



CAREERSERVICES UCSB

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# SCIENCE

## Navigating Your Future

This path is for Science majors at UCSB and is geared toward students who are looking to pursue careers in scientific fields such as:

- ◆ Aquatic Biology
- ◆ Biotechnology
- ◆ Biochemistry/Chemistry
- ◆ Cell & Developmental
- ◆ Ecology & Evolution
- ◆ Environmental Studies
- ◆ GIS
- ◆ Geohydrology
- ◆ Geology
- ◆ Geophysics
- ◆ Hydrologic Sciences
- ◆ Pharmacology
- ◆ Physical Geography
- ◆ Physics
- ◆ Physiology
- ◆ Zoology

**Gaucho Paths to Success (GPS)** is a career education program offering you a framework to effectively pursue various occupational areas, through optimizing your academic, experiential, and career development preparation.

## EXPLORE OPTIONS

Here are some initial questions to ask yourself:

- ◆ What aspects of my major are related to my career?
- ◆ What industry do I see myself 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**
  - ◆ **Focus 2**
  - ◆ **Strengths Finder**
- Read **library books in CRR** such as: *Career Opportunities in Science, Careers in Chemistry, Careers in Physics, Put Your Science to Work*, and so many more!
- Browse through the Science related **career binders in online career library** such as: *Environmental, Sustainability, and Agriculture and Life & Physical Science*
- 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?
  - ◆ What advice do you have for someone wanting to pursue this career path?
- 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 science 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

- Sign up for **GachoLink** and check out a variety of experiential opportunities such as internships and part-time jobs
- Attend **Career Services workshops** (résumés/cover letters, job & internship search, interview strategies)
- Meet with career counselor during **CRR drop-in hours** to review your résumé or cover letter
- Attend quarterly **career fairs, employer info sessions, and industry panels**

### Internships

- Search via **GachoLink** and [www.Internships.com](http://www.Internships.com)
- Review **Internship Toolkit** on GachoLink
- Sign up for your **academic department's listserv**

### Research

- Review **Faculty Research Assistance Program (FRAP)** directory for on-campus research opportunities
- Check out **Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities (URCA)** for opportunities to work with faculty

- Connect with professors to obtain **research assistant positions**
- Review **STEM Research Opportunities** handout in the CRR or on Career Services' website

### International

- Consider studying abroad through **Education Abroad Program (EAP)**
- Research **international internship opportunities** via GoinGlobal, 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

### 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.)

## Industry

### Connect with Career

- Check out full-time jobs in **GachoLink**
- Review **National Job Links, Job Search Tips & Guidelines and Accepting Offers** handouts on Career Services' website
- Make appointment with a **Career Counselor** to discuss your job search strategy

### Résumé/Cover Letter

- Meet with career counselor during **CRR drop-in hours** to review your updated 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

## Graduate/Professional School

- Review **Graduate School Options handout**
- Research graduate programs at [www.gradschools.com](http://www.gradschools.com) or [www.petersons.com](http://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** in the 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)

### 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**
  - ♦ **Employer Info Sessions**
  - ♦ **Industry Panels**
  - ♦ **On-Campus Interviews**
- Attend a **Job Search Strategy workshop**

### Negotiation

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

### Curriculum Vitae (CV)/Letters of Rec

- Meet with a counselor during ½ hour **appointment** to review your CV
- Prepare packets of information** (ex: application deadlines, CV and SOP, writing sample) 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)