



Preparing for the ACES + LAS Career Fairs: Science Majors

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2022

ACES + LAS Career Fair

In-person fair

Thursday, Sept. 22

1 to 6 p.m.

I-Hotel & Conference
Center

Virtual fair

Wednesday, Sept. 28

Noon to 5 p.m.

Handshake @ Illinois



Virtual: Are there any benefits?

Yes!

- Shorter time commitment
- Not locked into one location
- Easier for introverts
- Less sensory overload
- Accessible to anyone with an internet connection



Learning Outcomes

How do I prepare?

What can I expect the day of the fair?

What do I do after the fair is over?

How do I use Handshake/LinkedIn?



Pre-Career Fair Preparation

- Identify your goals
- Navigating the Fair
- Research companies
- Update (or create) your virtual profiles
- Update (or create) your resume
- Register, upload resume, and signify interest in companies several days in advance
- Prepare your elevator pitch
- Ready your professional attire



Pre-Career Fair Preparation

- Identify your goals
- Navigating Handshake (virtual Fair)
 - Test your internet connection and browser in advance!
 - Chrome, Firefox, or the App recommended (avoid Safari)
- Research companies
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Handshake



- Handshake is used at over 400 schools nationwide and by 230,000 employers around the globe.
- Claim your Handshake account
 - [Handshake.illinois.edu](https://handshake.illinois.edu)
 - All students have an account
- Upload your resume and edit your profile
- Search for companies attending and learn more about them.



Navigating Handshake



Students and Post Docs

(Handshake accounts are automatically created for all enrolled on-campus students and post docs)

Log In with your NetID and Password

By logging in to your Handshake @ Illinois account, you agree to abide by the [Handshake @ Illinois User Agreement \(pdf\)](#).

<https://handshake.illinois.edu/>




Finding the Fair



Jobs **Events** Employers

Inbox Career Center



**The best way to
get noticed by
employers?
Reach out.**

Make your profile stand out

Add key information to match with the most relevant jobs and opportunities.



Attend an event

Learn more about employers or roles you're interested in, directly from the source.



University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Career Center →

View your school's resources



Finding the Fair

Q ACES + LAS

This week

This month

Career fair

Virtual

Saved

All filters

Find events

Sort: Relevance

Your school



Virtual career fair

Illinois ACES + LAS 2022 Virtual Career Fair

Wed September 28, 2022

Virtual



Career fair

Illinois ACES + LAS In Person Career Fair 2022

Thu September 22, 2022

1900 South First Street, Champaign, Illinois 61820, United States



Registering for the virtual Fair

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ACES + LAS Career Fair

College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences | College of Liberal Arts & Sciences

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Virtual Career Fair

Illinois ACES + LAS 2022 Virtual Career Fair

Wed, Sep 28, 12:00pm - 5:00pm CDT



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ACES Career Services

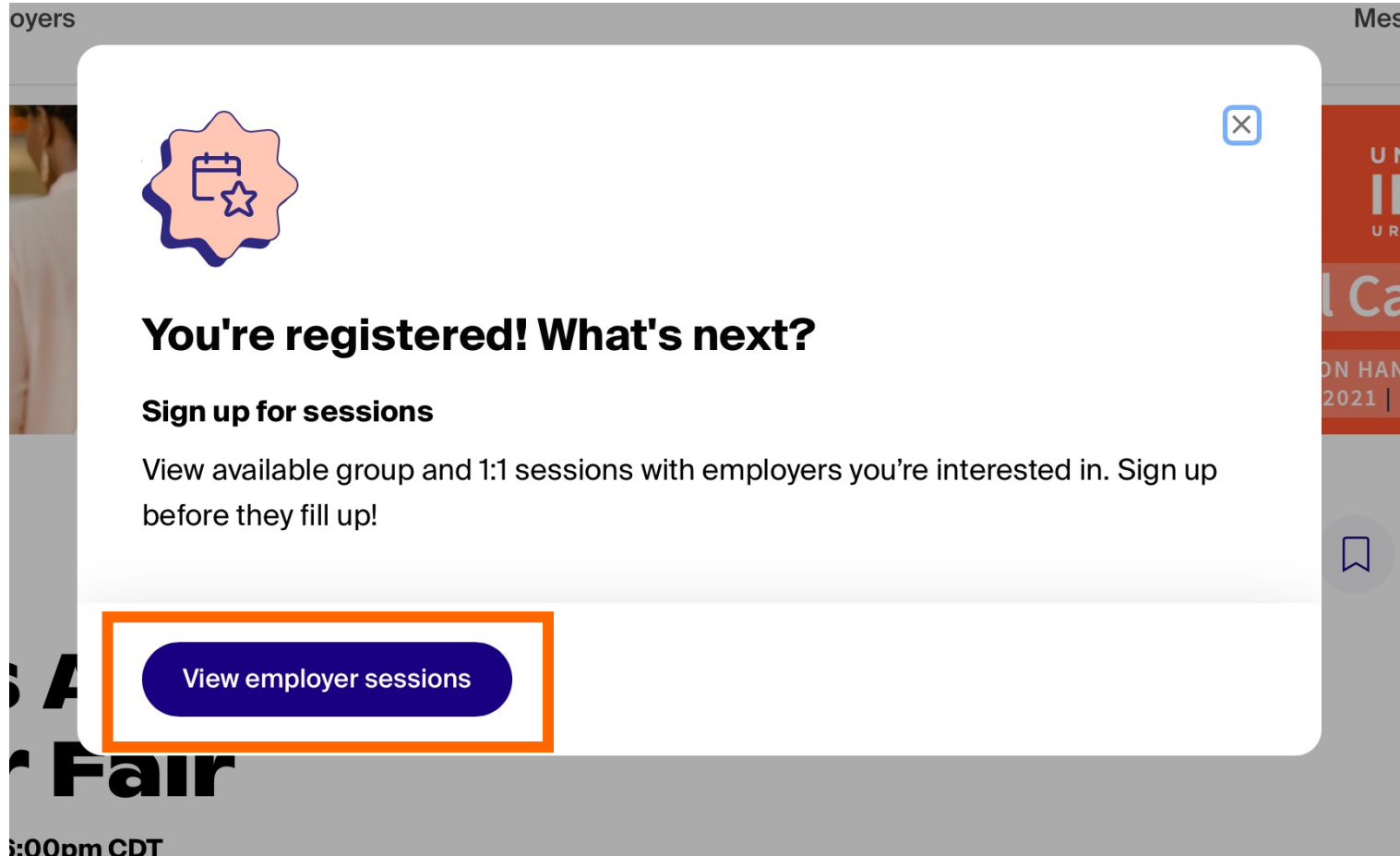
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Register





Registering for the Fair



A screenshot of a mobile application notification. The notification is white with rounded corners and a close button (X) in the top right. It features a purple starburst icon with a calendar and a star. The text reads: "You're registered! What's next? Sign up for sessions View available group and 1:1 sessions with employers you're interested in. Sign up before they fill up!" At the bottom, there is a blue button with white text that says "View employer sessions", which is highlighted with an orange border. The background of the app shows a blurred image of a person and some text like "oyers", "Mes", "UN", "UR", "l Ca", "ON HAN", "2021 |", and "Fair".

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You're registered! What's next?

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View available group and 1:1 sessions with employers you're interested in. Sign up before they fill up!

[View employer sessions](#)

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00pm CDT

Important: you MUST register for employer sessions in advance



Registering for the Fair



labcorp

358 South Main Street Burlington, NC 27215 USA

At Labcorp, we believe in the power of science to change lives. We are a leading global life sciences company that delivers answers for crucial health questions –because we know that knowledge has the potential to make life better for all. Through our unparalleled diagnostics and drug development capabilities, we provide insights and accelerate innovations that not only empower patients and providers but help medical, biotech, and pharmaceutical companies transform ideas into innovations. Here, you can join our more than 70,000 employees, serving clients in more than 100 countries, as we work together to make a real impact on people's lives. Join us in our pursuit of answers.

Individual session • 48 open sessions

One on One with labcorp →

Group session • 12:00pm - 12:30pm

Labcorp Company Information & Job Opportunities →

Group session • 5:00pm - 5:30pm

Labcorp Company Information & Job Opportunities →



Enterprise Holdings

St. Louis, MO

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Registering for the Fair

Two ways to interact with employers

- 1:1 sessions
 - 10 minutes each
 - One student, one employer
- Group sessions
 - 30 minutes each
 - Multiple students can attend

Both methods involve real-time video/audio



What will it look like?

The screenshot displays a Zoom webinar interface. On the left, a large video feed shows a woman, Anna Bocolan, smiling and waving. Her name and affiliation, Johnson Vaughn University, are displayed below her video. A smaller video feed in the bottom right corner shows a man, Justin Niida, wearing a headset. At the bottom of the video area are icons for Settings, a monitor (video off), a microphone (muted), and a camera (video off), along with a red 'Leave session' button.

On the right, a chat window is open, titled 'Chat'. It contains the following messages:

- Host: Welcome to the webinar everyone! Feel free to ask questions. Just getting set up.
- Participant (Alice H., Johnson Vaughn University): How many positions are open for the fall?
- Host: You can apply on our company website. Please include your resume and cover letter and we'll review it as soon as we can.
- Host: We have 6 positions open!
- Participant (Alice H., Johnson Vaughn University): When are applications due?
- Participant (Anna B., Johnson Vaughn University): What do you look for when hiring for your internship positions?

At the bottom of the chat window is a text input field with the placeholder 'Start typing...' and a blue 'Send' button.



Registering for the Fair

Not all companies have added time slots yet
Biology-relevant employers may not have added times yet

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Registered

Virtual Career Fair

Illinois ACES + LAS 2022 Virtual Career Fair

Wed, Sep 28, 12:00pm - 5:00pm CDT

Your schedule

Available sessions

[Career fair details](#)

The ACES + LAS Career Fair is open to all students, but targeted to graduate and undergraduate students in the



Registering for the Fair

Employers attending



Bayer
Whippany, NJ



EcoSwell
Lobitos District, Peru



Fiserv
Brookfield, WI



Urban Teachers
8 Market Pl, Suite 300, Baltimore, Maryland
21202, United States



CNH Industrial
Burr Ridge, IL



**Illinois Farm Business Farm Management
(FBFM)**
1101 West Peabody Drive, Urbana, Illinois 61801,
United States

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Registering for the Fair



Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant

West Lafayette, IN

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We use research, outreach, and education to bring the latest science to Great Lakes communities and their residents. By connecting decision-makers with science, we help strengthen and preserve ecosystems and communities in southern Lake Michigan and beyond. IISG offers a summer internship program open to undergraduate students. We offer paid position, in-person or remote, where students will be working with IISG staff members for a mentor-mentee experience.

Job types

Internship

Employment types

Part-Time

US work authorization

Accepts OPT/CPT

Job titles

None

School years

Second Year Community / Technical College, First Year Community / Technical College, Senior, Junior, Sophomore, Freshman

Attending sessions

Wednesday, Sep 28, 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm CDT



Set Up

Media Commons Loanable Technology

- You can rent webcams, laptops, keyboards and additional computer accessories through the Main Library
 - <https://www.library.illinois.edu/mc/lt/>



Pre-Career Fair Preparation

- Identify your goals
- Navigating the In-Person Fair
- Research companies
- Update (or create) your virtual profiles
- Update (or create) your resume
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Know what to expect



Large room
150+ booths
200+ recruiters
1000+ students
Lines
Loud
Hot
Prep Area



Navigating the Fair

- Bring your I-Card
- Work the career fair alone
- Go early if possible, visit the company you are most looking forward to last
- Map out your path
- Relax and speak slowly
- Request business cards and/or contact information
- Take notes in between contacts
- Be your authentic self (and smile to warm up)
- Beware of getting bogged down by freebies



Navigating the Fair

- Map out your trip to and from the iHotel.
 - <https://mtd.org/maps-and-schedules/plan-trip/>
 - App options: <https://mtd.org/maps-and-schedules/apps/>
 - Check out the Link route and Yellow if you don't know where to start



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Pre-Career Fair Preparation

- Identify your goals
- Navigating the Fair
- Research companies
 1. Who will be there, what are they looking for
 2. How do you learn more?
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Company Research

**What companies are looking for
your major / skills /
experiences?**

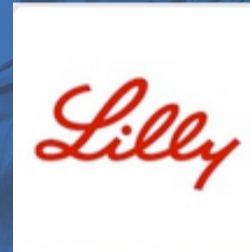
What positions are available?



Company Research



Employers seeking biology and
biochemistry majors



Sandia National
Laboratories



Company Research

All employers (108)

 **AbbVie**
Lake Bluff, IL

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Job types

Internship

Employment types

Full-Time

US work authorization

Required

Job titles

2022 Operations Development Program Internship, 2022 Clinical Trial Operations Development Program Internship

School years

Junior, Sophomore

Attending sessions

Thursday, Sep 23, 12:00 pm - 6:00 pm CDT



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Chicago, IL

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Company Research

All employers (108)



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Job types
Internship

Job titles
2022 Operations Development Program Internship, 2022 Trial Operations Development Program Internship



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Highlights from Reviews

Students have said the following about AbbVie:

- Large Company
- Collaborative
- Flexible Work Environment
- Supportive
- Social Events Outside Work
- Networking Opportunities

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Company Research

**How do you learn more about
that company?**

*aka, how do you prep for conversations with
recruiters?*



Company Research

Company Website

GlassDoor

Web Searches

Articles

Social Media

Employees

Recruiters



Company Research

Employees | Recruiters

**Who comes to the fair?
Often it's Illinois alums
working at the company!**



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- Research companies
- Update (or create) your LinkedIn & Handshake profiles
- Update (or create) your resume
- Register, upload resume, and signify interest in companies several days in advance
 - You must register for sessions to participate in the virtual Fair this year!
- Prepare your elevator pitch
- Ready your professional attire



Pre-Career Fair Preparation

The Career Center

- Tips for writing resumes
 - <https://www.careercenter.illinois.edu/instructable/write-your-resume>
- Resume reviews
 - Mon - Fri 2:00pm - 4:30pm
 - The Career Center, 715 S Wright St, Champaign, IL 61820 (Across the street from the Alma Mater, next to Coco Mero)
 - <https://www.careercenter.illinois.edu/service/resume-reviews>



Your Skills & Qualifications

- Quantitative analysis
- Research and information retrieval
- Analytical thinking
- Creative thinking
- Ability to work in teams
- Effective with ambiguity
- Learning and synthesizing new ideas
- Writing
- Speaking
- Foreign languages and cross-cultural knowledge
- *And more!*



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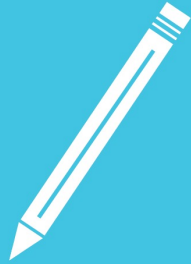
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1 CRITICAL THINKING
PROBLEM SOLVING



2 ORAL AND WRITTEN
COMMUNICATIONS



3 TEAMWORK
COLLABORATION



4 DIGITAL
TECHNOLOGY



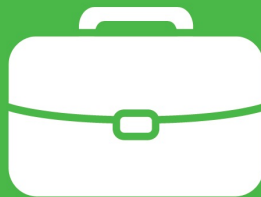
CAREER READINESS COMPETENCIES

ADOPTED FROM THE NACE CAREER READINESS COMPETENCIES FRAMEWORK

5 LEADERSHIP



6 PROFESSIONALISM
WORK ETHIC



7 CAREER
MANAGEMENT



8 GLOBAL
INTERCULTURAL
FLUENCY



Highlight Your (desirable) Skills and Qualifications

THEWAYYOU SAY IT

Fast Food



Provided customer service to 50+ customers per shift



Utilized strong verbal communication skills to clarify orders and maintain customer satisfaction



Maintained a sanitary working environment by performing tasks, including wiping tables and sweeping

Barista



Memorized 32 complex drink combinations in order to prepare orders quickly and efficiently.



Recorded drink orders for 200+ customers per day



Operated register and took deposits to bank averaging \$250



Received the highest number of positive customer surveys in district at 13 in total

<http://careerservices.illinois.edu>

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- **Prepare your elevator pitch**
 - AKA “your 30 second commercial”
- Ready your professional attire



Your 30 Second Commercial

1. Introduce yourself, as appropriate
2. Discuss **your “experience”**
 - As a student this will include your major and any practical experience in the field (if any)
3. State a **strength or skill the employer would be interested in**
4. Follow with an **accomplishment** (or two) that proves you have that skill
 - It can be related to school, work, volunteer experience, activity, etc.
5. Describe your **employment goal**
6. Most importantly, tell how you can **immediately benefit the company**

From Duke Career Center: <https://bit.ly/35h6LH7>



Your 30 Second Commercial

EXAMPLE 1:

Hi, my name is Christina. I'm a junior majoring in Integrative Biology with a minor in gender studies. My long-term professional goal is to help develop therapeutic tools to improve women's health.

I think I would be an asset to your Operations Internship Program because I understand the complex challenges behind women's health from my academic background and have experience working with a team to find creative solutions to complex problems. Working in the service industry I have had to come up with quick, creative solutions to customer issues on a daily basis.

Can you tell me more about what you're looking for in your entry-level interns?



Your 30 Second Commercial

EXAMPLE 2:

Hi, I'm Tina Knox. I'm a senior in Molecular and Cellular Biology. I've been working in a microbiology lab for the past year and have become proficient at PCR and DNA sequencing. I've learned how to work successfully as part of a research team and I'm excited to have presented my work at the ASM conference last summer.

After graduation, I hope to secure a job with a biotechnology firm where I can continue to grow as a professional.

Can you tell me more about what you're looking for in your entry-level employees?



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DRESS FOR SUCCESS

Business Professional



Attire should be:

- ✓ Solid, dark, or neutral colors
- ✓ Layered with lighter colors
- ✓ Fitted custom to you
- ⚠ Cautious of prints, and bold colors

Shoes should be:

- ✓ Closed-toe heels, or dress shoes
Ex. Flats, heels, loafers, oxford shoes
- ✓ Socks should match suit, and cover your ankles

Accessories should:



Your belt should match the color of your shoes, and accessories



For your tie, stick with diagonal stripes, solids or simple patterned ties



Keep accessories to a minimum. Avoid flashy and hanging items.

Personal Items & Cell Phones

Keep cellphone turned off or on silent and out of sight while waiting to begin start your interview.

Carry a briefcase or a small bag, and a folder to hold your professional documents and notes.



What does “professional” mean?

What our IB alums are wearing to interviews

Grad school	Conservation ecology		Med school	Biotech		HS Teacher Physician Biotech Digital Ag		
Grad School	Natural Resources		Environmental Education			SciComm		Biotech
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X



Professional doesn't have to mean expensive

If you are looking for gently-used work attire, you can visit some of the local thrift and second-hand stores in the Champaign-Urbana community:

- Carle Auxiliary Retail Boutique
- Goodwill
- Plato's Closet
- Salt and Light
- Twice is Nice Thrift Shop
- Briella's Boutique



The Day Of

Interacting with Recruiters

General Tips

- Don't get too flustered with technical issues, this is a way to demonstrate agility, patience, etc.
- Body language is even more important. Speak clearly, don't slouch, and minimize hand gestures
- Avoid slang and emojis
 - Tip: type chats into a word document first to avoid any typos or spelling errors



Interacting with Recruiters

General Tips

- Be mindful of the time – log on early if possible, set alarms or reminders to join your top companies
- Map out your path – don't start with your top choice
- Have your LinkedIn or Handshake profile link, elevator pitch, and questions typed out and/or on-hand so you don't delay the conversation
- Bring copies of your printed resume



Interacting with Recruiters

- Establish eye contact, smile, and then introduce yourself and ask how the recruiter is doing
 - Then proceed with your elevator speech
 - Pro Tip: use a sticker (googly eyes!) near your camera to remind you where to look during conversations
- Relax and listen to the recruiter
- Virtual: Stay as stationary as possible while talking – fidgeting, swiveling, walking, etc.
- Take an active role in the interview/conversation
 - Recruiters want initiative, so don't be a wallflower. Opportunity to demonstrate your communication skills



Conversations with recruiters

Questions concerning your career goal(s)

Questions about your interest in their company

Questions about your resume



Interacting with Recruiters

- Thank the recruiter
- Ask for next steps and contact info (if not displayed)
- Take notes and re-group (reflect) after each employer interaction



After the Fair

Following Up After the Fair

Once the fair has wrapped up, you can follow up with employers in Handshake via:

- [following their company profile](#) (receive notifications of employer activity at your school)
- [messaging other students or alumni](#) that have worked for the employer or a publicly listed point of contact for the company
- [responding to an employer message](#)
- [applying for an active job](#)
- [participating in an interview schedule](#)
- [attending an event](#)

<https://support.joinhandshake.com/hc/en-us/articles/360049934274-Handshake-s-Guide-to-Attending-a-Virtual-Fair>



Following Up After the Fair

- Navigate back to the fair in Handshake with the direct link to the fair or browse using the filter "past fairs".
- Click on the **Your schedule** tab for a list of your signed up sessions. The session host's name, job title, and company will display. Click the button **Send a message**, to the right of the host's information, if you'd like to follow up with them directly.

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Following Up After the Fair

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Virtual Career Fair

Arts & Humanities Fair

Wed, Jul 29, 2020 4:00pm - 7:00pm EDT

[Available sessions](#) [Your schedule](#) [Career fair details](#)

Continue the conversation

Here's who you met 1 on 1. Send them a thank you and follow up on next steps.



Tina Reynolds

Cupcake Aficionado at Sprinkle Dreams

[Send a message](#)



Following Up After the Fair

Note: some employers disable handshake notifications.

It's more work but more reliable to ask for the employer's email address and send them a personalized follow up via email.



Following Up After the Fair

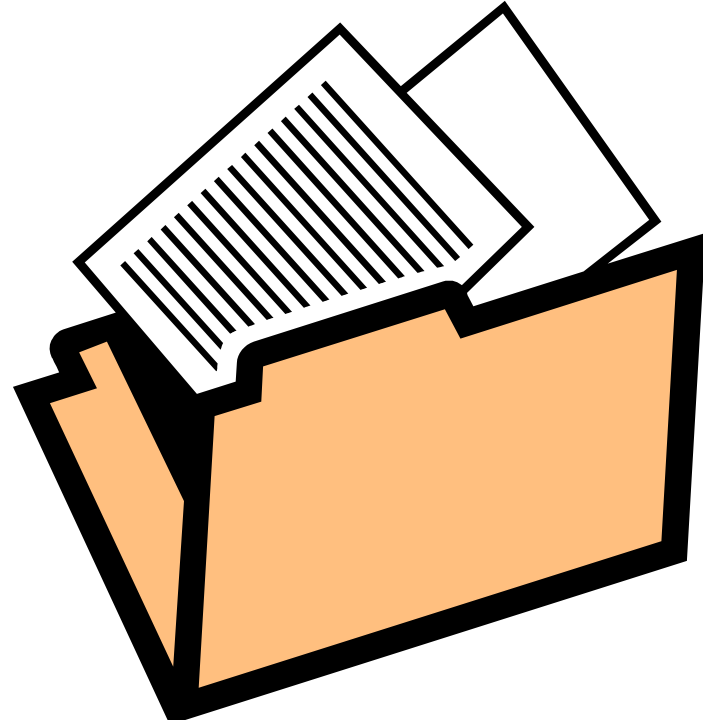
Within 1-2 Days

- Apply or complete other next steps in process
- Send a note of thanks all employers with whom you spoke
 - Email
 - Attach your resume (.pdf)
 - Indicate your actions
 - LinkedIn



Stay Organized!

Update your file
Keep contact information
Application deadlines
Info sessions



Remember...



The search
is a marathon,
not a sprint.



Who are we?



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Virtual Fair Logistics

Registering for the Fair

1 on 1 session ×


1 on 1 with labcorp

 **Emily Fugate**
Senior University Recruiter

3:10pm CDT 3:20pm CDT 3:30pm CDT

4:00pm CDT 4:10pm CDT 4:20pm CDT

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 **Shelley Dyreson**
Hiring Supervisor

2:30pm CDT 2:40pm CDT 2:50pm CDT

3:10pm CDT 3:20pm CDT 3:50pm CDT

Confirm

- Pick the individual or group session foci that matches your individual career goals (if possible)
- you should be able to sign up even the day of, but slots may be gone



Registering for the Fair

Change your profile visibility

In order to participate in a virtual career fair on Handshake, you will need to change your visibility.

Current profile visibility: **Private**

Community

Required to participate in a group session.
Your profile will be visible to employers, students, and alumni across all Handshake colleges and universities. You'll be able to message students and alumni who have similar interests or experiences.

Employers

Required to participate in 1 on 1 sessions with employers.
Your profile will be visible to employers. You may receive messages about potential job opportunities.

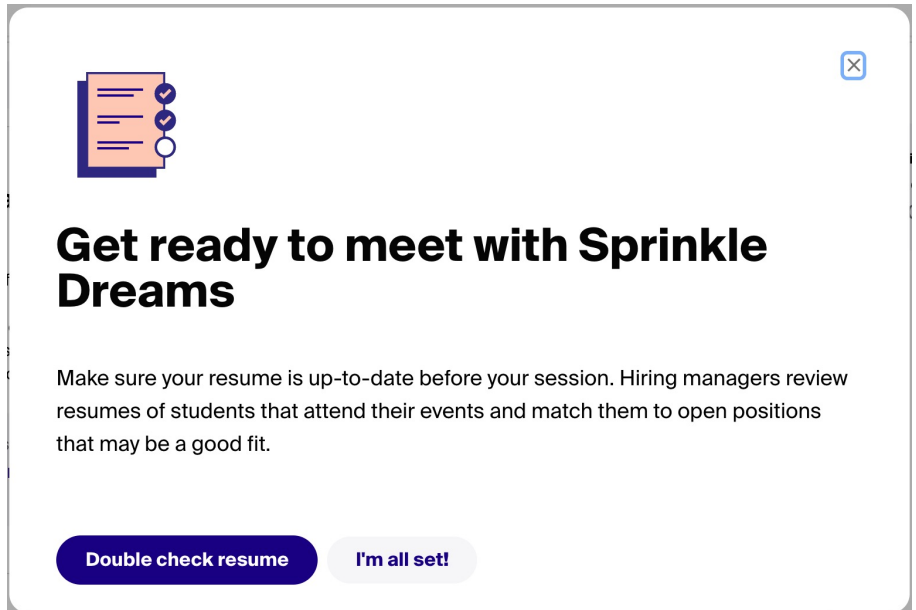
Update **Cancel**

- You might need to update your profile privacy to join a group session
- you should be prompted if registering for group sessions



Registering for the Fair

- Make sure your resume is up to date and visible
- click the blue button **Feature on Profile** to make the document public - when you sign up for sessions, this will allow the employer to view your resume!



The screenshot shows a notification box with a close button (X) in the top right corner. On the left is an icon of a checklist with three items, the first two of which are checked. The main heading is "Get ready to meet with Sprinkle Dreams". Below this is a paragraph of text: "Make sure your resume is up-to-date before your session. Hiring managers review resumes of students that attend their events and match them to open positions that may be a good fit." At the bottom are two buttons: a dark blue button labeled "Double check resume" and a light blue button labeled "I'm all set!"



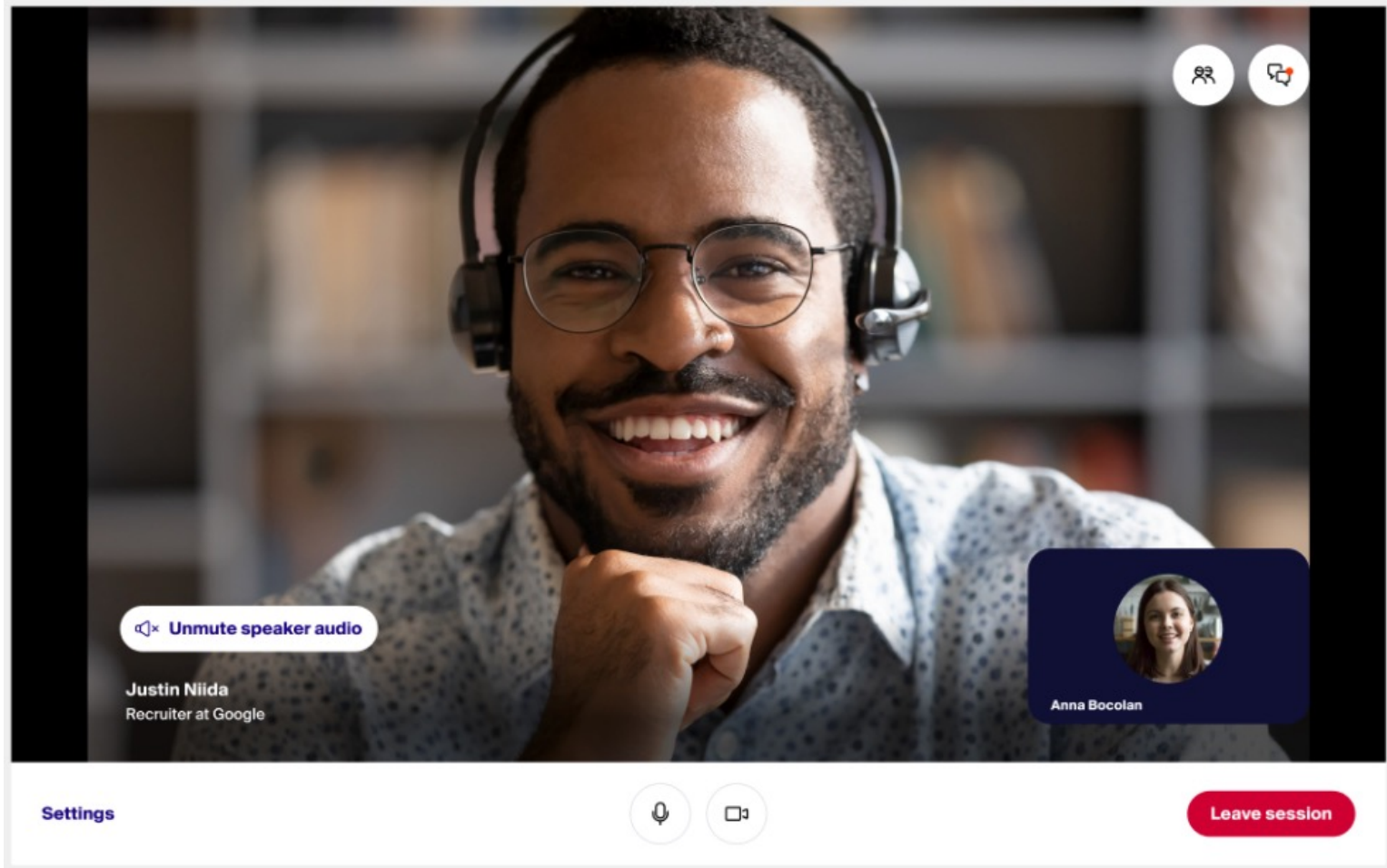
Set Up

Basic Requirements

- An internet connection – broadband wired or wireless (3G or 4G/LTE)
- Speakers and a microphone – built-in or USB plug-in or wireless Bluetooth
- Supported Devices:
 - Desktop web
 - Make sure your browser allows pop-ups!
 - Chrome or Firefox recommended (avoid Safari)
 - iOS or Android app
 - mobile web: ***We strongly recommend desktop web and native mobile apps for the best experience!***
- Optional, but recommended if you'd like to use video: A webcam or HD webcam - built-in or USB plug-in
 - **Tip:** If you're using a webcam that isn't built in to your device, make sure any additional permissions/settings are configured prior to your scheduled virtual interaction!



Joining Sessions



<https://support.joinhandshake.com/hc/en-us/articles/360051402854>

Joining Sessions

1. Navigate to the fair in Handshake and click on the **Your schedule** tab.
2. Click the blue **Join video** button in order to join the session.

Note: You can join up to five minutes early to test your audio and video connection.

The screenshot shows a user interface for a career fair session. At the top left, there is a link to "← Back to all events". On the right, there is a bookmark icon and a "Registered" button. The main heading is "Career Fair" followed by "January 2021 Networking" in a large, bold font. Below this, the date and time are listed: "Thu, Jan 28, 9:00am - 3:00pm EST". There are three tabs: "Available sessions", "Your schedule" (which is active), and "Career fair details". The "Your schedule" tab shows a session titled "Meet our SOL Alumni!" with a "Join video" button. Below this, it says "No sessions" with a "Show open sessions" link. On the right side of the interface, there is a dark blue box with the text "Get seen, then get hired." and a "Set resume to visible" button. The bottom right corner of the page features a large orange letter "I".

<https://support.joinhandshake.com/hc/en-us/articles/360051402854>



Joining Sessions

3. Review your video and audio settings, then click **Join now** to proceed.

Session details

Meet our SOL Alumni!

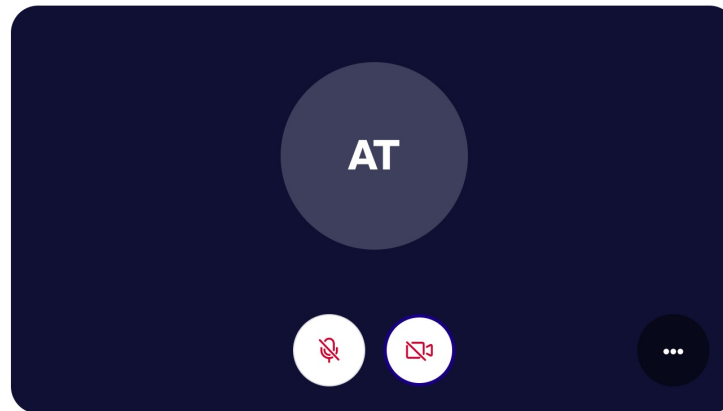
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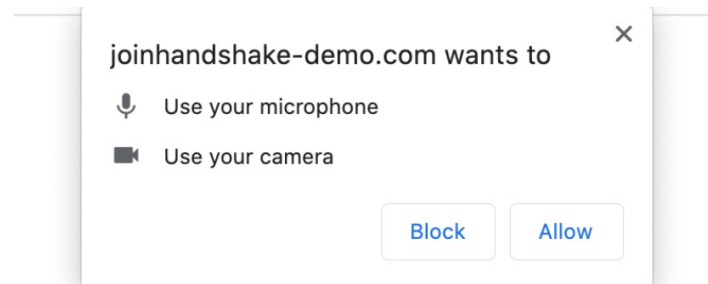
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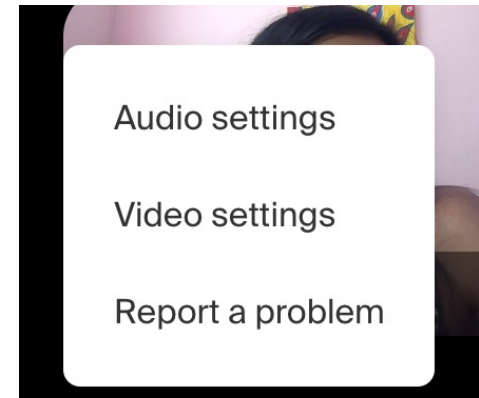
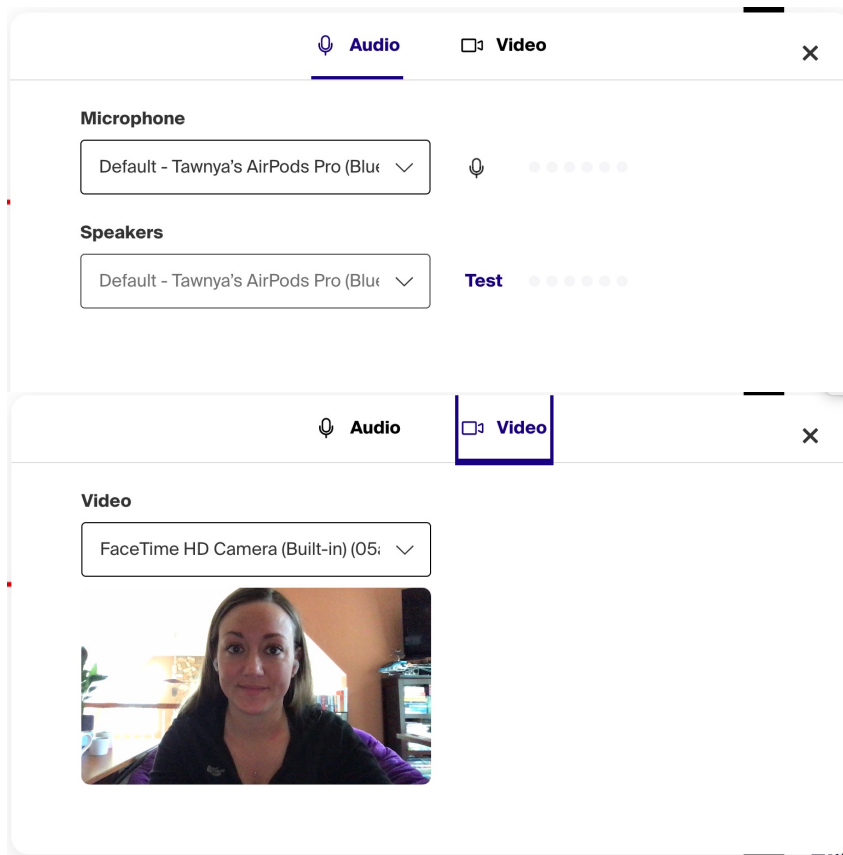
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4. To access and manage Audio or Video settings, use the three dots menu icon on the Join page, or once you're in the session, click the word **Settings** in the lower-left corner:



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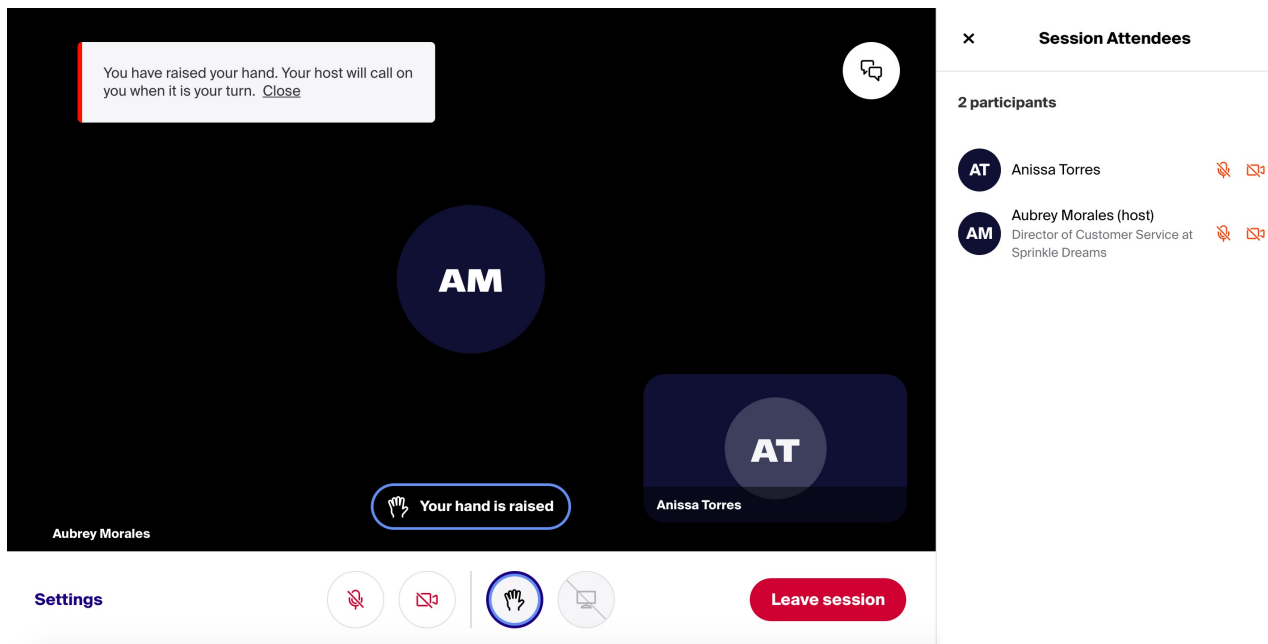
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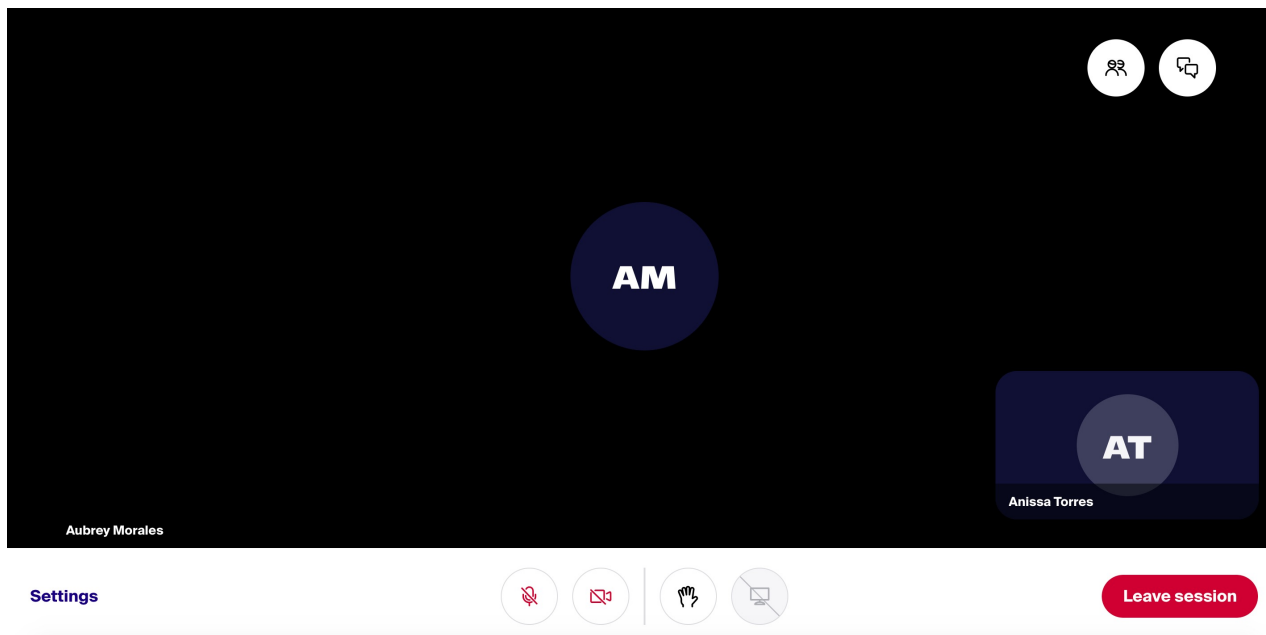
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Share Screen - Employers and you

- If this has been enabled, the computer icon will appear darker and be clickable — click the computer icon button to initiate screen-sharing.
- In the example below, the host has not enabled participant screen-sharing, so the icon is a lighter gray with a line through it:



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- Identify your goals
- Get comfortable with the Handshake platform
- Research Companies
- Update (or create) your virtual profiles
- Update (or create) your resume
- Register, upload resume, and signify interest in companies several days in advance
- Prepare your elevator pitch
- Ready your professional attire
- Prep your professional space



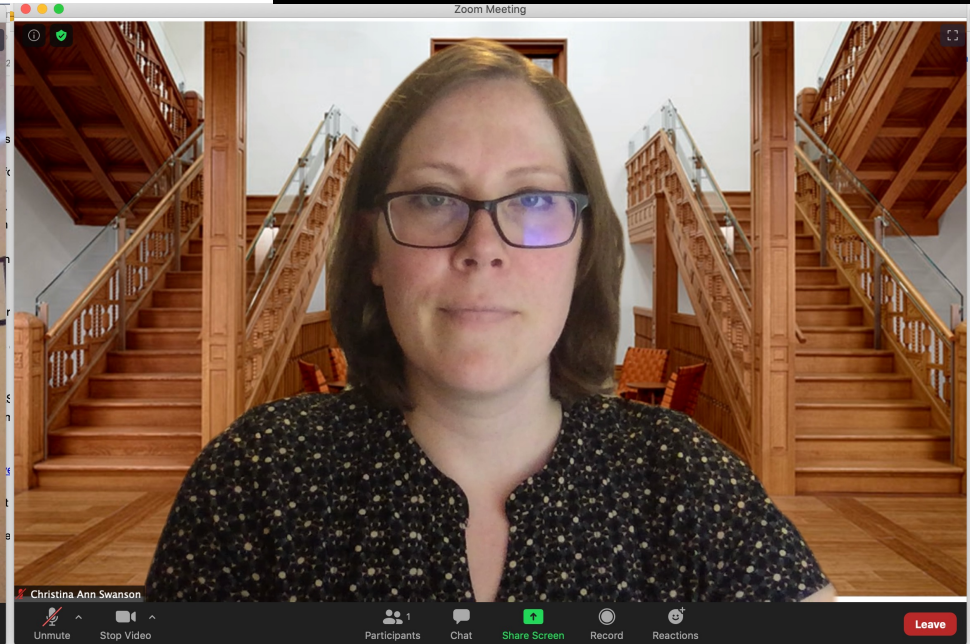
Your Professional Space

- ✓ Space Considerations
 - ✓ Low traffic, low noise
- ✓ Distraction-free background
 - ✓ Clean up messes, make your bed, as neutral as possible
 - ✓ Consider a plain/neutral virtual background
- ✓ Lighting, aesthetics
 - ✓ Natural lighting facing you is ideal – test beforehand!
 - ✓ Use props to get your camera to your eyeline
- ✓ Desk space
 - ✓ Pen and paper for notes
 - ✓ Copy of your resume to reference



Your Professional Space

before and after examples



Using Handshake and LinkedIn

Handshake



- Handshake is used at over 400 schools nationwide and by 230,000 employers around the globe.
- Claim your Handshake account
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**Tina Knox (Assistant
Director Advising and
Recruitment)**

University of Illinois at Urbana-
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Bachelors, Biology
Graduated May 2020
Alumni

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Education



University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign primary education

Bachelors, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Aug 1987 - May 2020

Major in Biology



University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Masters, College of Education

Aug 2004 - May 2008

Major in Ed Organization and Leadership

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Edit your Skills – Self populated from resume upload

Skills

Academic advising ✕

Administrative support ✕

Cloning ✕

Event planning ✕

Fundraising ✕

General office ✕

Inventory ✕

Laboratory ✕

Managerial ✕

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Restructuring ✕

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Training ✕

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Abbott

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🏥 Healthcare

👥 25,000+ employees

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Students Who've Worked Here

516 Students have worked here



Chardell Fredd

Biology '84

 Teacher - 7th & 8th Grade ...

 Christ Child Society



Sarah Hutcheon

Neuroscience and Behavior '20

 Technical Manufacturing C...

 Wesleyan Equestrian Team



Claire Addison

Biology '20

 Consulting intern

 Kappa Delta Sorority



Company Search



Highlights from Reviews

Students have said the following about Abbott:



Large Company



Collaborative



Friendly



Networking
Opportunities

Jobs at Abbott

2021 Operations Intern

Abbott

Software Engineering Tools and Automati...

Abbott

(Remote) Champaign, Illinois

2021 IT Intern

Abbott

Lake Bluff, Illinois

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Start year 1900 End year 2019

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256,210	United States
107,738	Greater Chicago Area
33,899	Urbana-Champaign, Illinois Area
14,036	San Francisco Bay Area
9,698	Greater New York City Area

Where they work + Add

9,187	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
1,300	Google
1,002	Caterpillar Inc.
982	Microsoft
782	Amazon

or company

#1 - Search by major

NEXT

WHAT THEY STUDIED

+ ADD

Use the +ADD under “What they studied” to narrow to your major

What they do

49,547	Business Development
37,932	Education
33,026	Engineering
27,948	Operations
21,863	Research
18,867	Information Technology

What they studied + Add

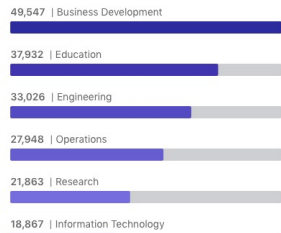
17,146	Computer Science
16,215	Economics
15,563	Finance, General
14,195	Psychology
13,616	Electrical and Electronics Engineering
13,277	Business Administration and Management, Gen...

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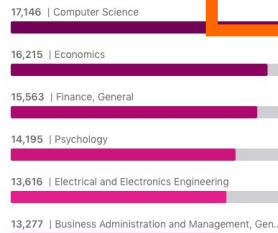


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What they do



What they studied



+ ADD

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Majors change names, so try several variations



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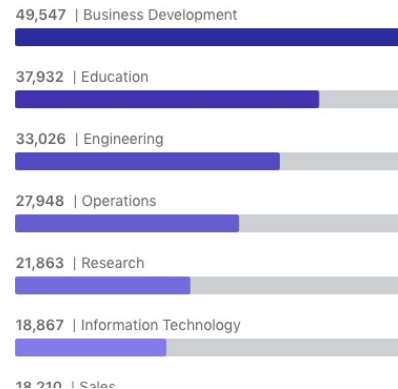
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E.g.

- Biology, General
- Biology/Biological Sciences, General
- Zoology/Animal Biology

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WHERE THEY WORK

75 alumni

CSL Behring Biology Clear all

Where they live + Add Where they work + Add What they do

Where they live	Where they work	What they do	
74 United States	38 CSL Behring	23 Quality Assurance	1
60 Greater Chicago Area	3 University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	16 Operations	1
3 Urbana-Champaign, Illinois Area	2 Baxter International Inc.	16 Research	9
3 Greater Philadelphia Area	1 PACIV	6 Engineering	9

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Ben Juzeszyn · 3rd
MES Engineering Specialist at CSL Behring
'07 English Language and Literatu...

Brent Klimchuk · 3rd
Validation Engineer II at CSL Behring
'14 Integrative Biology

Aaron Haag · 2nd
Manager, Performance Qualification at CSL Behring
'05 Biology, General
1 connection in common

Mary Wroblewski · 2nd
Quality Assurance Operations Specialist at CSL Behring
'15 Chemistry & Spanish
1 connection in common

Chris Lubben ASQ CP... · 3rd
R&D Quality Manager at CSL Behring
'91

Jennifer Liem · 3rd
Process Scientist at CSL Behring
'09 Molecular and Cellular Biology...

Michael W. Bloom · 3rd
Validation Engineer I at CSL Behring
'17 Mechanical Engineering

Carter Conroy · 3rd
Gies College of Business Student at the University of Illinois at Urban...
'20 Finance

#2 - Search by company

Tip for all: filter by company name first, and then major

Tip for IB and MCB majors: use “Biology” to catch all alums before the split into MCB and IB

