Congratulations and welcome to the Foster family! Here at Foster Career Services, we are excited for you to begin your journey at the Foster School of Business and are committed to your academic and professional success. This checklist provides you with practical steps you can take during the summer to explore various career options, familiarize yourself with on-campus recruiting processes at Foster, and best prepare for internship recruiting so that you will be able to hit the ground running as you begin your first quarter at Foster! We look forward to meeting you!

SUMMER 2020

Explore career options & Foster Career Services (FCS) resources:

☐ Visit the Foster Career Services website to learn about possible career paths for different options.

☐ Explore Vault Guides to explore career paths and industry trends.

☐ Schedule an appointment with a career coach via Handshake, calling (206) 221-6858, or emailing bzcareer@uw.edu to discuss career exploration strategies and to make sure you have a comprehensive understanding of FCS resources to develop your career development game plan.

☐ Create and complete your LinkedIn profile. Watch this video to learn more about LinkedIn.

☐ Review Foster’s LinkedIn Guide to learn how to create a professional online presence on LinkedIn.

☐ Research Foster alumni on the LinkedIn Alumni tool to learn more about the types of roles and companies Foster students go into after graduation.

☐ Review Foster’s Informational Interview Guide to learn about informational interviews and how to conduct one.

☐ Schedule informational interviews with current students, alums, and industry professionals to learn more about career paths and tips for recruiting. Watch this video on successful informational interviews.

☐ Research Foster RSOs on the Foster Undergraduate Programs website. The option-specific RSOs provide students the opportunity to learn about career paths in a specific industry and network with professionals in that field (e.g. UW Finance Association, American Marketing Association etc.).

Prepare for recruitment activities:

☐ Create and complete your Handshake profile. Pro tip: Keep your Handshake profile public to allow employers to find you to connect about career opportunities - Review Handshake’s guide on completing your profile.

☐ Review Foster Career Services’ Handshake guide to learn about best practices for leveraging Handshake to schedule career coaching appointments, research career events, and apply to internships opportunities.

☐ Review Foster’s Resume Quick Guide and Model Cover Letter to learn how to build effective resumes and cover letters.

☐ Create or update your resume & cover letter(s). Refer to Foster’s resume template if needed.

☐ Schedule an appointment with a career coach to receive feedback on application materials and for tips on how to successfully navigate the recruitment process for positions and industries you are interested in.

☐ Complete the Excel Credential Course on Foster Undergraduate Canvas Course. You will have access to the Foster Undergraduates Canvas page in mid-late August.

☐ Visit Handshake to research internship opportunities of interest and keep a record of key dates and application deadlines.

☐ Visit Handshake to research employer-led and FCS events and keep a record of event dates you are interested in.

☐ Review public accounting timeline to better understand how you fit into the recruiting process based on your CPA eligibility (if applicable).

☐ Review Consulting Recruiting Handout to learn more about the consulting industry and its recruiting timeline, as well as case interviews and how to prepare for one (if applicable).

“Have your resume ready before starting your first quarter. Research in moderation about all the companies that you’re interested in and prepare an elevator pitch which can be modified to each recruiter. Ask specific questions.”

— Gurkirat Bains, Marketing & Information Systems
Previous College Attended: Green River Community College
First Quarter at Foster: Winter ’18
TRANSFER STUDENT FALL RECRUITING PREPARATION CHECKLIST

FALL 2020

Participate in the internship recruitment process:

☐ Watch Foster Career Services’ Prep for Fall Recruiting Workshop to learn how to best prepare for Fall recruiting. Recording can be found on the Foster Undergraduates Canvas page.

☐ Attend Foster Career Services career prep events hosted in late summer/early fall to learn how to successfully navigate career fairs, networking events and recruiting activity.

☐ Review the Career Fair Success handout

☐ Attend the annual Business Career Fair (relevant for all majors) to network and learn about internship opportunities.

☐ Attend on-campus FCS recruiting/networking events to network with business professionals. Previous examples include: Industry Focus Events for consulting, finance, accounting, and supply chain.

☐ Attend employer-led events such as employer info sessions, employer resume reviews, and meet & greets.

☐ Follow up with professionals you meet at events for informational interviews. Building relationships is key!

☐ Apply for internship opportunities on Handshake and employer websites. Keep an eye out for early deadlines

☐ Review Interviewing tips on Foster Career Services website to learn how to prepare for interviews.

☐ Schedule appointments with career coaches for mock interviews, or visit InterviewStream to practice interviewing online.

☐ Interview for internship opportunities. Review Foster’s Dress for Success Guide.

☐ Schedule an appointment with a career coach if you need assistance navigating any internship offers, asking for extensions, etc.

☐ Reflect on the recruiting process, your career interests etc.

*Recruiting for structured internship programs can start as early as late summer/early fall quarter. It is common to see internships postings and career events relevant to the accounting, finance, and consulting industries during this time. It is important to start engaging in recruiting/networking activities in fall quarter; however, not all industries follow a structured recruiting process.

Quotes from previous Transfer Students

Members of the Transfer Student Advisory Board

“Meet with a career services representative before the beginning of your first quarter and discuss your resume as well as interviewing tips. How you balance your schedule with classes, studying and your personal life while navigating the recruiting environment at Foster will be up to you - but if you can get a head start before the start of your quarter, it will make all the difference!”

— Jeffrey Campbell, Human Resources Management & Entrepreneurship
Previous College Attended: South Seattle College
First Quarter at Foster: Fall ’19

“A complete guide for Foster students on writing undergraduate resumes is available on the Foster website. This will be a great way to prepare yourself for recruitment week!

— Jesse Hung, Finance
Previous College Attended: Bellevue College
First Quarter at Foster: Fall ’19

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— Snow Zhou, Marketing
Previous College Attended: Seattle Central College
First Quarter at Foster: Fall ’19

“Your experience at Foster will be entirely what you make of it. Explore, work hard and most importantly, have fun.

— Connor Fredericks, Information Systems & Entrepreneurship, B.A. in Economics
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