



## No Internship? How to Spend Summer 2020

Career Chats with ECDO Career Advisors:



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# Adjust

## Pivot Quickly & Adapt!

- You can't control that your internship was cancelled, but **you CAN control how you react and move forward**
- **Keep applying and widen your search pool**
  - Look at part time jobs, gigs, remote work
  - Focus on the skills you will learn
- **If currently working or had a summer job last year, advance or take on new responsibilities within that role**
  - Training new staff
  - Leadership or mentorship role
  - Learn a new skill
- Connect with staffing agencies or recruiters

# Network

## Strengthen & Build Your Network

- Tap into current network and add to it
- Build upon conversations you've had; expand who you are connecting with
- Set up as many informational interviews and job shadows as you can
- Attend virtual networking events in your community - [meetup.com](https://www.meetup.com)



Learn

## Fill Your Skills Gap

- **Document skills/experiences** continually showing up in job/internship postings
  - Are there any you need to improve upon or gain experience in?
- **Sharpen your skills** through various online programming
  - LinkedIn Learning
  - MOOC's, Coursera
  - DoIT Tech Classes

## Be Creative & Take Initiative!

- **Create your own project to showcase your skills**
  - Research projects, coding examples
  - Conduct your own data analyses: Many free databases online (sports data, Fed Reserve data, Census data, etc)
  - Mock investment portfolio
- Check-in with non-profits or community agencies for volunteer remote projects

# Professional Polish

## Opportunities for UW Econ Students

- **Economics Career Development Office**
  - EconEx for Undergrads
  - Interview Practice
  - Alumni Connections
  - Planting Seeds for 2021





## Questions & Answers

Submit questions via the chat feature



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