

CAREER DEVELOPMENT PLAN

MASTER'S STUDENT (2 YEAR)

YEAR 1

Explore Career Options

- Visit career.uga.edu and complete career assessments to help determine interests, values, and personality type; meet with your Career Consultant to discuss your results
- Research career options using websites like Career Insider, O*Net, etc. Check out page 33 for more online resources.

Get Involved & Build Your Network

- Join a graduate student organization or volunteer in an area of your interest
- Attend Career Center programs and graduate student workshops
- Join local chapters of professional associations related to your chosen field
- Create a LinkedIn profile and start building your professional network
- Attend a conference within your area of study

Get Experience

- Create a resume / CV and seek feedback from a Career Consultant, faculty member, and / or industry professional
- Attend career fairs and other recruiting events to chat with employers about employment opportunities
- Seek out internship / research / teaching opportunities within your field using your network of faculty, colleagues, friends, family, and the Career Center

YEAR 2

Explore Career Options

- Work with your academic advisor to select electives to complement your interests
- Conduct informational interviews with people in potential careers to learn about options
- Shadow professionals in chosen field of interest
- Determine your top career choices and top employers

Stay Involved & Strengthen Your Network

- Interact with guest speakers and college personnel to create connections
- Become a leader in graduate student organizations or professional associations related to your chosen field
- Attend or present at a conference within your area of study
- Attend Career Center programs and graduate student workshops

Increase Experience & Knowledge

- Complete an internship or secure a career-related part-time job
- Strengthen your interviewing skills by scheduling a mock interview with your Career Consultant
- Read magazines and journals to become familiar with career trends and areas of opportunity

Job Search

- Update your resume / CV and have it reviewed by a Career Consultant, faculty member, and / or industry professional
- Create additional documents as needed (research statement, teaching philosophy, cover letter) and review them with your Career Consultant, faculty member, and / or industry professional
- Create a timeline for your job search with deadlines for completing certain tasks
- Determine references (faculty, supervisors, etc.) and provide them with a copy of your resume / CV and other pertinent job information
- Request recommendations on LinkedIn to strengthen your profile
- Research employers through company websites and social media accounts
- Participate in career fairs and other on-campus recruiting events related to areas of interest
- Meet with your Career Consultant to discuss salary negotiation
- Complete the Career Center's Career Outcomes Survey to tell us what you are doing after graduation