

Resources for Careers Outside of Academia

What Career Resources are Available for Graduate Students?

[CCS Graduate Students Website](#)

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 academia. Don't forget to subscribe our bi-weekly e-newsletter, *CU Careers Beyond Academia*. Visit www.career.cornell.edu → Students → Graduate Students

[Versatile Ph.D.](#)

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. Visit www.career.cornell.edu → Students → Graduate Students.

[ImaginePhD](http://www.imaginephd.com) (www.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](http://www.insidehighered.com/career-advice/carpe-careers)

(www.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 graduate students prepare for a range of careers.

[PhD at Work](http://www.phdsatwork.com) (www.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](http://www.cornell.joinhandshake.com) (www.cornell.joinhandshake.com)

A 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™](http://www.cornell.optimalresume.com) (www.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 in the U.S. In addition, you can practice your interviewing skills through the Optimal-Interview tool.

[On-Campus Events: Career Offices](#)

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](#). Visit www.career.cornell.edu → Events → Calendar

[On-Campus Events: Graduate School](#)

The Graduate School provides programs relevant to your career advancement. Check all professional development events from the [Events Calendar](#) section at the Graduate School website at gradschool.cornell.edu. Don't forget to check the Graduate School weekly e-newsletter.

[CCS Link Library](#)

The CCS Link Library has various links that provide resources about fellowships, jobs, internships, and employer information. Don't forget to visit your own college career office website for more discipline-specific resources. Some colleges have alumni databases for their affiliated students. Visit www.career.cornell.edu → Resources → Link Library.

[CCS Media Library](#)

Cannot attend any career workshop? CCS Media Library provides recordings of previous presentations. Topics include interviewing skills, launching a job or internship search, career paths, networking, and more. Visit www.career.cornell.edu → Resources → Media Library.

[Campus Career Libraries](#)

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. You may conduct an online search of all career library resources through [CCS career library database](#). Visit www.career.cornell.edu → Resources → Search Career Libraries.

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 in academia and beyond academia 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 210 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

Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management
B63 Warren Hall
607/255-7323

School of Hotel Administration

180 Statler Hall
607/255-6376

SCJ Graduate School of Management

202 Sage Hall
607/255-4888