Landing your dream job is not a one year process! Use this guide to prepare for life after graduation.

JUNIOR YEAR
- Develop a general awareness of career options in many areas
- Talk with a career counselor to establish future plans
- Attend panels of working professionals, like the Career Discovery Series, to learn about specific careers from professionals in the field
- Attend workshops throughout the year (e.g. resume, interviewing, internship search)
- Attend the Graduate and Professional School Fairs and Internship and Career Fair
- Maintain a high GPA
- Get a job, internship, or volunteer position relating to your career interests
- Research specific job positions or graduate schools
- Update your resume

SUMMER BEFORE SENIOR YEAR
- Check graduate schools for prerequisite course requirements (if you are planning on attending graduate school)
- Ask your references for letters of recommendation
- Prepare for or take required graduate school exam(s)
- Get a job, internship, or volunteer position relating to your career interests

SENIOR YEAR
- Attend workshops on job search, interviewing, networking, and applying to graduate school
- Meet with a career counselor to discuss your progress
- Apply to graduate school
- Research and develop a target list of potential employers
- Learn more about On Campus Interview (OCI) opportunities and apply for positions on Handshake
- Attend career fairs and professional panels
- Attend information sessions to learn about career opportunities and to meet recruiters

JOB & INTERNSHIP SERVICES
- Handshake (online job and internship listings)
- Career fairs and workshops
- On-Campus Interview (OCI) program
- Resume and cover letter critiques
- Internship advising
- Professional panels
- Career preparation workshops (see Handshake for full details)
- Employer information sessions

GRADUATE / MEDICAL / LAW SCHOOL SERVICES
- Graduate School Fair
- Law School Fair
- Health Professions Grad School Fair
- Applying to graduate / law school workshops
- Graduate and professional school advising
- Letters of recommendation (LOR) online service through interfolio.com

NOT SURE ABOUT YOUR CAREER DIRECTION?
DON’T WORRY.

Individual Career Counseling Appointment
Meet with a counselor to create short and long term goals and a tailored action plan for achieving success

Focus 2 (https://uci.edu/focus-2-career/)
A free, self-paced career and educational planning tool.

Drop-In Advising
Brief consultation to address career or graduate school questions, resume or cover letter critiques, and more!

Online Career Information Resources
Visit the Division of Career Pathways’ website at career.uci.edu to find online guides, videos, and a variety of helpful resources from across campus and beyond

Career Spots (career.uci.edu/careerspots)
Quick, informative videos on a variety of topics, including career readiness, internships, and career advice

VMock (vmock.com/uci)
Upload your resume and receive instant feedback based on presentation, impact, and competencies

Career Labs
Drop in any time during our labs for hands-on help with your resume, cover letter, LinkedIn, part-time jobs, and your Handshake profile