Familiarize yourself with Career Services resources
- Activate your Handshake account to schedule appointments, search and apply to internships and jobs, and view events
- Set your Career Interests on Handshake to get personalized content sent
- Visit Career Services for resources by career field, career plan survey reports, and “Penn and Beyond” blog
- Login to website and set your email preferences to receive customized emails
- Set up a meeting with a Career Advisor to get an overview of resources

Build your network
- Speak with professors about their professional contacts
- Speak with visiting lecturers about their career paths
- Use MyPenn and LinkedIn to identify Penn and WSOD alumni contacts

Get involved with professional associations and groups
- Look at professional association memberships of alumni in your field – LinkedIn is one way to do this – and consider getting involved in those that also interest you. Think of one that also offer networking and professional development resources.
- WSOD & Penn Alumni LinkedIn groups

Attend Career Services events
- Explore registered employers at all Fall Career Fairs using Handshake

First Semester: EXPLORE / NETWORK

Second Semester: NETWORK / JOB SEARCH

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Use your winter and summer breaks
- Set up informational interviews with alumni and potential employers, revise your resume and work on your portfolio, and be strategic about upcoming classes: what skills do you need to develop and refine?

Tips for international students:
- Find opportunities to practice your English presentation and communication skills, see if you can identify people from your home country that work for U.S. companies, use specialized resources like GoinGlobal, Devex, and Uniworld on the Career Services website
- Connect with ISSS on applying for OPT and visa information

Make your job search a “class”
- Think about your job search as a course and set aside time to work on it every week

Focus your job search
- Identify where you want to work geographically and 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 to identify employers who have hired Weitzman students

Prepare for Design and Creative Career Career Fair
- Register for career fair on Handshake
- Research career fair employers ahead of time
- Practice your personal pitch and practice interview skills via BigInterview

Interview, negotiate, accept!
- Schedule a mock interview with a Career Advisor when you receive an interview invitation
- Meet a Career Advisor to talk about offer negotiation
- Thank your references when you accept a position