Sign In

Grainger Student Portal Sign-In

Other Sign-In

Don’t have access to Grainger Student Portal?
Membership Form submissions will be used to add you on the platform in a couple of weeks.
Our Mission

To increase the number of culturally responsible Black engineers who excel academically, succeed professionally, and positively impact the community.
Four Pillars

**Academic Support**
- Study tables
- NSBE Buddies
- Academic Tech Bowl

**Professional Opportunities**
- Company sponsored GBMs
- Resume and elevator pitch workshops
- Fall Regional Conference
- National Convention

**Community Engagement**
- A Walk for Education
- NSBE Jr.

**Family**
- Workshops
- Breakfasts
- Thanksgiving Potluck
Today’s main focus

Professional Opportunities
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What is Professionalism?

1: the conduct, aims, or qualities that characterize or mark a profession or a professional person

2: the following of a profession (such as athletics) for gain or livelihood

–Merriam Webster
Hear from students what it’s like:
## Checklist

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<th>Bring Extra Resumes</th>
<th>Prepare Your Elevator Speech</th>
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<td>Dress like you’re going to an interview.</td>
<td>A good amount is 20. Plan ahead - there are no printers at the ARC.</td>
<td>Practice on friends, family, and ECS advisors before attending.</td>
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Dress Code

Business Professional is NOT business casual
Always wear a blazer or jacket over a dress shirt with a tie. Avoid bare shoulders.
Dress Code
Resources
Engineering Career Services (ECS)

- Located on third floor of the Digital Computer Laboratory (DCL)
- Major/career exploration and decisions
- Internship and job search strategy
- Mock interview sessions
- Resumes, CV’s, cover letters
- Careers in Industry

ECS Career Fair Tips
What ECS offers students
Career Closet

- Located in the Career Center Interview Suite, Room 213
- Rent professional clothing before the big day
- Look your best for free
- If you decide you like what you see, you can always purchase your rental
- Bring your Illini card and drop-in during hours listed

Career Closet

The Career Closet provides students with free, gently-used professional clothing. The Career Closet opens for the Fall 2019 semester on September 3rd.
Campus Groups (aka Grainger Student Portal)

- Connect with Engineering Registered Student Organizations (RSOs)
- Utilize College and Department resources such as Advising, Engineering Career Services (ECS), and International Programs in Engineering (IPENG)
- View upcoming events
- Complete forms and applications

ECS Campus Group page
NSBE Campus Group page
Handshake

Use Handshake @ Illinois to find:

- Jobs and Internships
- Upcoming Career Fairs
- On-campus Recruiting Events
- Networking Opportunities
- A Calendar of Career Programs and Events

Handshake Login through ECS
Handshake Login
Career Fair+ App

CAREER FAIR PLUS
Search for Career Fair Plus on the App Store and Google Play Store.

FEATURES
- COMPLETE EMPLOYER LISTING
- INTERACTIVE FLOORPLAN
- EVENT DETAILS
- ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR REAL-TIME UPDATES
- FAIR TIPS SECTION TO HELP YOU PREPARE
Upcoming Opportunities!
Networking Opportunity

Scan the QR code or click here to access the Google Form!

Google @ UIUC: Freshman Scavenger Hunt - 9/6/19

Date: 9/6/19
Time: 5:00pm-8:00pm
Location: Siebel 1434

Get ready to explore campus and win prizes at this fun scavenger hunt sponsored by Google! We'll have pizza, swag, and the chance to meet lots of other freshmen across CS and Eng fields, as well as from various student groups on campus.

We hope you can join us!

The information you submit will be used in accordance with Google’s Applicant and Candidate Privacy Policy: https://careers.google.com/introppolicy/

* Required
Junior Executive Board (JEB)

- Gain leadership experience early on in your collegiate experience
- The positions on JEB mirror the Executive Board
- You get out what you put in; JEB decides the direction they want to go in
- Last year JEB hosted two fundraisers

Interested? Contact Teagan Mathur
nsbe.uiuc.vp@gmail.com

First Meeting: Sunday, September 8th
5-6pm, EH 106B6
Upcoming Events

Fun!
- Family Breakfast
  - Friday, Sept 20th

Academic
- NSBE Buddies Kickoff!
  - Wednesday, Sept 4th
- NSBE Study Table Kickoff!
  - Sunday, Sept 8th
- First JEB Meeting
  - Sunday, Sept 8th

GBMs
- Shell
  - Sunday, Sept 8th
- ADM
  - Monday, Sept 9th
- Research Workshop
  - Thursday, Sept 26th
Workshop
Meet the Experts

Elevator Pitches
Resume Review
Preparation for the Career Fair
Co-Ops
Elevator Pitches

- Confident: Control the convo
- Interesting: Be unique with your background
- Experienced: Highlight your technical skills/experience
- Double-threat: Highlight your soft skills/experience
- Passion: Briefly explain why you have those skills/experience
- The Hook: Tie everything you said into the company you walked to

Tips:
- Be genuine
- Be flexible (don’t memorize)
- Be concise and leave them wanting more
Resumes should be:
- Professional (not stylish)
  - Formatting needs to be simple, not distracting, uniform
  - Spell check!!
- Clear and concise
  - No more than one page
  - Recruiters should be able to get the important information in a quick glance
- Relevant
  - Space is limited - be selective
- About YOU!
  - This is not the time to be shy about your accomplishments
Resume Review (2/4)

- **Format**
  - *Should follow the [standard Illinois template](#)*, especially at the upcoming Career Fair!

- **Sections**
  - Name / contact info
  - Education
  - Relevant Work Experience
    - Typically must be a paid experience
  - Projects (optional) - EMBARK projects welcome to go on here
  - Coursework (optional)
  - *Activities and Leadership* (high school ok for first semester freshmen)
  - Honors and Awards (optional)
  - Skills
Resume Review (3/4)

- Content
  - Use **action words**, try to avoid complex tech terms / acronyms unless industry standard
  - Some will be engineers, others will be recruiters; be mindful of who you are talking to (including for your elevator pitch)
  - **Add numbers** wherever possible
  - Focus on **technical skills as well as “soft skills”** such as communication, team work, leadership, etc.
  - **Personalize your resume** to each company you visit (at least the important ones / those in different industries)
Resume Review (4/4)

- Additional Resources
  - Engineering Career Services
    - Resume reviews all this week at Grainger
  - Email me at elizadw2@illinois.edu to schedule a resume review!

- Last tips!
  - Include your simplified LinkedIn URL - especially if you can’t fit all your activities / accomplishments!
    - If your LinkedIn needs work / you don’t know how to get the simplified URL just reach out!
  - Always print more than you think you’ll need
    - Please don’t print dozens of resumes in the office
  - Embellish, don’t lie
  - Thesaurus.com is your friend
Career Fair Preparation

- Research in advance the employers registered to attend the fair.
- Make a list of your top 10 companies and learn as much as you can about them.
- Know what positions are available.
- Apply online !!!
- Have plenty of copies of your resume ready (15-20 Resume)
- Prepare a 20 to 30 second introduction to use with employers.
- Have at least 5 questions prepared for each recruiter.
- Know the dress code.
Co-Ops

Internship vs. Co-op
Internship vs. Co-op
Ford Job Listings for both

“The Ford Summer Internship Program provides students with hands-on, career-specific experience through full-time work during summer break (from early-May through the end of August). Students are engaged in networking and educational activities throughout their internship to gain exposure to senior level management and to learn more about Ford, our values and career opportunities.”

“Over multiple semesters, Co-Ops are assigned to various areas within the PD and Manufacturing organizations to help define their professional interests, while demonstrating technical ability and leadership skills. Upon graduating, participants who’ve demonstrated the requisite skills to contribute to the organization's success will be considered for available openings matching their background and interests.”
Co-Ops

Benefits

Recognition of the large investment on your part toward the company

Solid path to employment (4-7 months of experience)

Time away from rigorous school schedule

More time to work and contribute to your position

A good window into what full time work at that company is like outside of summer
Co-Ops

What is the cost of missing school?
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Missing school to go on a co-op can be stressful

- Graduation date pushed back
- Scholarships need to be secured
- Other people graduate

Actual financial “loss”

- Less money early in career by starting a career later
- Any early start in saving money/ investing leads to big returns later in life
Co-Ops

Questions about my experience?
Thank you!