

# Viterbi Career Services Graduate Student Career Plan

Contact Viterbi Career Services (VCS) for help with your Career Plan: [vcareers@usc.edu](mailto:vcareers@usc.edu) | [viterbi.usc.edu/careers](http://viterbi.usc.edu/careers)

## 1st Year

- ☑ Attend VCS **resume review** sessions in RTH 218
- ☑ Register with **Viterbi connectSC**, Viterbi's Job Board, at [viterbi.usc.edu/careers](http://viterbi.usc.edu/careers)
- ☑ Check Viterbi graduate student blog at <http://gappblog.usc.edu/>
- ☑ Attend **Company Information Sessions** (Employer presentations for students)
- ☑ Attend the Viterbi **Career Expos** and campus wide Career Fairs (Details on VCS website)
- ☑ Apply in fall for summer **internships** (Various Sources)
- ☑ **Get Involved**; talk with Faculty, students, student organizations and Alumni

## 2nd Year

- ☑ Apply for jobs through **Viterbi connectSC** and Company websites in fall
- ☑ Attend VCS **Workshops**
- ☑ Check Viterbi graduate student blog at <http://gappblog.usc.edu/>
- ☑ Attend the **Viterbi Career Expos** and campus wide Career Fairs
- ☑ Attend **Company Information Sessions**
- ☑ Continue to Network with Faculty, students, student organizations and Alumni
- ☑ Take on a leadership position within a student organization
- ☑ Update your resume

## PhD

- ☑ Attend VCS **resume review** sessions in RTH 218
- ☑ Check Viterbi graduate student blog for PhD announcements at <http://gappblog.usc.edu/>
- ☑ Register with **Viterbi connectSC**, Viterbi's Job Board, at [viterbi.usc.edu/careers](http://viterbi.usc.edu/careers)
- ☑ Attend Company Information Sessions (Employer presentations for students)
- ☑ Attend the Viterbi **Career Expos** and campus wide Career Fairs
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## INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE STUDENTS:

- ☑ Visit the Office of International Services (OIS) who will help process Curricular Practical Training (CPT) and Optional Practical Training (OPT) paperwork
  - ☑ CPT and OPT are for international students who have completed at least one academic year in the U.S.
  - ☑ CPT is work authorization that allows international students to participate **before graduation** in paid off-campus internships in their field of study
  - ☑ OPT used primarily **after graduation**, provides international students the ability to gain employment experience in their field of study. Students should apply three months prior to graduation.
  - ☑ PhD students registered in dissertation units are eligible to complete full time CPT for up to a total of 12 months
- ☑ Visit the Viterbi Office of Graduate and Professional Programs if you would like to earn credit for your internship
- ☑ Research companies hiring international students through [www.H1visajobs.com](http://www.H1visajobs.com) and the online Career Expo employer list published prior to each expo

# Plan Your Career Success

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