

Family Highlander Orientation

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Agenda

- Career Readiness Competencies
- Career Center Services & Resources



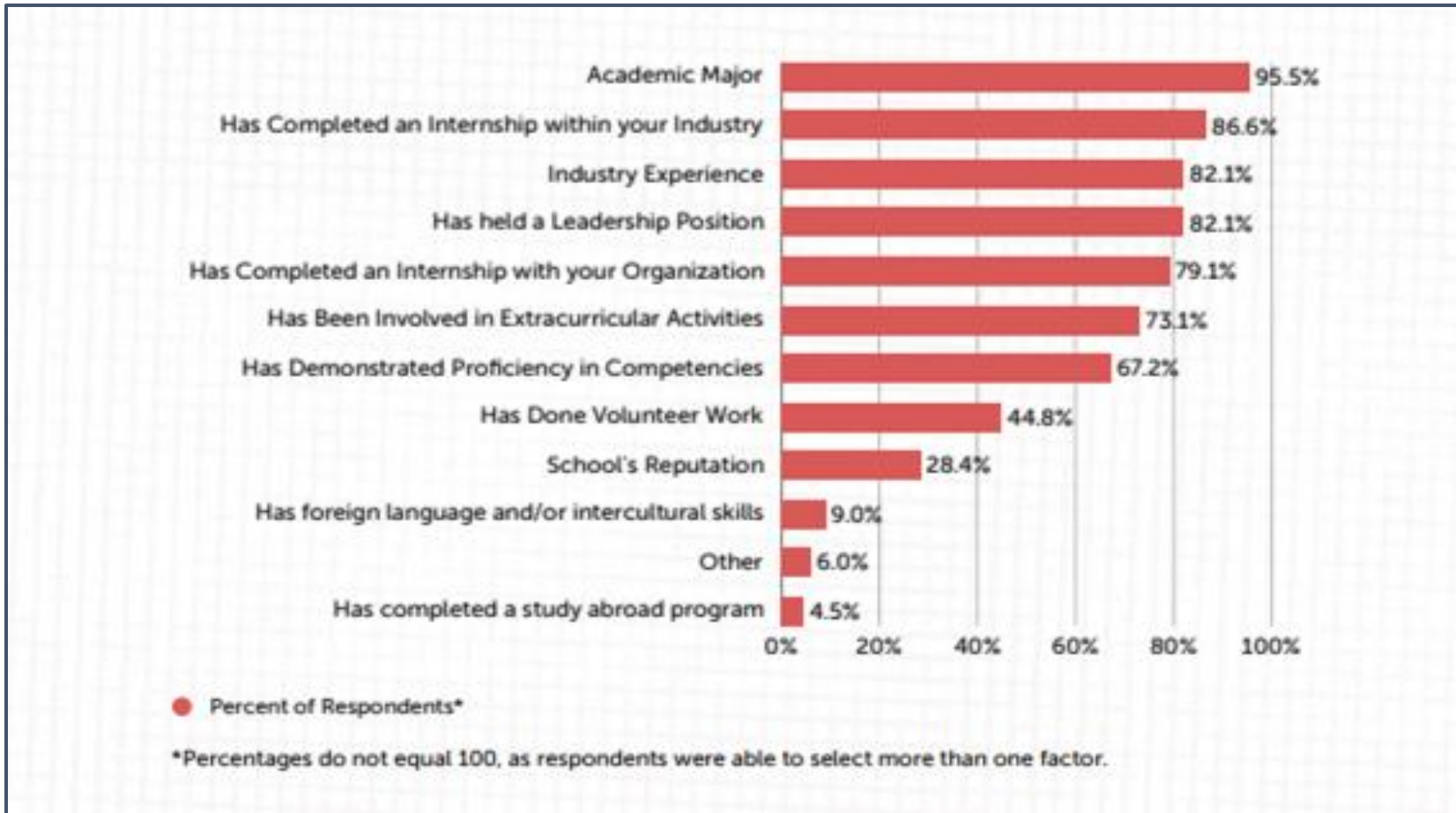
NACE CAREER READINESS COMPETENCIES

Obtaining **requisite competencies** that broadly prepare college graduates for a **successful transition** into the workplace.

NACE (National Association of Colleges and Employers)



GPA is not the most important factor!



These are the factors that the employers value the most (based on percentages)! GPA is not even on top 10!

NACE (National Association of Colleges and Employers) 2026 Job Outlook Report



Career Center Services





The UCR Career Center

We serve as the GPS. Students decide and we show them the directions of how to get there.

Our goal is to show students options based on their interests, values, skills, and personality preferences.

We collaborate with our campus partners to support student professional development.

In the end, they're the driver; it's their decision. We provide guidance to help them see the bigger picture.

Our Services

Counseling

- Career Planning/Assessments
- Skill Building Workshops
- Graduate/Professional School Planning
- Resume/Interview Preparation
- Career Development Programs

Networking

- Employer Panels, Major Events, and Networking Events
- Multiple Career Fairs
- On-Campus Interviews
- Online Job and Internship Resources
- Employer Visits





Career Center Website & Handshake



Welcome to the Career Center

UCR's Career Center is dedicated to Connect, Inspire and Empower current students and alumni on their career paths. Stop by our [state-of-the-art center](#) to learn more about what it takes to become a successful professional in the workplace. Schedule an appointment with one of our career specialists for career guidance, resume reviews and interview prep. Log in to [UCR Handshake](#) or visit a career fair to find internships, part-time and full-time positions.



Career Center Services Updates

Career Center services - including Drop-In Advising, one-on-one appointments, and workshops will all be offered virtually and in person.

For incoming 1st year and transfer students, you will be able to use [Handshake](#) as a profile has been created for you 2 weeks after you've submitted your Letter for Intent to Register. You will need to use your NetID & password to log into your [Handshake](#) account. Please **DO NOT** create your own Handshake account.

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Drop-In Sample Schedule:

- Visit the Career Center website:
<https://careers.ucr.edu/>
- Scroll down to view the Drop-In Career Advising Schedule
<https://careers.ucr.edu/about-us/make-an-appointment#Drop-in>
- No appointment needed!

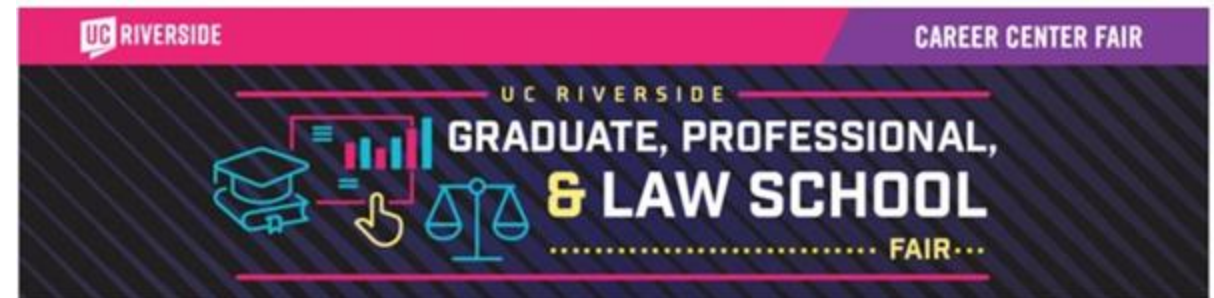
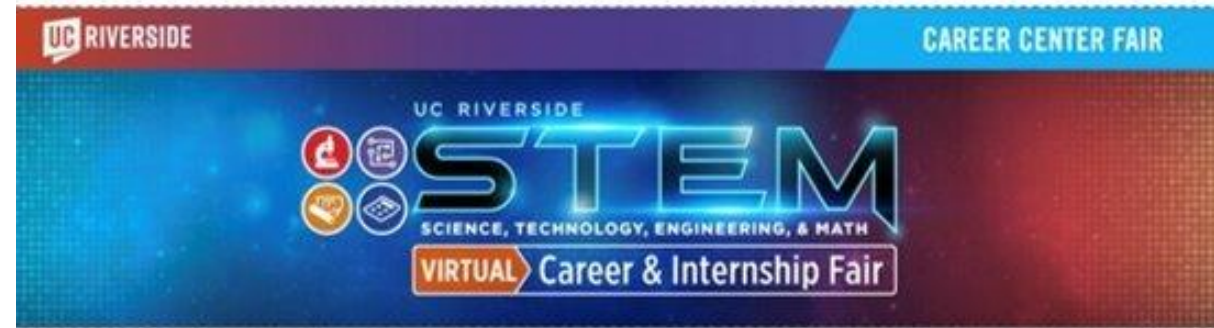
Drop In Schedule

Spring 26	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10-11am	Work Study Drop-in Hour - Isabel Sign up @Career Center				
11am-12pm	Peer Advisor: Lauren/Fabella Sign up @Career Center	Peer Advisor: Anthony/Fabella Sign up @Career Center	Work Study Drop-in Hour - Isabel Sign up @Career Center	Peer Advisor: Caitlyn/Fabella Sign up @Career Center	Resume & Cover Letter Writing Studio No Appointment Needed! Stop by the Career Center
12-1pm	Peer Advisor: Julie Sign up @Career Center		Peer Advisor: Lauren Sign up @Career Center	VIRTUAL Work Study Drop-in Hour - Isabel Sign up HERE	Resume & Cover Letter Writing Studio No Appointment Needed! Stop by the Career Center
1-2pm		Peer Advisor: Julie Sign up @Career Center	Mock Interview Sessions Sign up at the Career Center before Tuesdays	Peer Advisor: Julie Sign up @Career Center	
2-3pm	Peer Advisor: Caitlyn Sign up @Career Center	Peer Advisor: Caitlyn Sign up @Career Center	Peer Advisor: Anthony Sign up @Career Center	Peer Advisor: Anthony/Fabella Sign up @Career Center	
3-4pm	Peer Advisor: Anthony Sign up @Career Center			GSA Career Center Liaison Office Hour At Career Center & Via Zoom (Masters and Phd students only)	Peer Advisor: Anthony Virtual Drop-in - Sign up HERE
4-5pm			***Virtual drop-in time slots will only appear 24 hours in advance.	An email with Zoom link to virtual drop-in will be sent to your email 24 hours before the	

Career Fairs

Career or Graduate School Fairs are an opportunity to meet representatives, many of whom are alumni, who are interested in connecting with you about their opportunity. Treat it like a networking opportunity and an opportunity to expand your network, identify job and internship openings, and/or secure an interview. Here are a few tips to help you prepare for the in-person fair.

- **Research the organization** and opportunities before attending the fair.
- **Dress professionally** Employers will make decisions based on professional appearance.
- **Make a strong first impression** When meeting employers, introduce yourself, make eye contact, state your purpose, ask questions, listen and act professionally
- **Communicate your interest.** State the type of position that interests you. Do research in advance, such as job descriptions and open positions
- **Expand your focus.** Approach employers, even if they appear unrelated to your major.
- **Highlight your strengths.** Be prepared to discuss your qualifications



Career Development Programs for Special Populations

Get Community Support



Guiding You to Career Success

UCR's Career Center partners with many other departments to offer a variety of programs to assist all students on their career path, providing guidance on resume writing, job searching and interviewing. The Career Center also provides specialized programming for underrepresented student groups, including students with disabilities (ASPIRE), first-generation college students (ORBITS), undocumented students (Butterfly Project), and student veterans (Operation VETS). Click on the name of the program to learn more about the program and who to contact.

ASPIRE

Butterfly Project

Operation VETS

ORBITS

R' Professional Resources



R'Professional Career Closet

At the University of California, Riverside, and the heart of the Career Center, is career readiness...

The R'Professional Career Closet was designed to provide students with the tools to prepare for the workforce through creating access to professional attire for interviews, career fairs, and/or networking events. Our goal is to prepare UCR students to be competitive as they transition from education to employment by eliminating any and all barriers. Come visit the R'Professional Career Closet located in the Bear's Den (HUB 105) during our open hours.

Spring 2026 Hours of Operations*

- Monday: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
- Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
- Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
- Thursday: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
- Friday: Closed

*The R'closet will be closed during spring break, and will reopen on March 30th.

*Hours subject to change based on staff availability.



R'Professional Photo Booth

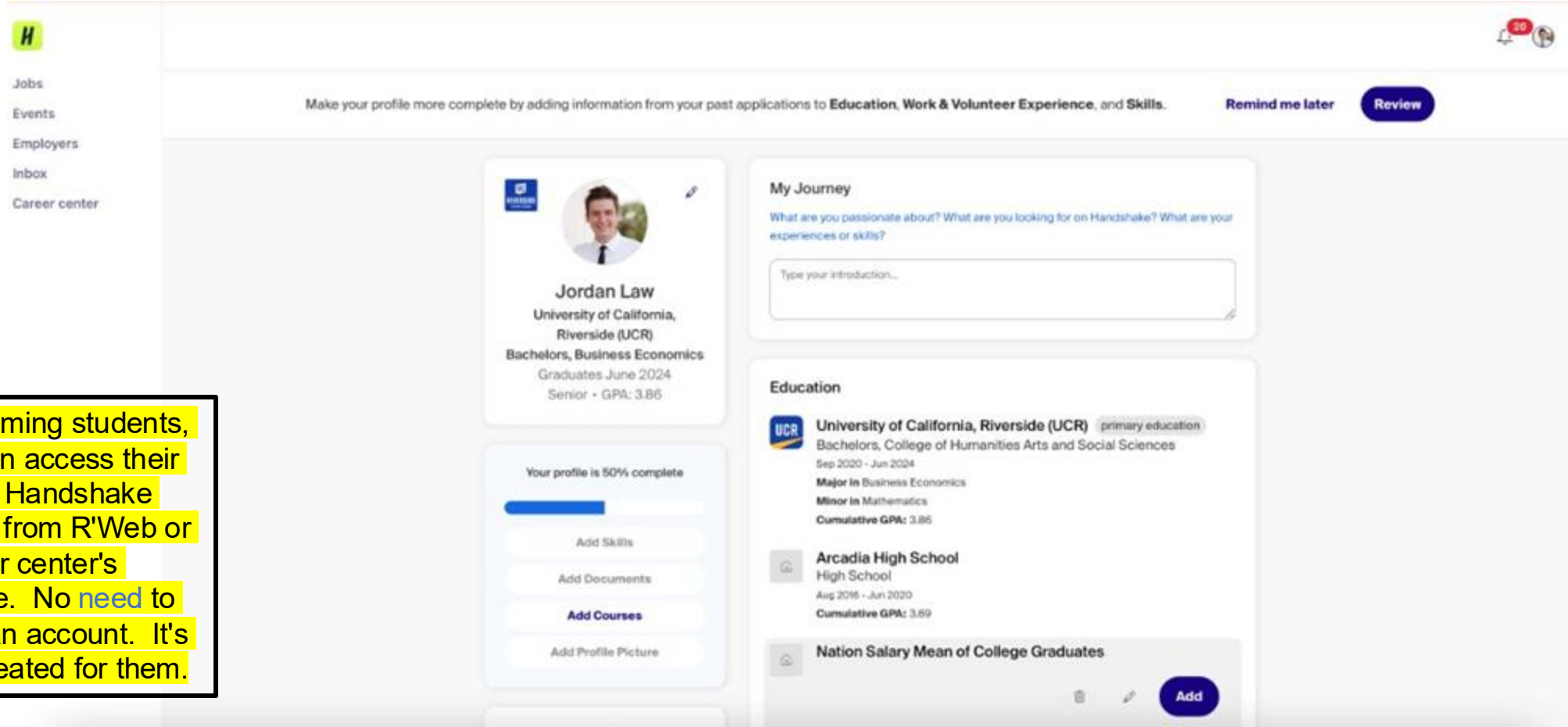
We are pleased to announce that through the generous donation of [Enterprise Mobility](#), the Career Center has launched our very own R'Professional Photo Booth for our students to use for professional headshots. The R'Professional Photo Booth is hosted at the UCR Career Center, and is available as a drop-in service during the designated hours below.

The Photobooth hours are:

Monday - Friday: 8:00am - 5:00pm (during academic year)

Summer Hours: Monday - Thursday: 8:00am - 5:00pm
Friday: 8:00am - 2:00pm

Handshake



For incoming students, they can access their UCR Handshake account from R'Web or our center's website. No need to create an account. It's been created for them.

Recommendations:

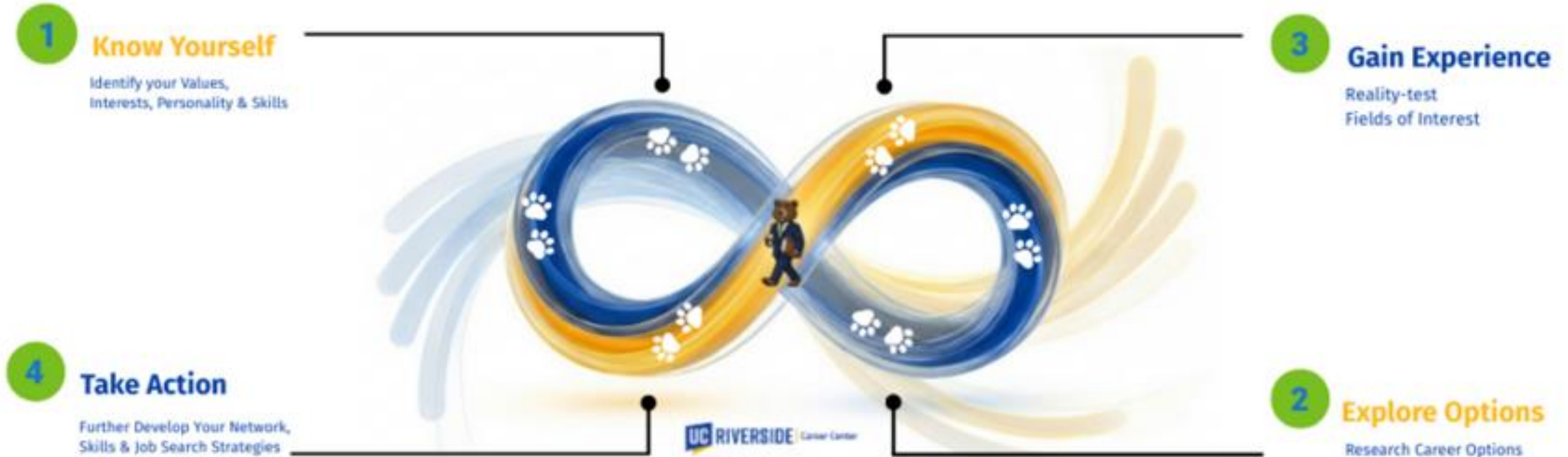


1. Students check-in with their career specialist at least once a quarter
2. Students attend a career fair at least twice a year
3. Students participate in three career readiness workshops throughout the year
4. Incoming students should follow our 1st Year Career Plan found here or scan the QR code:

<https://careers.ucr.edu/resources/career-planning/college-specific-milestones>



Career Decision Making Model



Resources for Incoming Students

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Welcome to the UCR community! The **Career Center** is your headquarters for the professional advice, skills, and strategies that will lead you to your ideal career. Our mission is to **Connect, Inspire, and Empower** you through UCR and beyond.

You Belong at UCR, and we are committed to ensuring our programs and services are inclusive, respectful, and accessible to everyone, regardless of background or identity. Whether you are a first-year student or a transfer student, we have **tailored Career Plans** and workshops—available as PDFs or pre-recorded videos—to help you navigate your unique path. Graduate students, we have a dedicated page for you.

To get started right away, we encourage you to:

- **Join Handshake:** This is your portal to search for **job listings, internships, and volunteer opportunities**, and to interview with employers who come to UCR. A UCR affiliated account has already been created for you. To sign in, please use your NetID and password. Please **do not create any new accounts**. Here is a video of how to access your official Handshake account.
- **Explore the Career Center website:** Our online resources never close! You can find tools to help with interviewing, polish your resume, and relevant workshops 24/7.

If you have questions or need guidance, please reach out to us at careercounseling@ucr.edu. Incoming students can start accessing our appointment services in mid-August. However, you can utilize the Handshake job portal anytime.

Check out the buttons below for more specific career plans and resources for you. We look forward to helping you plan your career path step-by-step!

1st Year Students

Transfer Students

Graduate Students



BEWARE OF JOB FRAUD

Learn the red flags to look out for in your job search.

-  They're asking you to shop for them.
-  You have to send them money.
-  The job sounds too good to be true.
-  The job they offer isn't the one you applied for.

-  They won't meet you in person.
-  You can't verify their information.
-  They're asking for personal information.
-  You'll be working from home.

Learn more about job fraud and how to protect yourself at careers.ucr.edu or contact a career counselor today.



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Connect with us!



INSTAGRAM

@UCRCAREERCENTER



Location:

Entrance is across from ARC and University Lecture Hall underneath the bookstore

Summer Hours:

8AM - 5PM - MONDAY – THURSDAY

8AM – 2PM - FRIDAY

Website Home



Drop in Hours



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Questions?

