

FOSTER CAREER MANAGEMENT

FOR GLOBAL EXECUTIVE MBA STUDENTS



WHAT WE DO

Our team supports experienced and working-professional UW Foster MBA students in achieving their career goals and maximizing their return on investment through targeted career development services.

We provide custom, opt-in personalized support as well as a wealth of online, on-demand resources, programming and industry engagement to equip individuals with the skills and experiences for immediate success and long-term career advancement and fulfillment.

ROI HIGHLIGHTS

- Professional & Personal Development
- Accelerated Career Advancement
- Enhanced Leadership & Management Skills
- Real-Time Application of Learning
- Global Perspective & Career Flexibility
- Salary Growth & Long-Term Earning Potential

PROFESSIONAL COACHING & CONSULTING

Every student receives personalized career coaching to support their unique goals—whether career transition, advancement, starting a business, or enhancing leadership skills.

1500+ COACHING SESSIONS DELIVERED ACROSS ALL MBA PROGRAMS

OUR COACHING SERVICES INCLUDE:

- One-on-one career coaching sessions tailored to your goals
- Resume and LinkedIn profile development
- Interview preparation and behavioral interview coaching
- Job search strategy and market navigation
- Career exploration and goal setting
- Networking strategy and personal branding

100% OF GEMBA '24 & '25 STUDENTS WHO ACTIVELY ENGAGED WITH CAREER MANAGEMENT **SECURED JOBS BY 6 MONTHS AFTER GRADUATION**

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Career-focused events, one-on-one coaching, and connections to build the career you want.

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GLOBAL EXECUTIVE MBA PROGRAM

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THE MENTORING PROGRAM

Currently in its eleventh year, the Mentoring Program is a unique opportunity for second-year students to connect with senior leaders for tailored one-to-one support, insightful guidance and honest feedback to propel career growth.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

- **58 students** matched with mentors
- **89% mentor retention rate**, showing strong engagement
- **37% of current mentors** have served for 5+ years—a dedicated and experienced mentor base
- Tailored virtual events including specialized sessions for GEMBA mentor groups
- Mentee feedback is highly positive, with most rating the experience as very or extremely valuable

WHAT GEMBA STUDENTS SAY

"The Mentoring Program has been one of the most impactful aspects of my GEMBA journey. I was fortunate to be paired with Clinton, whose thoughtful guidance and extensive experience in product marketing and finance helped me navigate key questions about leadership and career direction. **His mentorship provided me with clarity on how to approach post-MBA transitions, build influence, and adapt to new environments.**"

—Sukarno Harjono, GEMBA Class of 2025
Senior Officer Digital Advertising Messaging Solution Management,
Telkomsel (Jakarta, Indonesia)

COMPANY ENGAGEMENT & INDUSTRY TREKS

BY-THE-NUMBERS

- Connected **290 students** to **35 diverse global organizations** through in-person treks, virtual sessions, and career mixers.
- Travel treks to the Bay Area, Austin and Portland featuring 15 organizations from tech, consulting, finance, and manufacturing.
- Seattle treks to Amazon and Costco with cross-functional senior leaders.
- In-person Career Mixer with 19 top global organizations where 85 students gained direct access to 45+ leaders (including 25 Foster alums).
- **90 high-caliber career events** throughout the year, including skill-building workshops, company visits, panels, and networking.
- **71% average event attendance rate.**

MEET THE TEAM

Our career team empowers our Foster MBA community to acquire the skills, knowledge, and experience to advance careers; leverage personalized, one-on-one coaching; grow professional networks; explore industries and companies; and build effective, comprehensive job searches.



SUSIE BUYSSE
Director
Career Management



MIKAELA BOYD
Associate Director
Employer Partnerships



DONNA L. SELLERS
Senior Associate Director
Career Coach



KATE LANG
Career Coach
(Part-time)

BEHAVIORAL INTERVIEW ACCELERATOR PROGRAM

An intensive, multi-week pilot program for ambitious students actively searching for new positions and engaged in one-on-one coaching.

ACCELERATOR OUTCOMES:

- **70% increase in participant confidence** (average ratings rose from 5.6 to 9.6 out of 10)
- **85% of participants landed interviews**; 50%+ secured job offers
- **4.7/5 average program-value rating**; 70% ranked it "Absolutely Crucial"
- Participants invested an average of 7.6 hours/week (up to 20+ near deadlines)

"I was able to secure an offer from Amazon, thanks to the preparation done during the accelerator program. **The entire process was managed so smoothly, from helping us master the STAR framework to ensuring our stories had the right amount of depth.**"

—Manpreet Singh, GEMBA Class of 2025

CAREER GROWTH STORIES

"The role of the Career Management team in the MBA experience is just as critical as the academic curriculum itself. From the very beginning of the GEMBA program, we were each assigned a career coach. But by the time the year ended, **it felt like the entire Career Management team was personally invested in my success.**

Whether it was coaching, mentoring programs, industry treks, mock practices, or thoughtfully planned networking sessions, their support was consistent, encouraging, and deeply human."

—Vidusi Saraf, GEMBA Class of 2025
Infrastructure Data Center Finance, Meta (Seattle, WA)

WHERE GEMBA STUDENTS CONNECT

GEMBA students connect with top employers through Career Services events, including:

LEADING TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION COMPANIES

Adobe
Amazon
Amperity
Autodesk
Blue Origin
Booking.com
Capital Factory
Dell
Meta
Microsoft
NVIDIA
Snowflake
T-Mobile
Uber Freight
Zipline

TOP FIRMS IN CONSULTING, FINANCE & PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Deloitte
JP Morgan Chase
Mattson
McKinsey
Propeller
PwC
Unify Consulting

CONSUMER BRANDS & REGIONAL LEADERS

The Boeing Company
Costco
Expeditors International
Military Affairs
Nintendo of America
Puget Sound Energy
Smith Teamaker
Whole Foods

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