

CAREER PLAN FOR SOPHOMORES

What?	Why?
Visit the Career Development Center (CDC) in the Project Center (1st Floor) and explore our services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Familiarize yourself with CDC resources and staff Gain a better understanding of your major, possible careers, and internship resources Review tip sheets
Access your Handshake account to explore internships, co-ops, and part-time jobs posted exclusively for WPI students.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gain access to jobs, co-ops, internships, resources, podcasts, tipsheets, and additional resources. Ensure that your current data will yield suitable jobs
Learn how to write resume and cover letters, or how to update them with your first year information with guidance from CDC workshops, and/or assistance from CDC staff via scheduled and/or drop-in appointments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare for Career Fairs Apply to internships, co-ops, work study, and part-time jobs to gain practical experience in your field Add Great Problem Seminar to your resume, if applicable
A Term: Write your resume for your IQP application and to apply for summer internships.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be prepared for IQP and to be competitive at the Fall Career Fair
Meet with a CDC staff member.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss career options and learn how to find an internship
B Term: Record a mock interview on InterviewStream	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To practice interviewing for IQP and internships or co-ops
Learn about and consider doing a co-op (6-8 months of work experience).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are lots of opportunities To build on your experience in your resume
Access and utilize Focus2 and CareerShift (through Handshake).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To take self-assessments and research majors and careers (Focus2) To search for internships and co-ops, research companies of interest and company contacts (CareerShift)
Attend company information sessions (keep an eye out for these events in Handshake).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learn about companies, careers, full-time and part time jobs, summer internships, and co-ops, and meet with professionals
Attend the Career Fairs in September and February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Find a summer internship and jobs Learn about jobs and careers Meet and network with WPI alumni and employers
Participate in extracurricular activities and join professional societies on campus; take on a leadership role.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To build leadership, management, and teamwork skills To add experience to your resume
Get to know faculty and administrators.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To help guide you towards a career For future references
Visit the CDC to incorporate the past year's projects and jobs/internship/activities onto your resume.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To hit the ground running in August and to begin searching for next year's summer internship

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