



POST-GRAD CAREER:

How to navigate your post-grad plans

Congratulations, you've graduated! This can be an exciting, but nerve-wracking time. If you're feeling uncertain about where to start or what direction to take, you're not alone. If you want to take those next steps in your career transition, here are some actionable ways to navigate the change from student to professional.

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DEFINE YOUR SKILLS

Start by defining what you do well and what you enjoy doing. Consider what you're passionate about and what motivates you professionally. Identify transferable skills from your college experiences that are valuable in the workplace.



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IDENTIFY YOUR DREAM JOB

As you start your career journey, it's important to search for jobs that align with your goals and values. To find a career you love, take some time to identify your "what, where, why" – that is, what you want to do, where you want to do it, and why it matters to you.



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OPTIMIZE YOUR LINKEDIN

Your LinkedIn profile is an online resume, your professional brand hub, and an opportunity to be found by recruiters, hiring managers, and other professionals. Keep your LinkedIn up-to-date and connect with professionals that could help guide you on your career path.



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EXPLORE OPPORTUNITIES

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Gain important hands-on experience through volunteering, internships, freelance work, or job shadowing. These options help you develop new skills, expand your network, gain insights into different industries, roles, and work environments, and add experience to your resume.



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USE JOB SEARCH ENGINES

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When job searching, use advanced search filters, set up job alerts, read job descriptions carefully to understand the requirements, responsibilities, and qualifications for positions of interest, and tailor your resume and cover letter to highlight your relevant skills and experiences for each type of role.



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NETWORK, ALWAYS

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Networking is a game-changer for getting your foot in the door, building your resume, and uncovering opportunities that may not be visible through traditional job search methods. Actively networking increases your visibility within your industry, so you'll be top of mind for referrals and future opportunities.



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By taking these actionable steps, you can orient your career path, build your resume, and position yourself for success as a new college graduate entering the workforce. Embrace the journey of self-discovery, learning, and growth as you navigate the exciting transition from academia to professional life.

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