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!