



Ways to build skills and experience

Internships aren't the only way to gain practical experience and important skills!

Volunteer. Discover your interests, explore different career options, and meet important people that may be useful as contacts for future positions through volunteering. Visit the [Morgridge Center](#) in the Red Gym or search www.volunteermatch.org for volunteer opportunities.

Get a summer or part-time job with a goal in mind. Summer and part-time jobs build skills and can be relevant to your career path. The [UW Student Job Center](#) is an excellent resource of student job listings.

Join a student club or organization. Become a leader in a group on campus. You'll meet people and gain transferable skills that future employers will be interested in. [The Center for Leadership and Involvement](#) (CfLI) is an excellent resource to connect you to student organizations.

Create your own job shadow opportunities. You don't have to wait for a formal program – [create your own job shadow experience](#).

Learn a new skill. You may not get all the skills you need from class – especially new technology. Lynda.com is a great way to learn software, and it's free for UW students!

Work on your [personal brand](#). What happens when you google yourself? You may want to create or improve your LinkedIn, Twitter, website, or online portfolio of your work.

[Find a mentor](#) who can help with your career search along the way.

Informational interviewing – as much as possible! Read [this guide](#) or check out [this video](#) for an introduction. Listen to [this podcast](#) if you need inspiration or are nervous about getting started.