

1st Semester: EXPLORE/NETWORK

Familiarize yourself with Career Services resources

- Activate your Handshake account to schedule appointments, search and apply to internships and jobs, and view events
- Visit Career Services website for resources by career field, career plan survey reports, and “Penn and Beyond” blog
- Set up a meeting with a Career Advisor

Build your network

- Speak with professors about their professional contacts
- Speak with visiting lecturers about their career paths
- Use QuakerNet and LinkedIn to identify Penn contacts
- Attend Penn Institute for Urban Research programs

2nd Semester: NETWORK/JOB SEARCH

Update your resume

- Place your education at the top of your resume
- Add first semester coursework and relevant technical skills
- Review your resume/cover letter with a Career Advisor
- Review your portfolio with the PennDesign Alumni Association (PDAA) members

Make your job search a “class”

- Treat your job search as a course and work diligently on it every week

Focus your job search

- Identify where you want to work geographically
- Identify your top employers
- Network; let your contacts know you are job hunting
- Stay in touch with past internship supervisors
- Review Career Services Career Plans Surveys from past years

Get involved with professional associations and groups

- Geospatial Information & Technology Association
- International Association for Mathematical Geosciences
- Association of American Geographers
- PennDesign & Penn Alumni LinkedIn groups

Attend Career Services events

- LinkedIn for Design Students
- Explore registered employers at all Fall Career Fairs using Handshake
- Weekly Wednesday walk-ins in Meyerson 12-2 PM

Prepare for PennDesign Career Connection Day (Mar)

- Research career fair employers ahead of time
- Practice your personal pitch
- Schedule a mock interview with a Career Advisor

Attend Career Services events

- Networking Like a Design Professional
- US Employment for International Students

Interview, negotiate, accept!

- Schedule a mock interview with a Career Advisor
- Meet a Career Advisor to talk about offer negotiation
- Thank your references



MASTER OF URBAN SPATIAL ANALYTICS career timeline