



CAREER PLANNING TIPS: ECONOMICS MAJORS

Take action now to ensure post-graduation success! Below you can find different activities that will increase your career-readiness, depending on what stage of career development you are in.

Whatever stage applies to you, do something soon so you'll be ready for life after graduation!

Assess Your Interests- Explore your interests, skills, and values.

- Use **FOCUS2** to self-evaluate your career values and interests, resulting in a matching list of career titles.
- Create a [skill based resume](#). Request a [resume review](#) appointment with the University Career Center for help.
- Request an appointment with the university's Counseling Center to take a [career assessment](#).
- Test your interests by joining [campus clubs](#). [EAM](#) could be a great fit!

Explore Career Options- Learn about career fields that fit your interests and start preparing to apply for co-curricular opportunities.

- Use **UMD Terrapins Connect** to connect with alumni and ask questions about their fields of work/career paths.
- Review position titles and organizations who have hired recent UMD Economics graduates in the **Careers: Economics** guide.
- Review required skills for specific positions using the [Occupational Outlook Handbook](#).
- Learn about a range of careers by reading online guides available through **Vault**- access through your [Careers4Terps](#) account.
- Participate in [Career & Internship Fairs](#) to learn about and gather information on potential careers and employers.
- Review opportunities listed in [Careers4Terps](#) for Economics majors and note position titles and skill requirements which match your aspirations. Create a "[Job/Internship Alert](#)" in C4T to receive customized email alerts to events and positions related to your interests.

Programs:

- [Intern for a Day](#): Invest one day to shadow a professional in a position of interest.
- [Career Shuttles](#): Visit local organizations to hear about the opportunities they offer and experience the organization's culture.
- [Classes](#): Register for EDCP108I, a one-credit online class to prepare and plan for an internship search, or PSYC123: The Psychology of Getting Hired, a one-credit online course for freshmen and sophomores that looks at what's behind the hiring process.
- [Economics Career Fair and Networking Event](#): Scheduled each fall and spring at UMD to bring alumni and employers working in the field of economics to campus to share experiences and opportunities with students.

KEY RESOURCES

Take a self-assessment inventory- [FOCUS2](#).

Explore [careers related to economics](#).

Explore [majors and careers](#).

[Connect with UMD alumni](#) to learn about career options.

Careers: Economics: Explore position titles from *UMD graduates* and employers who have hired them.

Vault Career Guides:

- [Economics Jobs](#)
- [Consulting](#)
- [Investing](#)
- [Leveraged Finance](#)
- [Actuarial Careers](#)
- [Banking & Finance](#)
- [Sales & Trade](#)
- [Real Estate](#)
- [Private Equity](#)
- [Hedge Funds](#)
- [Public Policy](#)



Gain Experience- Engage in opportunities to test your interests, network, and gain valuable skills.

- Choose a co-curricular opportunity that allows you to experience a career field of interest: service learning, international experiences, research, on-campus leadership, etc.
- Browse through the internship listings on Careers4Terps, and apply for positions. Consider registering for [ECON386](#) to receive academic credit for your internship experience.
- Consider pursuing a part-time job to gain soft skills and make some money.
- Sharpen your [interviewing skills](#) so you'll be ready when you're offered an interview.
- Develop an industry-specific resume for your career area of interest and have it reviewed by the [University Career Center](#).

Transition- Start planning your post-graduation steps.

Job Search

- Network with employers at [events](#), [Career Shuttles](#), and [fairs](#), and stay in touch with connections you made last year.
- [Register for ECON387](#), Career Preparation for Economics Majors, to learn about career paths, job search tools, and strategies for successfully obtaining a job with a BA or BS in economics.
- Analyze your skills and the [skills required by your field of interest](#) to identify any gaps.
- Schedule a career consultation appointment with the [University Career Center @ BSOS](#) to map out a job search action plan.
- Join the [UMD BSOS alumni group](#) to connect with alumni and ask about hiring practices.
- Continue to research organizations of interest and connect with them on [LinkedIn](#) or other social media outlets, prior to a position being posted.
- Practice the art of interviewing by participating in a mock interview with an employer, or use [Interview Stream](#) to find sample interview questions for your field of interest.

Graduate School

- Consider if [graduate school in economics](#) is a path you'd like to pursue. Email [Dr. Clement](#) to schedule an appointment if you want advice.
- Review the graduate school application timeline and plan ahead!
- Take graduate tests if needed (i.e. GMAT, GRE, LSAT).
- [Research programs of interest](#), review their application process, and visit the campus (if possible).
- Request a review of your personal statement by the [Writing Center](#) or the University Career Center @ BSOS.

KEY RESOURCES

Browse [ECON internship](#) positions in Careers4Terps

Engagement options:

- [Internship](#)
- [Research](#)
- [Leadership](#)
- [Service learning](#)
- [Part-time job](#)
- [Study abroad](#)
- [Learning communities](#)

Research organizations of interest and start networking:
[Best firms- Economic Consulting](#)

- Participate in the [on-campus interviewing](#) program for off-campus positions.
- Prepare for interviews: [Quantitative Interviewing tips](#).
- Develop a [networking](#) plan.
- Search [C4T](#) for positions posted by organizations interested in recruiting Terps.
- Create an [elevator pitch](#) to articulate your skills to employers.
- Review the graduate school application [timeline](#).

Read more about creating your career action plan: go.umd.edu/BSOSactionplan