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
- 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?
- 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

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**Connect with Career**
- Check out full-time jobs in GauchoLink
- 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

**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!

### 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)

**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

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