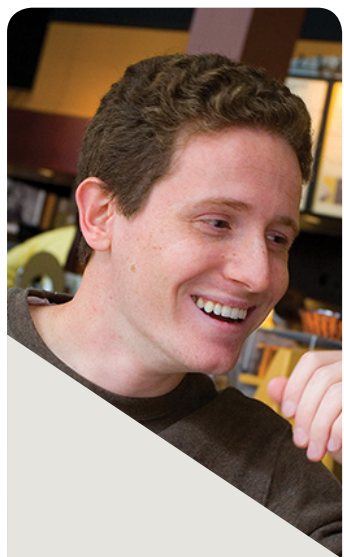


Four-Year Career Plan

Create your strategy for gaining experience and becoming “internship ready.” Regularly visit a career advisor throughout your time at Rutgers.

Learn how to schedule an appointment at careers.rutgers.edu/advise.

Explore Majors/Careers and Build Experience



First Year

Explore Majors and Careers

- Meet with a career advisor
- Take a career assessment
- Attend the major and minor fairs

Focus on Academics

- Set up a study schedule
- Attend all classes; don't sit in the back
- Utilize tutoring services

Get Involved

- Attend involvement fairs
- Find a group of friends
- Join at least one student organization

Recommended Online Tool

- Activate your Rutgers Handshake account
- Sokanu Self-Assessment



Sophomore

Select Your Major(s) & Career Cluster

- Declare your major
- Select a career cluster in Rutgers Handshake
- Develop relationships with faculty & administrators

Take an Active or Leadership Role

- Become more involved by serving on a committee or obtaining a leadership role

Prepare for the Internship Search

- Create a resume and get it critiqued
- Identify internships of interest
- Prepare for interviewing

Recommended Online Tools

- Scarlet Talk Videos
- Vault



Junior

Explore Specific Careers & Graduate Programs

- Narrow your career focus
- Explore graduate school & talk to faculty
- Identify graduate school & internship search resources

Network

- Attend networking events
- Utilize the Student-Alumni Career Connect System
- Create a professional LinkedIn profile

Find an Internship

- Apply to internships
- Consider earning credit for your internship
- Stand out at your internship

Recommended Online Tools

- InterviewStream
- Student-Alumni Career Connect System



Senior

Apply for Jobs and/or Graduate Programs

- Prepare application materials
- Consolidate your post-graduation strategy

Prepare for the Transition from College to Career

- Make an impact at your first job out of college
- Adapt to a new work schedule

Maintain Networking Contacts

- Stay connected with faculty and colleagues after you leave

Recommended Online Tools

- Rutgers Handshake Job Postings
- Vault