



Tips for How to Spend Your Summer

Career Chats with ECDO Career Advisors:



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Adjust

Pivot Quickly & Adapt

You can't control what happened with your internship search, but you can control how you react and move forward

- **Keep applying but with different parameters and expectations**
 - Part time jobs, gigs, remote or freelance work
 - Take whatever job you can – focus on the skills you will learn
- **What are you currently doing? Can you advance or take on new responsibilities**
 - Talk to your supervisor-let them know!
 - Train new staff
 - Take on leadership positions, mentor other employees
 - Learn a new skill within the company
- **Connect with staffing agencies or recruiters**

Network

Build & Strengthen Your Network

- **Tap into your current network & add to it**
 - Build upon conversations you've had
 - Expand who you are connecting with
- **Conduct as many informational interviews and job shadows as you can**
 - Get to know the industry, companies and roles you are interested in
- **Attend networking events in your community**
 - Meetup.com – based off interests, coding languages, skill sets, industry, etc



Learn Practical Skills

Fill Your Skills Gap



- Document skills/experiences continually showing up in job/internship postings you are interested in
 - Are there any you need to improve upon or gain experience in?

LinkedIn Learning

MOOCs

-mooc-list.com,
coursera, edX,
futurelearn

Resources to
Build Skills

DoIT Technology
Courses

Khan Academy,
Kaggle, Codecademy

Be Creative & Take Initiative

- **Create your own project to showcase your skills or to help you learn new skills**
 - Research projects, coding examples
 - Conduct your own data analyses
 - Many free databases online (sports data, Fed Reserve Data, Government data, look here: <https://github.com/awesomedata/awesome-public-datasets>)
 - Mock investment portfolio
 - Design a website
 - Kaggle.com
- **Volunteer**
 - Highlight soft/transferable skills
 - Help out your community

Polish your Professional Skills

- **Use your Career Services Office**
 - Interview practice
 - Resume polish
 - Big Interview



Questions & Answers

Submit questions via the chat feature



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