



DOCTORAL STUDENT (5+ YEARS)

YEAR 1-2

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..

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
- Interact with guest speakers and college personnel to create connections
- 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 by using your network of faculty, colleagues, friends, family, and the Career Center

YEAR 2-4

Explore Career Options

- Conduct informational interviews with people in potential careers to learn about options
- Shadow professionals in chosen field of interest

Stay Involved & Strengthen Your Network

- Update your LinkedIn profile and request recommendations to strengthen your profile
- Obtain leadership role(s) in a graduate student organization or professional association 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

- Update your resume / CV
- Complete internship, research, or teaching opportunities or 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

YEAR 4+

Narrow Your Career Options

- Determine your top career choices and top employers

Job Search

- Update your resume / CV and have it reviewed by a 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
- 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