

# CS Career and Internship Fair

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Due to the large level of interest, the CS Career and Internship Fair is only open to current students from the following programs:

**Computer Science** - undergraduate, graduate programs, and professional/certificate programs.

**Engineering** - only undergraduate & graduate students in the Computer Engineering program, and graduate students enrolled in the Master of Engineering (M.Eng.) and Graduate Certificate in Engineering (GCEN) programs.

**iSchool** (both undergraduate and graduate programs)

Students from other programs will be denied entry irrespective of their personal qualifications.

**\*Important – You will need to present your resume to gain admittance to the fair.\***

1. Before you go to the event, read about the companies that will participate. This information can be found on the Career Fair website on the student page. There will be Tech Giants, Startups, Government Organizations, Fortune 500 companies, and Financial Institutions present at the Open House.
2. Choose companies from every category so that you may see the variety of opportunities available for Computer Science majors.
3. Review your resume and be prepared to be asked questions pertaining to it as well as to answer technical questions. (Yes. Some companies might ask you
4. Print **several copies** of your resume (one for each company you are interested in). Recruiters will look at the resume and write notes.
5. Be prepared to talk about yourself. Think about interesting projects that you have worked on outside of class, and review the classes that you have taken. Recruiters want to know about your interests, accomplishments and your goals and how you might fit in to their company. Be confident in your abilities.

## DRESS:

The dress for the CS Internship and Career Fair is mostly casual. However, we ask that you do not wear sweatpants or t-shirts with holes in them. You are welcome to wear jeans and t-shirts-- just be neat about it. Many of the companies have a very relaxed culture. However, some of them do require more formal attire at work.

You can check the preferred dress for each company on our website and dress accordingly at the fair.

## EVENT:

1. Please enter through **the main entrance of the Hotel at UMD (7777 Baltimore Avenue)** no earlier than 2:30pm. CS seniors & graduate Students will be admitted at 3:00PM. All Computer Science students will be admitted at 4:00PM, iSchool and Engineering Majors (Computer Engineering, Cybersecurity Master of Engineering, Software Master of Engineering, Electrical and Computer Engineering Master of Engineering, Robotics Master of Engineering, Cybersecurity Online, Cybersecurity Graduate Certificate in Engineering, Software Graduate Certificate in Engineering, Robotics Graduate Certificate in Engineering) will be able to enter at 5:00PM. Bring your student ID card and do not forget **MULTIPLE copies of your resume**. There may be a long line for check-in, so please exercise patience. After you have checked in and the fair has opened, feel free to walk around to each booth and learn about all of the companies.

2. Once you meet the recruiter, introduce yourself, and give him or her your resume. The conversation should evolve from there.
3. If there are giveaways at the booths, please do not simply walk up and take something without speaking to a company representative. Doing so is terribly inconsiderate. At the same time, please be mindful of the recruiters' schedules as well. They cannot spend the entire evening talking to you alone.
4. Collect business cards from the Technical Recruiters if they are available to you. That way, you have a contact at any given company or organization. Tip: Take reminder notes of your conversation on the back of the card when you've finished speaking to that recruiter.

Your first order of business is to learn about internship or full time employment opportunities available to you. If you are interested in a very popular company or organization, please be prepared to stand in line and wait for an opportunity to speak to a recruiter. You might want to spend some time looking around the CS Career and Internship Fair before settling in for a long wait. Have a good time, and make sure that you meet people from many different companies and organizations. Sometimes, you can discover a place to work or intern that you had previously not considered.

### **AFTER THE EVENT:**

Make sure that you check your email (and spam folder) as well as your voice mail after the fair in case a recruiter wants to set up an interview with you. The interview process can be long and arduous—if you don't get a phone call or email right away, do not panic.