Graduate Students
Resources for Careers Outside of Faculty Pathways

What Career Resources are Available for Graduate Students?

CCS Graduate Students Website
(career.cornell.edu/Students/Grad)
The Cornell Career Services (CCS) website has a section dedicated to graduate students where you can find various career resources customized for graduate students’ career exploration and job search beyond faculty pathways. Be sure to subscribe to our bi-weekly e-newsletter, CU Careers Beyond Academia.

CUeLINKS
(cuelinks.cornell.edu)
A university-wide online networking platform where community members can connect with the people and resources they need to achieve academic, career, and personal goals.

Versatile Ph.D.
(career.cornell.edu/Students/Grad)
This is an excellent online resource for humanities, social science, science, and engineering graduate students. This site includes job postings, introductions to a range of careers for graduate students, and confidential discussion forums. You may also peruse resumes and cover letters from successful job applicants with graduate degrees.

ImaginePhD
(imaginephd.com)
A free, online career exploration and planning tool for PhD students and postdoctoral scholars in the humanities and social sciences. After creating an account, you are able to assess your career-related skills, interests, and values, explore career paths appropriate to your disciplines, and map out steps for degree completion alongside career and professional development.

Carpe Careers at Inside Higher Ed
(insidehighered.com/career-advice/carpe-careers)
Carpe Careers is a column dedicated to providing career and professional development advice to graduate students. It covers both academic and non-academic career related topics and can help you to prepare for a range of careers.

PhD at Work
(phdsatwork.com)
Connect with PhDs working in various career fields beyond academia. Gain insights on managing your careers by exploring their stories from a “week-in-the-life” approach.

Handshake
(cornell.joinhandshake.com)
A set of web-based services offered by CCS that includes job and internship postings, on-campus recruiting, employer information, and campus events. Find which employers look for graduate students by using a ‘School Year’ filter.

OptimalResume™
(cornell.optimalresume.com)
This site provides sample resumes and cover letters as well as templates to help you create your resume and cover letter. It also provides job descriptions and typical skills by linking to O*Net, a database of occupational information from the U.S. Department of Labor. In addition, you can practice your interviewing skills through the Optimal Interview tool.

On-Campus Events: Career Services
(career.cornell.edu/events/calendar)
Programs are held year-round and include campus-wide career fairs, panel discussions, job-search workshops, fellowship opportunities, and alumni networking opportunities. All career events or workshops are advertised on the CCS Event Calendar.

On-Campus Events: Graduate School
(gradschool.cornell.edu/events)
The Graduate School provides programs relevant to your career advancement. Look for professional-development events in the Events Calendar section at the Graduate School website and in the Graduate School weekly e-newsletter.

CCS Link Library
(career.cornell.edu/resources/links)
The CCS Link Library links you to resources about fellowships, jobs, internships, and employer information. Visit your own college career office website for more discipline-specific resources. Some colleges have alumni databases for their affiliated students.

CCS Media Library
(career.cornell.edu/resources/media)
Did you miss a career workshop? The CCS Media Library provides recordings of previous presentations. Topics include interviewing skills, launching a job or internship search, career paths, networking, and more.

Campus Career Libraries
(ccs.career.cornell.edu/Library/SearchNew/search.php)
Barnes Hall hosts a career library open to all Cornell students. Resources include books, journals, and test
preparation materials. Several college/school career offices have libraries with additional information.

What Kind of Career Assistance Can I Get from Cornell's Career Offices?

Cornell has career offices located across campus that can help you:
• Identify your skills, interests, and values
• Explore potential career options that build on your skills or interests
• Provide various professional-development and job-search resources
• Develop a job search strategy that aligns your experiences and professional goals
• Find internship and job opportunities
• Prepare internship or job application materials
• Practice for interviews
• Negotiate job offers

Where Do I Go to Get Help?

Graduate students can pursue various careers within academia and beyond faculty pathways with jobs in business, industry, government, non-profit, research lab, or other sectors. Graduate students can visit their own college/school career office or the university-wide office located in Barnes Hall. If you would like to make an individual appointment with a career advisor for assistance in your career exploration and job search, please call or visit the appropriate office.

• If you are a PhD/MS graduate student seeking careers outside of academia, or a professional master’s student (MPS), find the appropriate career office to assist you by visiting career.cornell.edu...Students...Graduate Students...Assistance with Your Career
• If you are applying for a faculty position, consult with your special committee members and Director of Graduate Studies for guidance relevant to your field
• If you are interested in pursuing postdoctoral studies, contact Christine Holmes, Director of Postdoctoral Studies, in 392 Caldwell Hall

How Do I Contact my Career Office?

University-Wide
103 and 200 Barnes Hall
607/255-5296

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
140 Roberts Hall
607/255-2257

College of Architecture, Art, and Planning
103 Barnes Hall
607/254-3583

College of Engineering
201 Carpenter Hall
607/255-5006

College of Veterinary Medicine
S2 009 Schurman Hall
607/253-3700

Cornell Institute for Public Affairs (CIPA)
190 Caldwell Hall
607/255-5587

ILR School
201 Ives Hall
607/255-7816

Law School
144 Myron Taylor Hall
607/255-5873

SC Johnson College of Business
SCJ Graduate School of Management
202 Sage Hall
607/255-4888

College of Arts and Sciences and College of Human Ecology students visit University-Wide Office for assistance.