# Viterbi Career Services Graduate Student Career Plan

Contact Viterbi Career Services (VCS) for help with your Career Plan: vcareers@usc.edu | viterbi.usc.edu/careers

## 1st Year
- Attend VCS resume review sessions in RTH 218
- Register with Viterbi connectSC, Viterbi’s Job Board, at viterbi.usc.edu/careers
- Check Viterbi graduate student blog at http://gappblog.usc.edu/
- Attend Company Information Sessions (Employer presentations for students)
- Attend the Viterbi Career Expos and campus wide Career Fairs (Details on VCS website)
- Apply in fall for summer internships (Various Sources)
- Get Involved; talk with Faculty, students, student organizations and Alumni

## 2nd Year
- Apply for jobs through Viterbi connectSC and Company websites in fall
- Attend VCS Workshops
- Check Viterbi graduate student blog at http://gappblog.usc.edu/
- Attend the Viterbi Career Expos and campus wide Career Fairs
- Attend Company Information Sessions
- Continue to Network with Faculty, students, student organizations and Alumni
- Take on a leadership position within a student organization
- Update your resume

## PhD
- Attend VCS resume review sessions in RTH 218
- Check Viterbi graduate student blog for PhD announcements at http://gappblog.usc.edu/
- Register with Viterbi connectSC, Viterbi’s Job Board, at viterbi.usc.edu/careers
- Attend Company Information Sessions (Employer presentations for students)
- Attend the Viterbi Career Expos and campus wide Career Fairs
- Get Involved; talk with Faculty, students, student organizations and Alumni

## INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE STUDENTS:
- Visit the Office of International Services (OIS) who will help process Curricular Practical Training (CPT) and Optional Practical Training (OPT) paperwork
  - CPT and OPT are for international students who have completed at least one academic year in the U.S.
  - CPT is work authorization that allows international students to participate before graduation in paid off-campus internships in their field of study
  - OPT used primarily after graduation, provides international students the ability to gain employment experience in their field of study. Students should apply three months prior to graduation.
  - PhD students registered in dissertation units are eligible to complete full time CPT for up to a total of 12 months
- Visit the Viterbi Office of Graduate and Professional Programs if you would like to earn credit for your internship
- Research companies hiring international students through www.H1visajobs.com and the online Career Expo employer list published prior to each expo