1. DEVELOP JOB SEARCH STRATEGY

**KNOW YOURSELF & WHAT YOU ARE SEEKING**
Career values will help you determine what is most important to you in a position and/or company.

**TREAT YOUR JOB SEARCH LIKE A FULL-TIME JOB**
Searching for a job can be time-consuming. Set aside time daily to conduct career research, prepare your resume, contact companies and build your professional network.

**ATTEND RECRUITING EVENTS**
Meet employers and grow your professional network. Check the CCD calendar and RICElink for details about company information sessions and other events.

**CONNECT WITH RICE ALUMNI**
Join the OWL Career Mentor Network (LinkedIn). Plan to attend a LinkedIn Session to learn more about the benefits, resources and building a professional profile.

**MEET WITH A CAREER COUNSELOR**
Career counselors can be a key resource to help you develop your strategy and plan for your job search. They are also helpful if you aren’t sure what you want to do, or if you plan to switch fields.

2. EXPAND YOUR EXPERIENCE

**CONSIDER RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES**
Participating in current research is a great addition to your resume and graduate school applications. Utilize your senior seminar class to conduct research that will benefit your career or graduate school aspirations.

**CONNECT WITH FACULTY**
Make time to meet with faculty and discover information that can help you connect with the industry or company in your field of interest. Most faculty members have connections to specialized fields and can be a valuable resource for information and opportunities.

**JOIN PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**
Membership is an easy way to network with industry professionals and uncover opportunities.

3. STAY INVOLVED ON CAMPUS

**BOOST LEADERSHIP**
Take on an active role in a student organization.

**PARTICIPATE IN RICE TRADITIONS**
Solidify the bonds you’ve built over the past four years and connect with returning alumni.

4. PARTICIPATE IN EVENTS

**WORKSHOPS**
Improve skills in resume writing, interviewing and networking.

**MOCK INTERVIEWS**
Schedule a mock interview session to polish your interviewing skills.

**BUSINESS ETIQUETTE LUNCH**
Prepare for on-site interviews and networking.

5. STAY CONNECTED WITH CCD

**STAY UPDATED**
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**INTERACT WITH ALUMNI**
Join the OWL Career Mentor Network

**WEBSITE & EVENTS CALENDAR**
ccd.rice.edu • ccd.rice.edu/calendar

**READ & WATCH**
OccupiedWithLife.blogs.rice.edu • TheCCDRice

**THINGS TO THINK ABOUT: CAREER VALUES**

- Is location a factor?
- What salary range do you desire?
- Do you want room for advancement?
- What kind of environment helps you thrive?
- Do you work best independently or on teams?
- Do you want flexible hours?
- What other perks are important to you? (i.e. family leave, continuing education)

**TO DO THIS YEAR:**

- Meet w/ Career Counselor to develop job search strategy
- Determine career values
- Network w/ professionals in area of career interest(s)
- Start job search in fall
- Attend recruiting events hosted by the CCD