



HOW TO

Have a Productive Summer

You may view the summer as a welcome break from the classroom and academia; for many students, it can be. However, if you are looking for opportunities to make the most of this time, you will find several ideas listed below that will allow you to engage in productive activities geared toward improving your resume and preparing you for the next steps in your career.

Apply for a part-time job

Although tech-related roles can provide you with the opportunity to apply the skills you're learning in the classroom to real-world situations, part-time jobs don't necessarily need to be IT-related to be valuable experiences. Remember, soft skills are transferable! Keep in mind that you may be using many of the same resources as you would for a full-time job or internship search, several of which can be found right here on campus.

- **SICE Careers** (for job postings and upcoming events): sice.indiana.edu/career-services/index.html
- **SICE Careers Weekly Digest** (sent every Tuesday)
- **Bloomington Tech Partnership:** www.bloomingtontech.com/jobs
- **Glassdoor:** www.glassdoor.com/index.htm
- **Jobs at IU** (for part-time jobs on campus): jobs.iu.edu
- **LinkedIn:** www.linkedin.com
- **TechPoint:** techpoint.org/job-board
- **University Information Technology Services (UITS):** uits.iu.edu
- **Networking and informational interviews**

Seek out job shadowing and leadership opportunities

Some employers may offer low-stakes opportunities known as job shadows, which allow you to gain exposure to different positions you may be interested in.

- They tend to be fairly flexible and can last anywhere from a day or two to multiple weeks/months
- When looking for job shadowing opportunities, utilize your network (including LinkedIn and personal connections, such as family or friends)
- SICE Careers has several opportunities posted every spring—look for keywords such as “leadership programs” or “emerging leaders,” both of which are typically geared towards freshmen and sophomores
 - Examples: Kohl's, Baxter, US Foods, and Cardinal Health

In addition, there are various leadership conferences and programs that accept students from all class levels:

- **Deloitte National Leadership Conference**
- **EY's Emerging Leaders Program**
- **Harvard Business School Summer Venture in Management**
- **JumpStart Advisory Group**

Gain experience from teaching opportunities and summer camps

Summer is a great time to polish some of your soft or transferable skills, such as leadership, communication, and teamwork. What better way to do this than to work or volunteer at a summer camp or program? Some are tech-oriented and may offer opportunities to teach and tutor as a part-time tech instructor. SICE also hosts several camps each summer. Emails are sent in mid-February seeking applications for counselors, so check your email often. Here are just a few examples of the types of camp counselor/instructor positions available across the country, several of which can be located in SICE Careers:

- **Camp Voyager Summer Camp Counselor:**
voyagersummer.camp
- **Drobots Company Technology Camp Counselor:**
drobotscompany.com/were-hiring-for-kids-drones-camp-tech-camp
- **Emagination Tech Camp Counselor:**
www.emaginationtechcamps.com/about-emagination/summer-jobs
- **iD Tech Camp Instructor:** www.idtech.com/jobs/summer-jobs

Engage in research on campus

Consider getting involved in research by serving as a research assistant to a professor in SICE. Research provides an excellent opportunity to gain new knowledge and experience in the field, and it allows you to connect with faculty members who are experts in their area of study. If you are considering graduate school, this can be an especially beneficial experience. There are two primary ways to become involved in research at SICE and Indiana University:

- **Apply to Undergraduate Research Opportunities in Computing (UROC):** sice.indiana.edu/research/student-research/index.html
- Reach out directly to faculty members who might be in need of some help with upcoming research projects
 - **SICE Faculty Directory:** sice.indiana.edu/research/faculty-directory.html
 - **Summer Programs at IU and Beyond:**
sice.indiana.edu/research/student-research/summer-research.html
 - **Undergraduate Research:** engagedlearning.indiana.edu/get-started/undergraduate-research.html

Learn new technical skills and work on personal projects

Employers love students who take initiative and allow their passion to flourish outside the classroom. Some ideas for personal projects include beginning a blog or building an app. These are great resume builders as well as wonderful ways to apply your newfound technical skills in a hands-on setting.

When learning new technical skills or languages, there are a number of available sites that are often free to students:

- **Codecademy:** www.codecademy.com
- **freeCodeCamp:** www.freecodecamp.com
- **Treehouse:** www.teamtreehouse.com
- **University Information Technology Services:**
www.uits.iu.edu/training
- **Additional resources:** learntocodewith.me/posts/code-for-free

Volunteer in your community

Volunteering is both a resume and happiness booster. To find opportunities specific to where you'll be living this summer, check out one of the links below:

- **Idealist:** www.idealist.org/en/?type=JOB
- **IU Corps:** iucorps.indiana.edu
- **Points of Light:** www.pointsoflight.org
- **VolunteerMatch:** www.volunteermatch.org

Prepare for the Fall Career Fair

Whether you are seeking an internship or full-time employment, it's never too early to start preparing for the Fall Career Fair! Here are a few things you can do to ensure you are ready when the fall semester rolls around:

- Schedule an appointment to have your resume reviewed – Career Services is open year-round!
- Research attending companies (and apply for positions you're interested in)
- Review and practice your elevator pitch