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**VCU**

College of Engineering  
Career Services

# Create Your Career

## 1. Engineering Student Organizations

**To Do:** Get involved!

**When?** Right away. All students are welcome!

**Why?** Fun Team Projects like drones

Meet other engineering students

Learn about events, experiences available, opportunities

**How?** Go to VCU RamsConnect to sign up for most. Search by "Engineer".

## 2. Volunteer in a lab or join a VIP Team

**To Do:** Get involved and learn cool stuff.

**When?** Freshman, Sophomore & Junior years

**Why?** You'll gain skills and experiences to form your career goals & to add to your resume.

**How?** To join a lab, ask the professor in charge. If you have FWS, you may apply to FWS jobs in engineering labs and be paid as you gain experience.

To join a VIP team, go to the website and fill out the application

## 3. Read your email, check the College of Engineering calendar, and attend events.

**To Do:** Get involved and learn.

**When?** Every year! Freshmen welcome.

**Why?** There is so much going on at this college, you can learn about career options and try things on for size without too much time commitment.

**How?** Read your email from the college, your department, etc. Go to advertised events. Have your eyes opened to all the possibilities in engineering!

Check the calendar of events for the CoE.

## 4. Other ideas/options/opportunities

1. Participate in a HackaThon or Design-a-Thon. Some are hosted at VCU and some are at other schools. Check Major League Hacking and/or DevPost. Read your email for others!
2. Enthused about a particular company? Follow them on LinkedIn, sign up for their college-recruiting news, and/or check their websites for special programs.
  - a. [Careers.google.com/students](https://careers.google.com/students) (Google)
  - b. [AWS educate](https://aws.amazon.com/educate/) (Amazon)
  - c. Looking for scholarship money? Check out [ScholarshipSharing.org](https://scholarshipsharing.org), read your email for the SMART scholarship and for the VCU Wright Access scholarship.



# Interested in a particular career path or industry?



• Nuclear	• Comp Sci/Software/Data/Cyber
• Aerospace	• Computer Hardware
• Automotive	• Medical Device/Biotech
• Design Engineering	• Research/Engineering PhD
• Manufacturing	• Pre-Professional: MD, DDS, DVM
• Environmental	• Other ideas?

## Engineering Student Organizations

Affinity group based student organizations are career-focused and host annual national career fairs. Consider these groups if their mission/vision appeals to you.

- **SHPE - Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers** - SHPE changes lives by empowering the Hispanic community to realize its fullest potential and to impact the world through STEM
- **SWE - Society of Women Engineers** - offers community building, networking, volunteering, and professional development opportunities to help promote women in STEM
- **NSBE - National Society of Black Engineers** - to increase the number of culturally responsible Black Engineers who excel academically, succeed professionally and positively impact the community.
- **oSTEM - Out in Science, Technology, Engineering & Math** - empowers LGBTQ+ people in STEM to succeed personally, academically, and professionally

### Goals and Notes to Self:

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