# Career Plan for Sophomores

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| **Visit the Career Development Center (CDC) in the Project Center (1st Floor) and explore our services.** | • 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 and part-time jobs posted exclusively for WPI students.** | • Gain access to jobs, co-ops, internships, resources, podcasts, tip sheets, 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.** | • 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.** | • To be prepared for IQP and to be competitive at the Fall Career Fair |
| **Meet with a CDC staff member.** | • Discuss career options and learn how to find an internship |
| **B Term: Record a mock interview on InterviewStream** | • To practice interviewing for IQP and internships or co-ops |
| **Learn about and consider doing a co-op (6-8 months of work experience).** | • There are lots of opportunities  
• To build on your experience in your resume |
| **Access and utilize Focus2 and CareerShift (through Handshake).** | • 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).** | • 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** | • 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.** | • To build leadership, management, and teamwork skills  
• To add experience to your resume |
| **Get to know faculty and administrators.** | • 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.** | • To hit the ground running in August and to begin searching for next year’s summer internship |

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