



University Life

**UNIVERSITY CAREER SERVICES**

George Mason University®

# MASON EXPERIENCE ORIENTATION

WELCOME STUDENTS AND FAMILIES!

# UCS MISSION



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

# THE CAREER READINESS EQUATION



**EARN  
DEGREE**

+



**GAIN  
EXPERIENCES**

+



**MARKET  
YOUR SKILLS**

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**CAREER  
READY**



# EARN DEGREE

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

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


[careers.gmu.edu/choosing-major-or-career](https://careers.gmu.edu/choosing-major-or-career)

# **GAIN EXPERIENCES**

**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)





**FIND YOUR  
JOB OR INTERNSHIP**



# ***Handshake***

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

**[go.gmu.edu/careers-handshake](https://go.gmu.edu/careers-handshake)**



# FEDERAL WORK STUDY (FWS)

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.



# 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



# MASON STUDENT INTERNSHIP SITES









# MARKET YOUR SKILLS

**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



# **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



# MEET WITH US!

- Career Advisors available daily (except Saturday) and most evenings until 11pm!
- **Appointments:** in-person, phone, virtual (Zoom)
- **Drop ins:** Monday through Friday from 1:00–3:00pm

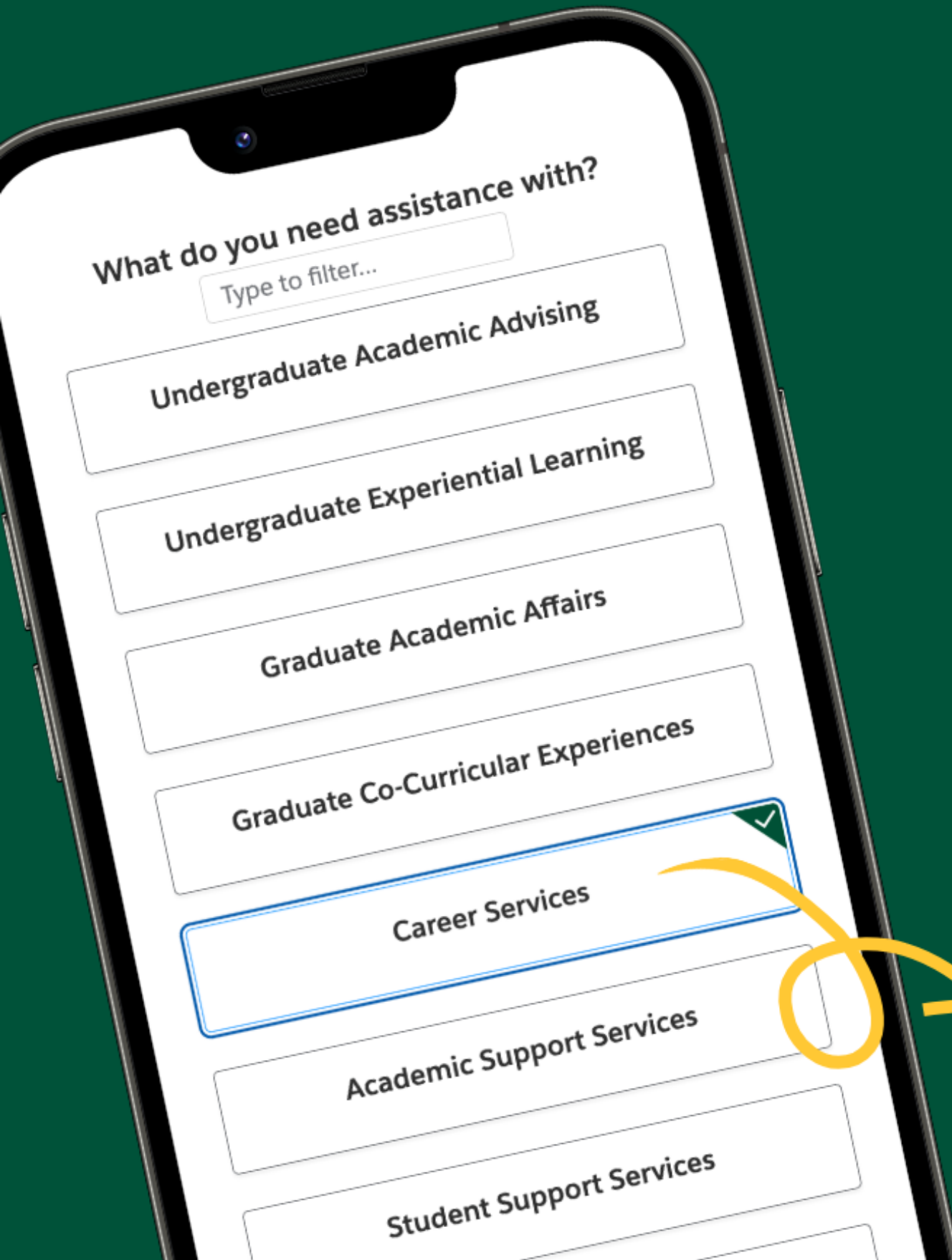
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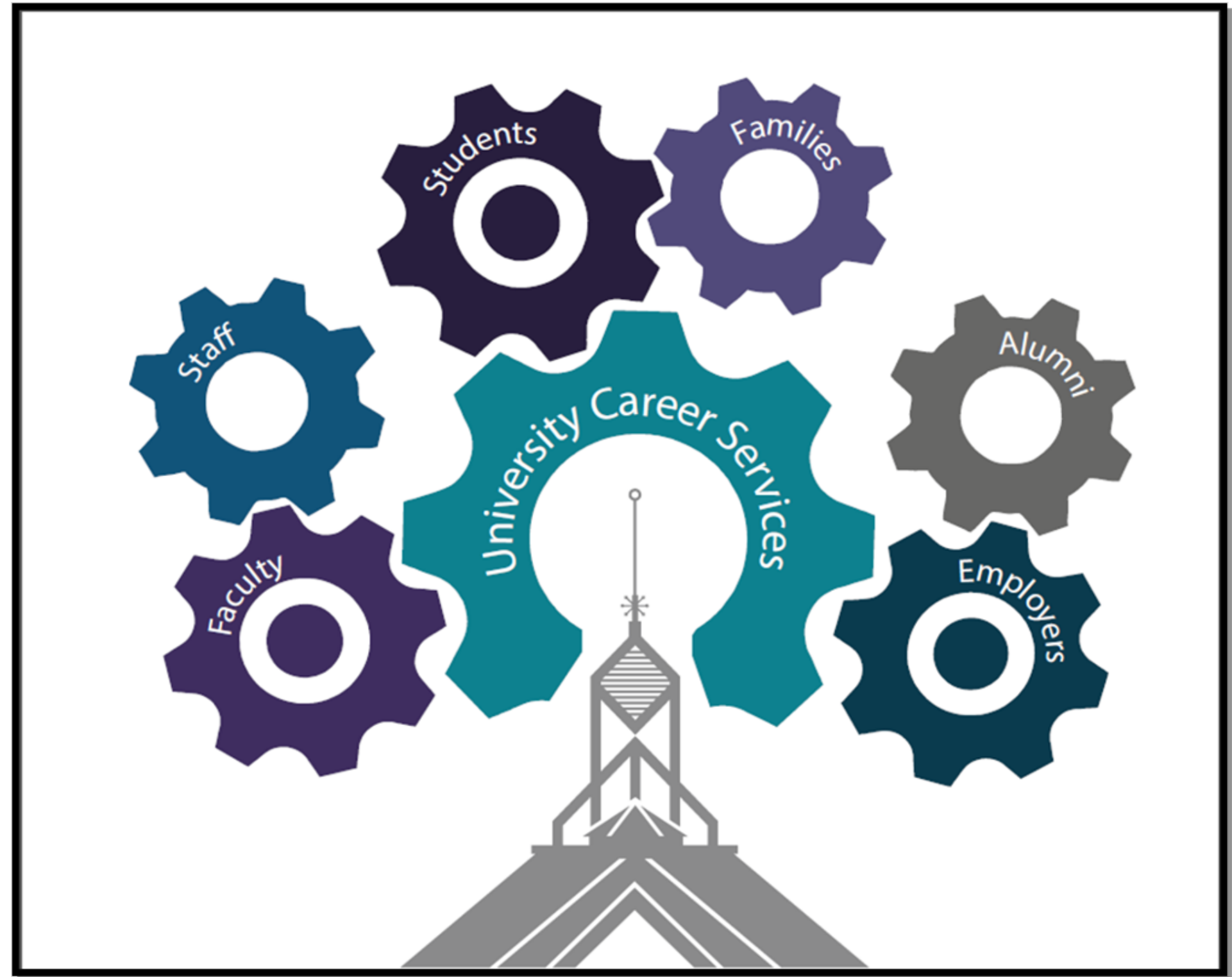
**HEADS UP,  
MASON NATION**

Career Services appointments  
are now scheduled through  
**PATRIOT CONNECT!**

[connect.gmu.edu](https://connect.gmu.edu)



# **CAREER SUPPORT AT GEORGE MASON**





# THANK YOU!

We look forward to meeting you this  
upcoming Fall!



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