



Career Roadmap

Step 1- Explore

- Book an appointment with a career advisor to talk about your career goals.
- Assess your values, [interests](#), personality and skills.
- Enroll in a career course.
- Join campus clubs/organizations.
- Research potential career options through O*NET, [Vault](#), and [Career Path Guides](#).
- Develop desired skills through part-time/full-time work or volunteer opportunities.
- Create [LinkedIn](#) profile.
- Build a [resume](#) that accurately reflects experiences and skills.
- Research possible [majors](#) and [careers of interest](#).
- Interview professionals in jobs that interest you.

Step 2- Engage

- Join extracurricular activities for personal and professional development.
- Update and upload your resume to [Vmock](#).
- Talk to professionals about day-to-day job experiences through [informational interviews](#).
- Learn to write and tailor cover letters.
- Attend [career workshops](#) to explore career options and build professional skills.
- Collaborate with others within the classroom as well as professional settings.
- Seek out leadership roles within clubs/organizations and build relationships in your network.
- Participate in Job shadow programs in industries of interest.
- Explore your career options by [making an appointment](#) with a career advisor.
- Develop skills through extracurriculars, part time work, internships or volunteer work.

Step 3- Get Ready

- Create an Internships/Job Search plan. Explore [internship](#) and [job search](#) tools.
- Practice [interview](#) skills.
- Attend [career fairs](#) and employer information sessions.
- Gain experience relevant to your career field.
- Ensure [resume](#) and [cover letter](#) highlight your experiences and skills.
- Develop leadership and networking skills by remaining active in clubs/organizations.
- Research and apply for internships through [Handshake](#) or [Titan Connection](#).
- Consult with the CSUF advisor team about career options and major requirements.
- Research companies and conduct informational interviews to gain industry insight.
- Join local professional associations; network and start building industry connections.

Step 4- Land it

- Organize job search strategies for obtaining fulltime employment; start applying for jobs.
- Know the hiring timelines of various industries and review your target industry.
- Monitor postings in Job sites; research companies and gather information about job offers.
- Conduct [mock interviews](#) and utilize [Big Interview](#) to master interview skills
- Attend career fairs and employer info sessions, continue to build your network.
- Learn how to ethically navigate job offers.
- Finalize your master resume and understand how to tailor your [resume](#) and [cover letter](#).
- Join CSUF Alumni Association.
- Ask for letters of recommendation from professors, colleagues, and employers.
- Start your [search](#) early and read job postings thoroughly. *Remember: on average, it may take an individual up to 6 months to land a job. Start your search process early!*