# Career Plan for Sophomores

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| **Visit the Career Development Center (CDC) at the Project Center (1st Floor) and explore our services.** Review tip sheets, and visit the CDC lobby library to view WPI major binders and other resources. | - Familiarize yourself with CDC resources and staff  
- Gain a better understanding of your major, possible careers, and internship resources |
| **Update your Job Finder account to explore internships and part-time jobs posted exclusively for WPI students. Change your class year and update your GPA.** | - Gain access to jobs, co-ops, internships, resources, podcasts, and tip sheets, and additional resources.  
- Ensure that your current data will yield suitable jobs |
| **Learn how to write your resume and cover letters, or how to update them with your first year information with guidance from CDC workshops, Job Finder tipsheets and podcasts, and/or assistance from CDC staff via scheduled and/or walk-in appointments.** | - Prepare for Career Fairs  
- Apply to internships, co-ops, work study, and part-time jobs to gain practical experience in your field  
- Add Great Problem Seminar to your resume, if applicable |
| **A Term: Write your resume for your IQP application and to apply for summer internships.** | - To be prepared for IQP and to be competitive at the Fall Career Fair |
| **Meet with a CDC staff member.** | - Discuss career options and learn how to find an internship |
| **B Term: Schedule a Mock Interview at the CDC.** | - To practice interviewing for IQP and internships or co-ops |
| **Learn about and consider doing a co-op (6-8 months of work experience).** | - There are lots of opportunities  
- To build on your experience in your resume |
| **Access and utilize MyPlan and CareerShift (through Job Finder).** | - To take self-assessments and research majors and careers (MyPlan)  
- To search for internships and co-ops, research companies of interest and company contacts (CareerShift) |
| **Attend company information sessions (keep an eye out for these events via the Job Finder “Events” tab and in the weekly email).** | - Learn about companies, careers, full-time and part time jobs, summer internships, and co-ops, and meet with professionals |
| **ATTEND THE FALL CAREER FAIR (September) and the SPRING CAREER FAIR (February).** | - Find a summer internship and jobs  
- Learn about jobs and careers  
- Meet and network with WPI alumni and employers |
| **ATTEND THE LIFE SCIENCES BIOENGINEERING CAREER FAIR (in March) - (For BBT, BC, BCB, BME, CH, CHE, and EVE majors).** | - Find a summer internship and jobs  
- Learn about jobs  
- Meet and network with WPI alumni and employers |
| **Participate in extracurricular activities and join professional societies on campus; take on a leadership role.** | - To build leadership, management, and teamwork skills  
- To add experience to your resume |
| **Get to know faculty and administrators.** | - To help guide you towards a career  
- For future references |
| **Visit the CDC to incorporate the past year’s projects and jobs/internship/activities onto your resume.** | - To hit the ground running in August and to begin searching for next year’s summer internship |

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