



Career Counseling

The Career Center encourages students to meet with our experienced career counselors in one-on-one appointments to discuss career exploration and job search strategies throughout their years at Hopkins. We assist students with graduate school planning as well as the job search. Our staff collaborates with alumni and employers to sponsor panels, job fairs, and January Intersession trips.

Individual Career Counseling

Students who feel that they are certain about their career goals and students who would like to identify new career options are welcome. Students who are changing majors often meet with a career counselor to find out about resources related to their new area of interest.

Assessing personal preferences, skills, and interests is an important part of the career development process. Our career counselors use a variety of assessment inventories including the Strong Interest Inventory, the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator and FOCUS to help students with this process.

A four-year planning guide is available in PDF format online at www.jhu.edu/careers. Select “Students,” then “Handouts” to find it. Students should feel free to explore steps listed in future years.

One of the areas we advise students to explore is experiential learning, which includes internships, research, student clubs and activities, volunteer opportunities, and part-time employment. Also, see the section beginning on page 40 for more information about experiential learning. Gaining experience in a field of interest will not only help students build the skills they’ll need in the future, it also will allow them to meet professionals who can serve as mentors and contacts for career questions in the future.



Networking: A Key Strategy for Obtaining Career Information

Students will find that Hopkins alumni can provide excellent advice about their career fields, organizations, and industries. HopkinsNet, www.alumni.jhu.edu, can help students identify alumni for career advice. HopkinsNet allows students to search for alumni by major, job function, position title, employer name, and standard industry class, as well as geographic location.

Before contacting alumni, students should research the career field or company to gain a basic understanding. Then, they may wish to ask alumni questions that request their individual perspectives. Students should inquire about the skill sets employers look for, professional associations that are recommended, and job titles or functions for those interested in a specific type of work.

If a student finds the responses from a particular alum helpful, then s/he may want to seek additional advice or suggestions about getting started in the field. HopkinsNet is not a job bank. However, students who talk with alumni who are actively working in a profession can gain insight and helpful contacts in their areas of interest.

Students are sometimes reserved or shy about approaching alumni for advice. If students would like to get some assistance with planning their approach to networking,

we invite them to schedule an appointment with a career counselor. They can call 410-516-8056 to make an appointment. Many helpful networking resources are also available in the Career Center and on the Career Center Web site at www.jhu.edu/careers.

Career Services after Graduation

The Career Center offers services to all alumni of full-time Engineering and Arts and Sciences programs, with more services available to the most recent alumni. Alumni within two years of graduation from Hopkins may utilize all the services available to current students. After two years, alumni may utilize Career Tools, a resource available through the Alumni Relations Office. They may also maintain a Career Center Account and access HopkinsNet (passwords are needed). Alumni are always welcome at job fairs, both on and off campus.

