

Entry- Level Job Timeline (Natural Science)

First Year Recommendations

- Attend the JumpStart Workshop hosted by the Career Center (*available Fall or Spring*)
- Participate in at least one of the following extracurricular activities: American Chemical Society (ACS), Beta Beta Beta, American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (ASBMB), Gamma Sigma Epsilon (GSE), leadership experience, summer REU, on-campus research (*outside of class requirements*), or internship program
- Meet with your academic advisor to discuss your class schedule and identify the best way to sequence your courses
- Meet with the Career and Internship Coordinator to discuss values, interests, personality traits, and skills and to develop an action plan
- Begin reading interesting books about your intended profession and/or speaking with current professionals - be sure to also read newspapers, magazines, and academic journals from your field (*highly recommended*) to stay abreast of current events, especially those related to science and technological advancement
- Maintain an excellent grade point average while taking a minimum of two science/math classes each semester
- Have resume reviewed by the FSC Career Center or the FSC Career and Internship Coordinator - *recommend attending Resumania in Spring hosted by the Career Center*

Second Year Recommendations

- If not done during first year or if substantial changes were made, have resume reviewed by the FSC Career Center or the Career and Internship Coordinator - *recommend attending Resumania in Spring hosted by the Career Center*
- Beginning in Fall, search for summer programs (i.e. REUs, internships) and begin to apply in late Fall/early Spring
- Attend the Career & Internship Expo hosted by the Career Center (*available in Spring*)
- Attend the REU Workshop (*available in Fall and Spring*)
- Consider participating in an internship, externship, or extensive volunteer experience
- Continue to gain additional extracurricular experiences, i.e. student organizations, leadership roles, athletic opportunities, undergraduate research, etc.
- Meet with your academic advisor to discuss your class schedule and ensure you are on track for graduation
- Meet with the Career and Internship Coordinator to discuss action plan progress, summer programs, etc.
- Continue reading interesting books about your intended profession, speaking with current professionals, and reading newspapers, magazines, and academic journals
- Maintain an excellent grade point average while taking a minimum of two science/math classes each semester

Summer between Second and Third Year Recommendations

- Participate in an extensive summer program such as an REU, on-campus research experience, internship, or in-depth volunteer program

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Third Year Recommendations

- Meet with your academic advisor to discuss your class schedule ensure you are on track for graduation
- Meet with the Career and Internship Coordinator to discuss action plan progress, summer programs, etc.
- Beginning in Fall, search for summer programs (i.e. REUs, internships) and begin to apply in late Fall/early Spring
- Consider participating in an internship, externship, or extensive volunteer experience
- Continue to gain additional extracurricular experiences, i.e. student organizations, leadership roles, athletic opportunities, undergraduate research, etc.
- Begin reviewing job opportunities to determine your specific interests and future job search confines – consider the following: type of companies, job responsibilities, salary and benefits, geographic location, your personal work values, etc.
- Attend the Career & Internship Expo hosted by the Career Center (*available in Spring*)
- Continue reading interesting books about your intended profession, speaking with current professionals, and reading newspapers, magazines, and academic journals
- Create running document with companies you are interested in working for and include a link to their job board for you to review once you begin applying.
- Maintain an excellent grade point average while taking a minimum of two science/math classes each semester

Summer between Third and Fourth Year Recommendations

- Participate in an extensive summer program such as an REU, internships, or in-depth volunteer program

Fourth Year Recommendations

- Consider participating in an internship, externship, or extensive volunteer experience
- Review your resume with the Career and Internship Coordinator or Faculty Advisor
- Confirm your specific career interests and future job search confines – ensure you know the type of companies, job responsibilities, salary and benefits, and geographic locations where you wish to apply. Also know your personal work values.
- Continue updating your running document with companies you are interested in working for and include a link to their job board for you to review once you begin applying.
- Attend the Interview Workshop hosted by the Career and Internship Coordinator (*available Fall and Spring*)
- Participate in a mock interview – *recommend “Moc” Interview Day in Fall hosted by the Career Center*
- Meet with your academic advisor to discuss your class schedule and ensure you will complete all degree requirements by the end of senior year
- In Spring, begin applying to jobs