



WELCOME TO ORIENTATION!

University Career Services

Welcome Students and Families



University Life
**NEW STUDENT AND
FAMILY PROGRAMS**
George Mason University®

UCS MISSION

To prepare and connect **career ready** students for post graduate success



THE CAREER READINESS EQUATION



We help students think through the decision of how to choose and use their major.



EARN DEGREE

- 1:1 appointments
- Assessments
- Career courses for academic credit (e.g., UNIV 220, 421)
- Online resources

careers.gmu.edu/choosing-major-or-career

We provide opportunities for students to connect with employers to gain hands-on experiences, particularly internships and jobs.



Career Fairs

- Employer networking events
- 1:1 job search appointments
- Handshake database

(internship, part-time, on-campus/work-study postings)

**GAIN
EXPERIENCES**

RECOMMENDED TIMELINE

Freshman Year

- ☐ Learn about George Mason's support resources and establish a strong GPA
- ☐ Make friends and get involved on campus
- ☐ Explore majors and related careers

Sophomore Year

- ☐ Secure first career-relevant position such as internship, part-time job, research, or study abroad
- ☐ Confirm major (by 60 credits) and begin building relevant skills needed for your careers of interest

Junior Year

- ☐ Secure second career-relevant position such as internship, part-time job, research, or study abroad
- ☐ Leverage your experience to further refine career goals and decide whether you will pursue graduate school or look for a job senior year

FIND YOUR JOB OR INTERNSHIP: CONNECT
WITH EMPLOYERS



go.gmu.edu/careers-handshake

On campus/part-time jobs come
up all throughout the school year !

FEDERAL WORK STUDY (FWS)

FWS@gmu.edu

1. FWS is based on financial need/FAFSA. Check your financial aid package.
2. If awarded, you can apply to a special list of on campus jobs that accommodate your schedule.
3. Log into HANDSHAKE and use the keyword "work study" to search for these positions.
4. If you were not granted FWS and believe you are eligible, contact the Financial Aid Office.

We coach students on how to effectively communicate what they know and what they can do.



- Cover letter and resume reviews
- Practice interviews
- Handshake/LinkedIn profile workshops
- Salary negotiation tips
- On campus Interviews

**MARKET
YOURSELF**

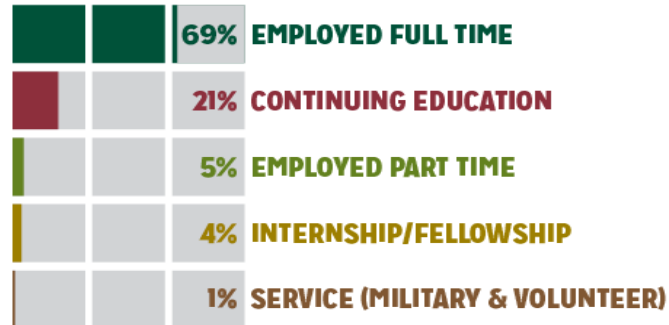
DATA & OUTCOMES

THE MASON IMPACT

BASED ON DATA FROM THE CAREER PLANS SURVEY*



FINDING MULTIPLE PATHS TO SUCCESS



SELECT EMPLOYERS



EARNING TOP WAGES

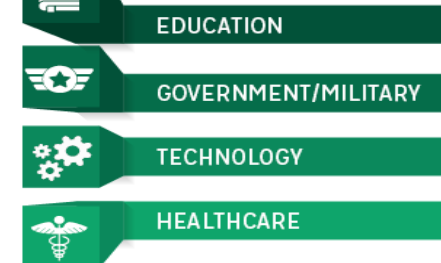
MEDIAN SALARY
\$74,000

FILLING LOCAL, NATIONAL, & GLOBAL ROLES

83%
EMPLOYED IN VA/MD/DC



TOP INDUSTRIES



<https://go.gmu.edu/careersdataoutcomes>

STUDENTS: IT'S YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO

- ☐ Speak with your professors and advisors
- ☐ Take responsibility to manage your assignments independently
- ☐ Test your academic and career interests through students organizations, internships and part-time jobs
- ☐ Take advantage of the career support resources available to you at George Mason

CAREER SUPPORT AT MASON



MEET WITH US !



- Drop ins Monday-Friday 1:00-3:00pm
- Appointments: in-person, phone, zoom
- Career Advisors available daily (except Saturday) and most evenings until 11pm!
- SUB 1, room 3400
- 703.993.2370
- CAREERS.GMU.EDU

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