

GET CAREER READY!

FOURTH YEAR STUDENTS

LEVERAGE INVOLVEMENT

Start!

Reflect on and assess the skills and knowledge you've acquired thru campus involvement.

Conduct a mock interview and seek advice from professionals in your chosen profession.

Seek out positive references from professors, supervisors and advisors.

Engage with local chapters of national organizations online and in person.

Wellness Tip:
Truman's Closet enables MU students to borrow business attire in an array of sizes free of charge.

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ASSESS SKILLS & CAREER READINESS

Review your online image so that it reflects your career interests and professionalism.

Participate in professional development workshops sponsored by career services.

Evaluate whether your resume, cover letter and work samples reflect your skills.

Reflect on how your courses and extracurriculars contributed to your career readiness.

Be prepared to discuss career readiness with employers and where you excel.

Note the ways you can enhance your career readiness competencies on Focus 2.

PURSUE CAREER OPTIONS

Wellness Tip:
Use the Sanvello app to manage stress and stay balanced.

Maximize **Handshake**: Update your profile, set up job alerts and apply for full-time positions.

Take advantage of career fairs and recruitment events all accessible from **Handshake**.

Draft unique **cover letters**, **thank yous** and other communications.

Have your resume reviewed by career services and verify it will pass thru applicant tracking systems.

Wellness Tip:
Get a free consultation from the **Office for Financial Success** about loans, budgeting, saving and more.

Follow-up on each job or graduate school application you submit.

Consider **gap year programs**.

Prepare graduate school applications: seek letters of rec, request transcripts, take entrance exams and write personal statements.

Be ready to accept and negotiate job offers and research salaries.

BUILD YOUR NETWORK

Maximize your LinkedIn profile with a strong summary, endorsements and career-related posts.

Follow and engage employers of interest on LinkedIn and social media.

Be prepared to give your **elevator speech**, briefly explaining who you are and what you hope to do. This is a great intro for career fairs and networking events.

Get familiar with **networking** and visit **MangoConnect** to craft networking messages.

Seek advice and perspective from mentors. Connect with alumni on the **Mizzou Mentoring Program**.

 **Career Center**
University of Missouri

The Career Center is ready to assist you with all your career needs! We offer appointments and drop-in consultations from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. each weekday.

Wellness Tip:
Sign up for **Career Counseling** if you need help planning and processing your post-grad plans.