

Connect with Alumni to Explore Careers

What is the Alumni Connections Program (ACP)?

The ACP is a program that offers an opportunity for Cornell undergraduate and graduate students to connect with alumni. Through these connections, students will learn how to articulate a deeper knowledge of the field they are exploring, network more effectively, research organizations, and prepare appropriate questions for future contacts and employers.

Alumni will indicate on their listing if they are willing to connect with a student through one or more methods including, job shadowing opportunities, informational phone calls or lunch meetings, or career treks.

The ACP is *not* a job or internship service for students interested in working for a sponsor's organization.

Alumni connections are available in various career fields and geographic locations across the U.S.

DIY Connections

Resources are available to assist students in designing their own job shadowing opportunity if they are interested in shadowing a non-Cornellian.

Considerations for Applicants

Eligibility

The program is open to fully matriculated Cornell undergraduate and graduate students. Freshmen are eligible to participate starting their second semester.

Students are eligible to apply for two job-shadowing connections in the fall and spring semesters, in addition to one over the summer. Students can apply to an unlimited number of informational interview connections.

Availability

The ACP is open year-round for students to make connections with alumni. It is up to each student to communicate with alumni to set up their individual connection opportunities. Sponsors will specify which opportunities they are able to support.

Expenses

Students are responsible for all expenses related to connecting with the sponsor, including airfare/travel, housing, meals, etc.

Additional Information

Additional details about the program including application instructions can be found at career.cornell.edu... Students... Exploring Options... Alumni Connections Program.

Program Details

1. Attend an information session to learn more about the program. Information sessions are not mandatory, but can clear up any confusion.
2. Apply for the program by starting a checklist.
3. After checklist is completed, an online orientation is required before your sponsor's contact information will be released (All students must complete the online orientation in order to participate.)
4. Upon completion of orientation, sponsor's contact information will be released.
5. Students are responsible for contacting their sponsor to arrange the logistics of their connection. Students must contact their sponsor within 2 weeks of receiving contact information, otherwise they will forfeit the connection.