

Sophomores can take the next step in their career development journeys through firsthand exploration. On your agenda this year are key actions to clarify and refine your career goals. You don't need to have everything figured out! Your interests and goals are likely to evolve as you move forward, but direct experience will be your best guide.

3 CRITICAL STEPS you **MUST** do this year to explore :

Choose a Major

Your major does not determine what your career will be. Rather, your major should focus around an area that **matches your interests and academic strengths**. It is important that you speak with someone in the academic department before choosing a major to make sure you meet all the academic requirements for declaring.

TIP: Check out dson.co/majorsteps for seven steps to help you make this major decision!

Connect to Professionals

Join the **Dickinson Alumnifire** network to access individual career advice from alumni and parents. They can help you refine your career interests, broaden your network and increase your understanding of the current career landscape. Conduct informational interviews with at least two professionals in a field.

Gain Firsthand Experience

Broaden your experience and exposure to professional environments with one of our industry trips, employer information sessions, job shadowing opportunities, externships, internships, research, employment or short-term professional projects.

WHERE ON THE WEB

These **URLs** will give you access to everything you need to launch your next step (and next and next)!

Center for Advising, Internships & Lifelong Career Development
dickinson.edu/aic

Handshake
dickinson.joinhandshake.com

Dickinson Alumnifire Network
dickinson.alumnifire.com

Dickinson's Academic Offerings List
dickinson.edu/academicprograms

 **Major Exploration**
whatcanidowiththismajor.com

Seven Steps to Help You Choose a Major
dson.co/majorsteps

LinkedIn
linkedin.com

Postgrad Financial Support
igrad.com

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YEARS OF SUPPORT

We're here for *you*.
And we **always** will be.

GET AHEAD **with these additional steps:**

□ Upskill

We offer extensive career education on topics like **interviewing, cover letter writing, professional etiquette, salary negotiation**, etc. These programs will help to build your confidence and professional development skills.

□ Build your Brand

Update your resume and LinkedIn profile to include your academic, co-curricular and employment experiences. Having a clean and updated resume is key to moving forward in the career development process and building your professional reputation. **Begin to expand a professional network with affinity groups and Dickinson alumni.** **Promote yourself!** As a rising Dickinsonian, you deserve recognition.

□ Apply

Explore and apply for pre-professional opportunities. We have many resources available to help you identify opportunities including Handshake, LinkedIn and Alumnifire. **Attend cover letter group advising and meet with a peer advisor** for feedback on a draft or three. **Schedule an appointment with a career advisor** via Handshake to formulate a personal action plan and polish your applications materials.

Dickinson isn't the final destination.
It's a four-year launch pad.

Career Development Conversations, Programs and Workshops Appropriate for Sophomores

- Advanced Resume Writing
- Introduction to Cover Letters
- Introduction to Networking
- Networking Skill Refinement
- Group Advising
- Using Networking Tools
- Work Authorization for International Students
- Job Shadow Externship Program Information Session
- Internship Showcase
- Internship Search Workshop
- Industry Career Series
- Effective Interviewing
- Professional Etiquette
- Industry Treks/Site Visits
- Peer Advisor Appointments and Open Hours
- Getting Started with Career Development Workshop

FOR PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS, DATES, LOCATIONS AND TIMES, CHECK OUT **HANDSHAKE**.



SEE YOU IN YEAR THREE!

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