

RECRUITING CYCLE

HOW DO I FIND CAREER-RELATED EXPERIENCE?

While it may be true that many employers are looking for students further in their undergraduate career, there are internships and co-ops available for students just beginning their degree! Sometimes this varies based on company, and sometimes it depends on the industry. **It's important to get started early!**

Employers begin recruiting students in the early fall for the following summer. Career fairs and other recruiting events begin as soon as the second week of classes.

WHAT IF I CAN'T FIND AN INTERNSHIP OR CO-OP?

There are a lot of ways to get career-related experience in addition to an internship or co-op, even in your first couple of years at VT. Consider joining a club related to your career goal or major, taking on leadership opportunities, job shadowing, beginning research, studying abroad, or doing something completely unique. Speak with an advisor in Career and Professional Development to learn how to get started early on your career journey!



CAREER AND PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT
VIRGINIA TECH.

WHAT DO WE DO?

Your career journey begins now!
Career and Professional Development is here to help you along your way!

EXPLORE

Discover majors, career options, and yourself

EXPERIENCE

Start finding career-related opportunities

DEVELOP

Build the skills essential to workplace success

LAUNCH

Find your next step after graduation



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Make Your Mark
on the world



EXPLORE

Find Your Path

Are you unsure of what you would like to do with your major?

Are you trying to decide what to major in? Either way, **we are here to help!**

- ✚✚ Explore career and major options
- ✚✚ Discover more about yourself using assessments
- ✚✚ Utilize resources in the Career Resource Center to research careers, job market trends, and practice networking
- ✚✚ Explore educational requirements for graduate school

DEVELOP

Your Professional Edge

Virginia Tech students are given limitless opportunities to **develop professional competencies** essential to workplace success both in and out of the classroom.

Career and Professional Development **serves as a bridge between students' university experience and career** by acting as a catalyst for students to reflect on their experiences, recognize the skills developed, and promote themselves effectively. These professional competencies include:

- Communication
- Creativity and Problem Solving
- Digital Fluency
- Global Perspective
- Leadership
- Professionalism and Productivity
- Teamwork and Interpersonal

EXPERIENCE

Make Yourself Competitive

Explore your career through experiences like job shadowing, volunteering, internships, cooperative education, field study, service learning, and student organizations.

- ✚✚ Participate in our **Internship FastTrack** to help you find and succeed in your experience
- ✚✚ Build your professional network
- ✚✚ Participate in the **Cooperative Education and Internship Program (CEIP)**
- ✚✚ Use **Handshake** to find career opportunities

LAUNCH

Your Next Step

Whether you are looking for a **job**, applying to **graduate school**, or planning a **gap year** to do something entirely new, we are here to help you prepare.

- ✚✚ Resumes/CVs and cover letters
- ✚✚ Finding and applying to jobs and graduate programs
- ✚✚ Mock interviews
- ✚✚ Preparing for career fairs
- ✚✚ Negotiating offers
- ✚✚ Health Professions Advising