Read library books in CRR such as: Career Opportunities in Engineering, Great Jobs for Engineering Majors, The Engineer’s Career Guide, and so many more!

- Browse through the Science related career binders in the online career library: Computer and Mathematics and Engineering, Trades, & Architecture

- Conduct informational interviews and job shadowing with professionals in your area of interest and ask these questions:
  - What does a typical day in this profession look like?
  - What is the most rewarding part of your position?
  - What do you not like about your position?

- Meet with a Career Counselor to discuss your findings

Academic Preparation

- Speak with undergraduate academic advisor to ensure you are on track with your major

- Maintain competitive GPA within your major

- Utilize campus resources (e.g., CLAS, study groups or private tutoring, etc.)

- Meet with professors during office hours to discuss your career goals and learn about research opportunities

Personal Preparation

- Join an engineering related student organizations through UCSB Office of Student Life’s website

- Create a website or online portfolio to begin showcasing personal and class projects

GET EXPERIENCE

Be sure to check out the Get Experience section of the Career Services website!

- Connect with Career services to obtain research assistant positions

- Review the STEM Research Opportunities handout in the CRR or on the Career Services website

International

- Consider studying abroad through the Education Abroad Program (EAP)

- Research international internship opportunities via GoinGlobal, etc.

Leadership

- Consider the Leadership Certificate Program (LCP) offered through Office of Student Life

- Apply for a leadership role on-campus through Associated Students or in a student organization

- Seek volunteer opportunities in your community (ex. Community Affairs Board, SB Young Professionals Club, etc.)

Networking

- Attend a LinkedIn and Networking workshop through Career Services and set up a LinkedIn profile to build connections

- Set up a LinkedIn critique with career counselor
**Industry**

**Connect with Career**
- Check out full-time jobs in Handshake
- Review National Job Links, Job Search Tips & Guidelines and Accepting Offers handouts
- Make an appointment with a career counselor to discuss your job-search strategy

**Résumé/Cover Letter**
- Meet with career counselor during CRR drop-in session to review your résumé or cover letter.
- Attend resume+ and have résumé critiqued by employer
- Make appointment with faculty to review your résumé and ask for possible job leads to contact for possible job leads to contact

**Interview**
- Schedule ½ hour appointment at Career Services for Mock Interview (NOTE: limit one per quarter)

**Job Search/Career Events**
- Connect with recruiters by participating in following career events:
  - Quarterly Career Fairs
  - Industry Panels
  - Employer Info Sessions
  - On-Campus Interviews
- Attend a Job Search Strategies workshop

**Negotiation**
- Review the books in the CRR such as Negotiate Your Job Offer and many more!

**Graduate/Professional School**
- Review Graduate School Options handout
- Research graduate programs at www.gradschools.com or www.petersons.com
- Identify application deadlines, prerequisites and graduate exam (if applicable) for programs you are interested in applying to

**Career Events**
- Attend Graduate & Professional School Day during Fall
- Attend Graduate School workshop during academic year

**Statement of Purpose (SOP)**
- Attend Writing a SOP workshop through CLAS
- Review rough draft of your SOP with faculty
- Obtain critique of final draft of SOP by scheduling one hour appointment at Career Services (NOTE: limit one per quarter)

**Curriculum Vitae (CV)/Letters of Recommendation**
- Meet with a career counselor during ½ hour appointment to review your CV
- Prepare packets of information (ex: application deadlines, CV and SOP) to give to your recommenders
- Identify recommenders and request letters of recommendation from your professors

**Graduate Exams**
- Attend strategy session and investigate study preparation courses for your graduate exam

**Interview**
- Schedule ½ hour appointment at Career Services for Mock Interview (NOTE: limit one per quarter)