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 website 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 email
• Set up a meeting with a Career Advisor to get an overview of resources

Get involved with professional associations and groups
• Look at professional associations 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

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

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

Update your resume
• Review the Graduate Design Resume Guide
• 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 or Peer Career Advisor
• Have your portfolio reviewed with the Penn Weitzman Alumni members

Prepare for Design + Creative 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

Get the most out of your internship(s):
• Take on challenging projects, shadow as many of your colleagues as possible, refine your career goals, maintain contact with your supervisor

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 resources like GoinGlobal, Devex, and Uniworld on the Career Services website

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?

First Semester: EXPLORE / NETWORK

Second Semester: NETWORK / BEGIN INTERNSHIP SEARCH

Third Semester: FULL-TIME JOB SEARCH