

FOR JUNIORS

Welcome to the Office of Career Services (OCS)

PLANNING TIMELINE FOR NEXT STEPS AFTER HARVARD

OCS offers over 350 programs a year to help you explore diverse fields—from international development to architecture, to education, entertainment, global health, business, law, medicine, and more! Depending on what you're planning to do after you graduate, your timeline may vary. Some fellowship processes begin before you return to campus for your senior year. Make sure you explore all of your options, including fellowships, graduate or professional school, and non-profit and for-profit employment. Here's a checklist to help you begin thinking about what to do beyond Harvard.

RESEARCH OPTIONS

- Talk to proctors, house tutors, teaching fellows, faculty, peers, OCS staff, and family to get advice on what to do next.
- Attend OCS workshops on finding jobs, graduate/professional schools, and postgraduate fellowships, and test your interests by attending field-specific panels.
- Update your resume; see samples on the OCS website. Bring your resume to OCS drop-in hours (M–F 1:00-4:00pm) to have it reviewed, and learn how to apply for jobs.
- Keep track of your applications, noting deadlines and follow-up steps.
- Come to fellowship drop-in hours at 77 Dunster Street to learn more about applying for postgraduate fellowships, and attend proposal writing workshops.
- Learn networking skills and start to build connections in areas that interest you.
- Create a LinkedIn account. This is a great way to make connections.
- Explore graduate or professional school options by attending workshops and talking to house tutors and faculty. Prepare to take standardized tests required for admissions.
- Undecided?** You're not alone. Come to daily drop-ins or schedule an appointment with one of our advisers.

IN THE FALL, CONNECT WITH EMPLOYERS AND ORGANIZATIONS

- Attend employer presentations and 18 career fairs offered throughout the year to learn more about organizations and possible positions.
- Check out OCS job listings—including Crimson Careers, UCAN, iNet, and Going Global databases—and Vault Guides for job search and interview advice.
- If you are interested in business- or tech-related careers, register for the On-Campus Interview Program. The first deadline is in mid-September and interviews begin soon afterward.
- Watch your deadlines! Put them on your calendar so they won't slip by. Some applications may be due as early as September, while others may not be active until the late spring of your senior year.

PLAN FOR A NUMBER OF OPTIONS

- Make sure to have a plan A, B, and C, since many opportunities are highly competitive. It's all right to apply for multiple options. You can sort them out once you hear if you have been accepted. OCS advisers and others are here to help you make choices between options.

SPECIAL RESOURCES FOR SENIOR YEAR

Senior Month!

OCS provides additional drop-in advising and appointments exclusive to seniors during the month of September.

Senior Check-In

OCS staff reach out to seniors to 'check-in' on their postgraduate plans, providing personal support and guidance.

Workshop Series for Current Medical School Applicants

Such as: Financing Medical School, the Personal Statement, Selecting Medical Schools, and Completing the AMCAS Application.



For the most up-to-date programming schedule & more information:

www.ocs.fas.harvard.edu