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
  - 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

We are here for you!

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