Facilitating CAREER CONVERSATIONS With Students

Every member of the Hofstra community plays a role in students’ career development. The information below may assist you in the moments in which students turn to you for advice and guidance as a trusted mentor.

Exploring
Students may need help understanding themselves and the world of work. These questions may prompt reflection and exploration.
- What classes have you enjoyed most? What did you like, specifically?
- When have you felt most successful/proud of an accomplishment?
- What do you want life to be like after graduation?
- What aspects of a major or career are most important to you?

Related Resources in the Hofstra Career Hub: Focus2, O*Net, StrengthsQuest

Preparing and Connecting
The more students examine their experiences, the better prepared they are to tell their story to others. These questions can help them prepare and connect.
- Which experiences have been most meaningful to you?
- What connections can you make between your classes and the field?
- How ready do you feel to talk with others about your experiences?
- In what ways are you connecting with others in this field?
- Do you know others who are doing this kind of work (family, peers, alumni)?
- Have you prepared all your career materials (résumé, cover letter, portfolio, writing sample, digital presence, etc.)?

Related Resources in the Hofstra Career Hub: Career Planning Handbook, ASK, LinkedIn.com

Searching and Applying
The information-rich world in which we live makes finding opportunities easier. But smart searches and strategic applications are most effective.
- What resources are you using to find opportunities?
- Are there specific job titles that interest you?
- What factors (location, environment, mission, etc.) are must-haves for your search?
- Have you identified specific companies where you’d like to work?
- Whom will you ask to serve as your references?

Related Resources in the Hofstra Career Hub: Handshake, UCAN, Indeed.com

The Career Center is a full-service career development resource for students and alumni, offering counseling, workshops, fairs and a variety of digital resources through our Career Hub.

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Additional resources available in the Hofstra Career Hub:
- Our online scheduler makes Career Center appointment scheduling easy.
- Handshake provides 25,000+ job and internship postings annually.
- The University Career Action Network (UCAN) is a consortium (20 members, including Harvard, Princeton, Duke and Hofstra) that provides 10,000+ internship postings annually.
- GoinGlobal offers guidance and opportunities for those interested in careers and experiences abroad.

Students will always seek your expertise, and the Career Center staff stands ready to support your students and continue the valuable conversations that you begin with them.

Our vision is to empower students to have meaningful careers and lives.

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