

## 1<sup>st</sup> Semester: EXPLORE/NETWORK

### Familiarize yourself with Career Services resources

- Activate your Handshake account to schedule appointments, search and apply to internships and jobs, and view events
- Visit Career Services website for resources by career field, career plan survey reports, and “Penn and Beyond” blog
- Set up a meeting with a Career Advisor

### Build your network

- Speak with professors about their professional contacts
- Speak with visiting lecturers about their career paths
- Use QuakerNet and LinkedIn to identify Penn contacts
- Attend Penn Institute for Urban Research programs

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester: NETWORK/JOB SEARCH

### Update your resume

- Place your education at the top of your resume
- Add first semester coursework and relevant technical skills
- Review your resume/cover letter with a Career Advisor
- Review your portfolio with the PennDesign Alumni Association (PDAA) members

### Make your job search a “class”

- Treat your job search as a course and work diligently on it every week

### Focus your job search

- Identify where you want to work geographically
- Identify your top employers
- Network; let your contacts know you are job hunting
- Stay in touch with past internship supervisors
- Review Career Services Career Plans Surveys from past years

### Get involved with professional associations and groups

- Geospatial Information & Technology Association
- International Association for Mathematical Geosciences
- Association of American Geographers
- PennDesign & Penn Alumni LinkedIn groups

### Attend Career Services events

- LinkedIn for Design Students
- Explore registered employers at all Fall Career Fairs using Handshake
- Weekly Wednesday walk-ins in Meyerson 12-2 PM

### Prepare for PennDesign Career Connection Day (Mar)

- Research career fair employers ahead of time
- Practice your personal pitch
- Schedule a mock interview with a Career Advisor

### Attend Career Services events

- Networking Like a Design Professional
- US Employment for International Students

### Interview, negotiate, accept!

- Schedule a mock interview with a Career Advisor
- Meet a Career Advisor to talk about offer negotiation
- Thank your references



# MASTER OF URBAN SPATIAL ANALYTICS career timeline