



Get Experience

To gain transferable skills, career coaches help students connect with a variety of high-impact opportunities, including internships and job shadowing, research projects, leadership and community service, and fellowships and study abroad programs. We also guide students in writing résumés and cover letters, networking, and preparing for interviews to set them up for success.

Internships

Students gain real-world experience, explore career options, and expand their professional network by working on projects at a company or organization in their field of interest.

- Students can earn academic credits through an internship class or with faculty oversight
- Find more information on internships [here](#)

Micro-Internships

Students from all majors can execute short-term, paid, typically-remote, professional projects that allow them to build and demonstrate skills while exploring career paths with micro-internships, facilitated via the [Parker Dewey platform](#).

- Students bid on internships, complete projects in under 40 hours, and get paid
- Micro-internships can take place at any time of year and are used by companies across the United States, ranging from Fortune 100 organizations to emerging start-ups
- These internships do not qualify for academic credit

Job Shadowing

Students observe a professional working in a career path of interest to learn about typical roles and responsibilities, as well as to grow their professional network.

- Students can use the [SMC Alumni group](#) in LinkedIn to find job shadowing opportunities, as well as talking with career center staff, faculty, family, friends, and other people in their networks

Community Service

Students may give back to their community while gaining valuable experience through community service.

- The Mobilization of Volunteer Efforts ([MOVE](#)) office can provide connections to community service opportunities

Leadership Opportunities

Students can hone career-enhancing leadership skills through: [SMC clubs](#), [student government](#), [Adventure Sports](#), the [Student Activities Office](#), as a Resident Assistant, the [Ethical Leadership Conference](#), athletics, the [Center for Student Diversity, Empowerment, and Community](#) (DEC), [Fire and Rescue](#), [MOVE](#), [Undergraduate Professional Endorsements](#), and other on- and off-campus roles.



Academic Research and Projects

Students can deepen knowledge in their field by participating in academic [research](#) or projects.

- May be part of a class, an independent project with faculty oversight, or a capstone experience

Study Abroad Programs

Students can pursue diverse experiences and gain global perspectives through [study abroad programs](#).

- SMC offers over 100 programs for students interested in studying abroad during the summer, winter-session, semester, or academic year, including the [Freeman Foundation International Internship](#)
- Academic Study Trips provide an intensive learning experience with faculty and other students; find more information on [this page](#)

Part-time Jobs

Students may develop transferable skills like communication, teamwork, and time management while earning income in part-time jobs (on or off campus), during the academic year or in the summer.

- [Handshake](#), LinkedIn, Indeed, career coaches, and people in students' networks are resources to help identify part-time job opportunities
- [On-campus student employment](#) opportunities