

First-year Student's Career Planning Timetable

September - December

Connect With the Career Centre to Get Started

- Target the right part-time and summer jobs now to enhance opportunities for professional jobs later. Review hundreds of job postings online through Laurier Navigator: www.wlu.ca/career.
- Know Yourself!** Begin to pursue your **Career Development Certificate (CDC)** by attending our **Career Development** workshops and meeting with a Career Consultant to begin identifying your values, interests, skills and work preferences.
- Start exploring your options.** Go online to view our My Major resources, career profiles, and Alumni Sharing Knowledge (ASK) database. Follow the Laurier Career Centre on Twitter @careerchatter to gather information on different careers.

The Summer Job Search Begins

- Attend our **resumé writing, interview preparation and job search workshops** (and continue to earn your CDC) to learn how to best connect your skills and interests to appropriate job opportunities.
- See a **Career Consultant** to review your resumé, discuss your job search and/or interview skills. Individual appointments offer you a personalized approach to your employment preparation.

January - April

Next Steps in Building Your Career

- Visit the **Career Centre** to learn how to research careers, employers and future trends. Check Laurier Navigator often for new job postings and attend Job Fair in February to connect with potential summer employers.
- Consider **volunteer and/or career immersion opportunities**. Joining a campus club or volunteering with an organization of interest to you will help you build valuable employment skills and explore career options.
- Attend a **workshop to begin developing your personalized professional portfolio** - a concept that will help set you apart from your competition when you start your part-time, summer or full-time job search.
- Assess and build your online presence.** Google yourself and assess your Facebook profile. Begin creating a presence on LinkedIn by joining the LinkedIn Laurier Career Centre Group where you can interact with staff and relevant professionals.

Stay Connected with the Career Centre

- Watch our event calendar for exciting and informative special events, workshops, speakers and fairs. We are here to help YOU pursue a fulfilling career!

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