

UCI Division of
Career Pathways

Prepare for The Fair

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2022 FALL CAREER FAIRS

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| SEPT 29 THURSDAY | In-Person Fall Career Fair 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Ring Road |
| OCT 5 WEDNESDAY | Virtual Fall Career Fair 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Handshake |
| OCT 13 THURSDAY | In-Person STEM Career Fair 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the Student Center |
| OCT 27 THURSDAY | In-Person Graduate School Fair 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Ring Road |



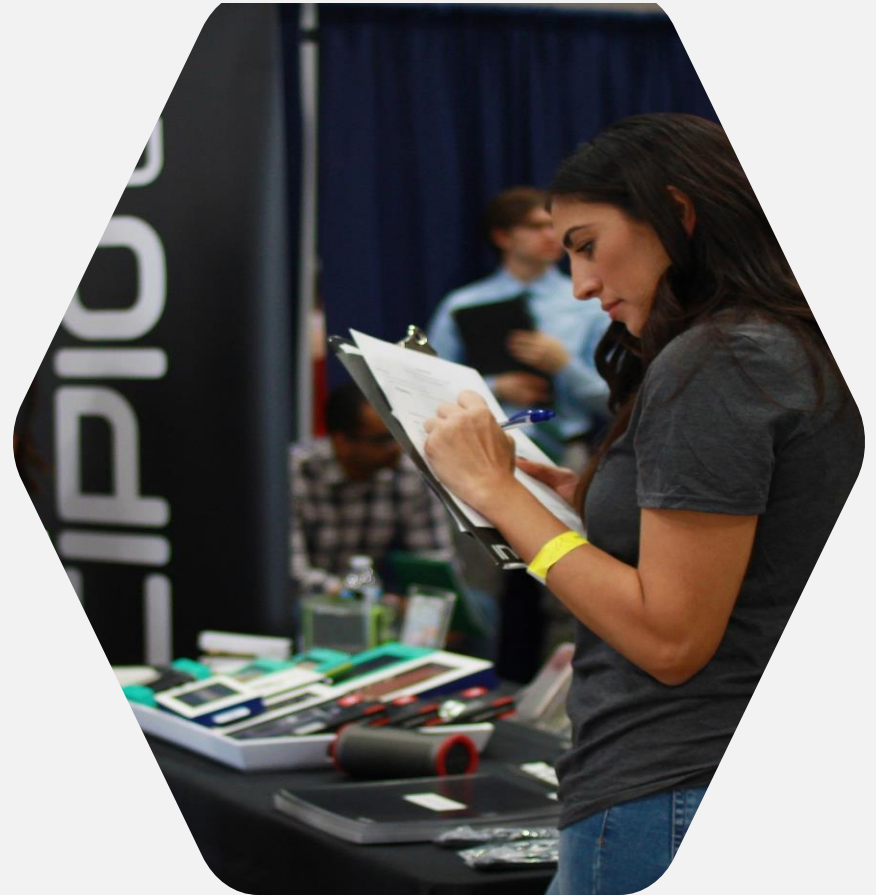
Your Objectives for the Fair

- To network with potential employers
- To investigate & research career options
- To obtain information from employers



Before the Career Fair

- Research the companies attending
- Have your resume reviewed
- Practice your one-minute introduction
- Prepare your questions
- Develop a game plan



Craft Your Introduction



Who am I?

Name, Class, Major

What am I seeking?

Work opportunities, Information about an industry

What can I offer?

Relevant experience, Skills, Achievements

What is my objective?

Opportunities, New connection, End with a question



Introduction Example



- Hi, my name is John Zaro and I'm a senior in the school of Social Ecology. I'll be graduating in June with a degree in Psychology and Social Behavior and will be looking for a full-time position in the counseling field. I am particularly interested in your company because of your focus in family counseling.
- I'm currently doing an internship in the Counseling Center on campus and I really enjoy the responsibilities of peer counseling.
- I enjoy cross cultural counseling and I am fluent in Spanish.
- Do you have any internship opportunities available this summer at your LA office?



Additional Pitch Tips



- Eye contact
- Handshake – comfort level
- Offering resume
- Know your audience
- Clarify your objective
- Use everyday language



Appearance and Presentation



- Professional attire depends on the industry, specific company
- Be comfortable
- Neat, clean, and pressed
- Simple and conservative is usually best



During the Fair

- Introduce yourself with confidence
- Indicate your knowledge of the company
- Ask questions
- Ask for a business card and thank the recruiter
- Jot down notes between meetings



Example Questions

- Do you have an internship program? Are they available throughout the year or during the summer?
- What are projects that interns have worked on?
- What do you like about working for Company X?
- How would you describe the work culture?
- What are skills that would help me be successful?
- May I have your business card/email address?



After the Fair

- As fair sessions wrap up, ask recruiter about next steps
- Send follow up messages
- View and apply to open jobs or internships
- Keep applying and networking



Additional Resources

- Appointments: Schedule a 1:1 career appointment using Handshake
- career.uci.edu
- DCP Office open from M-Th, 9am-4pm
- Virtual Appointments are M-F, 9am-5pm





Questions?