



ENGINEERING CAREER CENTER UH
CONNECT INDUSTRY NETWORK



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eCONNECTION

- **eCONNECTION – Student-Employer Database**



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eCONNECTION



eConnection is a student-employer database for engineering majors only. eConnection is your #1 source for engineering jobs.

eConnection provides access to:

- » Full-time and internship positions
- » Employer info sessions
- » On-campus recruiting (OCR) events, including job fairs and interviews

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- **Use eCONNECTION to create and edit your profile, upload resumes and cover letters, search for job opportunities and RSVP for professional development activities.**
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WHAT CAN YOU FIND ON ECONNNECTION?



PART TIME INTERNSHIP AND CO-OP OPPORTUNITIES



**FULL TIME
ENTRY LEVEL
OPPORTUNITIES
FOR GRADUATING SENIORS
UP TO 6 MONTHS AFTER GRADUATION**



EMPLOYER INFORMATION SESSIONS

(employers coordinate 2-4 hour event providing information about their organization)



ON CAMPUS RECRUITING (OCR)

INTERVIEW DATE

(employers schedule on campus interviews 6 weeks to 2 months before the beginning of each semester)

TIP: 40-50 employers attending the Career Fair schedule OCR's based on jobs posted on eCONNECTION



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EVENTS

CAREER FAIRS

RESUME REVIEWS

BEHAVIORAL INTERVIEW WORKSHOPS

MOCK INTERVIEWS

NETWORKING WORKSHOPS

INDUSTRY PREPATORY WORKSHOPS



CAREER FAIR INFORMATION

**UH HILTON HOTEL, 2ND FLOOR
10AM – 4PM**

**RESUMES & BUSINESS ATTIRE REQUIRED
UH I.D. REQUIRED TO REGISTER
UH CENTRAL CAMPUS
CURRENTLY ENROLLED ENGINEERING STUDENTS
RECENT ENGINEERING GRADUATES ONLY
RECENT GRADS = 6 MONTHS**



HOW TO PREPARE FOR CAREER FAIR

- **Be certain your resume is professional and competitive**
- **Dress in professional business attire, minimize jewelry, cover up tattoos, be well groomed**
- **Be confident and able to effectively communicate why you want to be an engineer and what your career goals entail**
- **Prepare and practice 2-minute promotion and marketing pitch to recruiter**

CAREER FAIR TIPS

- **Target employers of interest: research your top 3 choices so you can effectively discuss WHY you want to work for “Company 1, 2, and/or 3”**
- **A Career Fair is a strategic recruitment tool designed to increase opportunities for future interviews for students and employers**
- **No matter your classification you should attend to get to know the representative(s) who may recommend you for an interview at some point, learn the “lingo” for your discipline, practice your professional development skills, and ask questions about opportunities for employment according to your specific interest(s)**



COMPANY DO'S

- **Research employers prior to meeting with them for interviews, Career Fairs, social and professional events, etc.**
- **Ask if tours of the company or facility are available to students and who is the point of contact to coordinate such an event**
- **If employers state they are not hiring this semester, ask if you might be considered for an interview the next semester or specifically in the summer**
- **Use LinkedIn or Alumni websites to contact engineers in your field who also happen to work at your company of interest to learn more about the company, about the engineer, about the engineer's career path, etc.**
- **Show enthusiasm and eagerness to learn new and innovative things and speak effectively about it**



COMPANY DO'S

- Properly introduce yourself:
 - a] My name is _____
 - b] I am a classification?, majoring in _____ at the University of Houston
 - c] I expect to graduate in _____ OR I'm graduating in _____ and interested in working for Company 1 because you have a great reputation for/in _____ OR my interests lie in _____ and your company provides opportunity for me to hone my interests OR I am experienced in _____ and your facility in _____ has business units that work with _____ AND SO ON...
- Take a portfolio with additional resumes and a notepad to take notes during an interview or appointment
- Shake hands firmly but not too firm-people wearing rings feel intense pain from harsh handshakes-limp handshakes are VERY noticeable; practice with others, if you are not confident about your handshake
- Ask at least two **BENEFICIAL** questions involving the company or business unit you are interested in during an interview



COMPANY DON'TS

- **Don't bring cell phones or remember to turn completely off, before you exit your car for an interview or appointment with an employer**
- **As an employee of any company, you should not text, send personal email, or ever be observed surfing the internet during work hours**
- **Professional attitude includes how and what you say during work hours-always keep your words and actions professional**
- **Emails can come back to haunt you-whatever you write during work hours should always be in a professional manner and tone**
- **Facebook can come back to haunt you-whatever you post on Facebook should be worthy of a look from potential employers; if it isn't, remove it TODAY**
- **There is a difference between being professionally aggressive and personally offensive-learn the difference**





COOPERATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM CO-OP

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Co-op: Cooperative Education Program

- **Co-op is an internship that is documented on a student's transcript. A Co-op can only be within your field of study.**
- **Two options are available:**
 - **Full-time (Alternating) (21-40 hrs/week)**
 - **Part-time (Parallel) (20 hrs or less/week)**



F-1 Employment Off-Campus

- Two options for off-campus Co-op employment for F-1 international students:
 - Curricular Practical Training (CPT)
 - While student is earning a degree
 - Optional Practical Training (OPT)
 - After student completes a degree





Industrial Scholar Interns Program ISIP

www.egr.uh.edu/isip

ISIP: Industrial Scholar Interns Program

- **ISIP requires a four-year financial commitment from employers.**
- **Industry Partners provide scholarship and internship opportunities to students.**
- **Students participate in mandatory career related events and workshops.**



Program Basics: ISIP Partners

- ISIP Partners select interns based on available slots (employer need)
 - ISIP internships are for fall and spring semesters only – NO SUMMER ISIP INTERNSHIPS OR SCHOLARSHIPS
- Students work 12 - 20 hrs per week during academic year in paid internships
- Students receive \$1250.00 every fall and spring as a member of ISIP
- Employers are invited to participate in career development activities



ISIP Students Program Basics

- **Applications accepted every Spring May 15-28**
- **Students must complete 24-28 hours in an academic year and a minimum of 12 hrs per semester**
- **A minimum 3.3 overall GPA and 3.0 major GPA**
- **To be eligible for internship opportunity within ISIP, students must be within 45-50 hrs from graduation**



QUESTIONS

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Questions should be directed to the
Engineering Career Center.

To schedule an ISIP appointment, call
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