

CAREERS IN HIGHER EDUCATION



If you're interested in pursuing a job in a college or university setting, there are two basic career pathways to consider. Many of these careers require graduate degrees.

[The Chronicle of Higher Education](#) is a great resource to stay in the know with trends, happenings, and current conversations in Higher Education.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Academic Affairs is focused on the academic learning experience of college students. There are a few roles to pursue in academic affairs:

FACULTY

Faculty is what most may think of when imagining a career in higher education.

These subject-matter experts, are responsible for creating/discovering new knowledge (research), and passing on that new knowledge to others (teaching and publication).

ADMINISTRATIVE ROLES

Administrative positions like Deans and Provosts in Academic Affairs can be pursued after gaining expertise as a faculty member



Faculty mentorships are a key aspect of successfully pursuing career paths in academic affairs. Connect with faculty at Tufts who are teaching or studying your area of interest. You can also search [The Herd](#) and find Tufts Alumni who have also pursued this path to connect with.

STUDENT AFFAIRS

Student Affairs encompasses a large range of roles and functions at colleges and universities, that focus on supporting student learning and development outside the classroom. Student Affairs professionals are educators who are trained to create learning environments and experiences that help students connect their academic learning across multiple environments.



Student Affairs divisions have different names at each institution, and typically encompass the following: departments: Residential Life, Career Services, Student Leadership, Greek Life, Student Activities, Financial Aid, Athletics, Civic Engagement, Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion, Admissions, Academic Advising, Counseling and Wellness, and more. Look around Tufts and you will see examples of these kinds of jobs all around you!



To learn more about careers in Student Affairs, consider talking with someone in Tuft's Division of Student Affairs, researching graduate programs, explore resources from one of these professional development associations ([ACPA](#), [NASPA](#)), or browse website like [higheredjobs.com](#) to get a sense of different kind of roles.