GRADUATE CAREER PLAN

Viterbi graduate students are eligible to access resources, programs and services provided by Viterbi Career Connections (VCC) in addition to the USC Career Center. The following information will help you get started in planning and developing your career plan, so you can obtain the necessary skills employers seek in today’s global workforce.

HOW TO GET STARTED:

- **Login to Viterbi Career Gateway** at viterbicareers.usc.edu/students/gateway to access this online job portal to find internships, workshop and Info Sessions’ (Trojan Talks) schedule.

- **Utilize the Experience Viterbi App** by downloading it to your iOS device at https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/experience-usc-viterbi/id1375598984?mt=8 to complete the Beginner Resume & Cover Letter path to help you draft a resume and cover letter, learn about events on campus and how to connect on campus with various student and academic organization to enhance your networking skills. If you don’t have an iOS device please visit https://experienceviterbi.usc.edu/webapp/#/

- **Access resources and services from the USC Career Center** by visiting their website at careers.usc.edu. All Viterbi students have access to both the main USC Career Center and SECC resources and programs. Both offices provide separate counseling sessions, info sessions, workshops, career fairs and career related events. It is important for you to utilize both resources to maximize your career opportunities.

- **Check the graduate student blog** at vaseblog.usc.edu, VASE News & Events page https://viterbigrad.usc.edu/news-and-events/ and VCC News & Events page at viterbicareers.usc.edu/category/news-and-events/ to stay connected about upcoming events and opportunities.

- **Attend career-related workshops** to help you prepare for internships, networking, interviewing and many more career topics. You are eligible to attend workshops provided by SECC and the USC Career Center. To check for workshop listings visit viterbicareers.usc.edu/workshops and careers.usc.edu/events/

- **Attend Company Info Sessions (Trojan Talks)** to learn more about specific employers and how to obtain job opportunities from their organization. Login to both Viterbi Gateway and ConnectSC to view listings.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS:

- **Review information at Office of International Studies (OIS)** to learn about Curricular Practical Training (CPT) and optional Practical Training (OPT) by visiting their website at ois.usc.edu/employment

- **Visit the Viterbi Admission & Student Engagement (VASE) office** to obtain information on earning academic credit for your internships by visiting viterbigrad.usc.edu/career-development/internships/

- **Attend OIS Workshops and Programs** to connect with other international students and improve your English language skills ois.usc.edu/events/

- **Utilize the American Language Institute** – Offers classes and conversation groups to improve English language skills and to connect with other international student. dornsife.usc.edu/ali/

- **Research companies** hiring international students by accessing https://www.uscis.gov/h-1b-data-hub, & GoinGlobal

- **Complete the Career Success Course (CPT requirement) in the Experience Viterbi App** to help you prepare for internships and be ready to obtain CPT.

- **USC Writing Center** – Offers individual and small-group workshops to assist all students with improving their writing skills. dornsife.usc.edu/writingcenter/