Connecting with Students

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**OCS Drop In Hours**

*MONDAY - FRIDAY*  
10:30 am - noon  
1:00 - 4:00 pm  

*Subject to change*
Connecting the Dots

- Weekly Newsletter
- Easy to navigate website
- Research Opportunities
- Internships on Handshake
- 3 Career Fairs
- Employer Info Sessions
- Alumni
Please note that there are more postings in Handshake; the newsletter contains notable opportunities from other sources, such as alumni, faculty, etc. Note: REU is the acronym for Research Education for Undergraduates.

Upcoming Events

Monday, February 13

- The Los Angeles Startup Scene - a Virtual Beyond the Bubble Seminar - 5:00 pm, HMC - Hoch, Mitchell Rm RSVP.
- Salesforce Info Session - 6:00 pm, HMC - Platt, Green Rm RSVP.

Wednesday, February 15

- Taking a Gap Year - Beyond the Bubble Seminar - 12:15 pm, SHAN Room 1480, Lunch Provided to RSVPs.
- Careers in Biotech: Brianna Thielen ’14 Second Sight - a Virtual Beyond the Bubble Seminar - 6:00 pm, HMC - Platt, Green Room, Dinner provided to RSVPs.

Thursday, February 16

- Careers in Biotech: Conducting Research: Academia vs. Industry,
Connecting with Faculty

Research
Connecting through Handshake

Students can upload their resume and create a profile which allows them to search for internships, jobs and employers. It is a 7C shared database and provides access to national employers.
Connecting with Employers

- Two fairs are offered in fall semester—Sept. & Oct.—all students are encouraged to attend.
- A spring fair is held in February.
- Throughout fall and spring employers schedule information sessions to promote their company and positions. These include tech talks, puzzle hunts, etc.
Connecting with the Class of 2021

First Year Fridays

6 sessions held from 9/8 to 10/27
244 first year students attended

Topics covered:

• Getting the most out of OCS resources, e.g., how to use Handshake
• Converting a high school resume for college
• Networking and how to make the most of a career fair
First Year Student Appointments
September 2017 – February 2018

Resume & Cover Letters
Introduction to Services
Research Opportunities
Interview Prep
Other
  • Event Prep
  • Internship Search
  • Making Connections
  • Mock Interview
  • Personal Statement Review

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Summary of Connection Methods

- Handshake career management system
- Weekly newsletter
- Career fairs, information sessions, tech talks
- Organization websites
- Workshops
- Family, friends
- Alumni, faculty, staff
Summer Plans of Students

- Take classes: 22%
- Internship: 41%
- Research@Mudd: 27%
- Research Off-campus: 13%
- Work: 16%
- Volunteer: 7%
- Travel: 30%
- Other: 9%

Source: OIRE Survey, August 2016
# Summer Stats for 1st Year Students

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Results

Viewable on the OCS website
Connecting with Your Student

- Talk openly with your student about his/her plans
- Remember it is okay if they just want to come home for a summer
- Discuss decisions, but allow your student to make the decision
- Emphasize the importance of using time wisely
- Encourage extracurricular involvement that develop leadership
- Be patient & supportive
- Suggest that they visit us
Questions

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