

Tips on Navigating UC San Diego to Career, Connecting with Professors, and Finding Scholarships and Internships

Tips

- Read abstracts of articles to help you hone your academic interests; you may find these papers interesting, too
- Look up jobs you're interested in on LinkedIn, Indeed.com, etc,
 - Do the people in those roles need masters degrees?
 - Some jobs require graduate degrees
- Take 99 (lower division) and 199 courses (upper division) courses. You may find new passions in these courses, realize other pathways to a career, and get honors degrees and masters programs along the way; you may find your true passion through these undergrad research courses – check your major department courses
- Use Google to find grad schools
- Know a professor whose research interests you? Go ask them about programs you're interested in. Customize emails/letters to show you know what work they are doing - this is also important in cover letters when applying for jobs. It's obvious when it's a universal response/letter, and when it's more specific and targeted it helps your email/cover letter stand out.
- Go to UC San Diego's Handshake for a job search - <https://ucsd.joinhandshake.com/login>; <https://students.ucsd.edu/finances/jobs/index.html> and go to Revelle's website for jobs and other opportunities at Revelle College: <https://revelle.ucsd.edu/student-life/involvement/index.html>
 - 199 courses lead to getting jobs after grad school, too
- Visit the Career Center – <https://career.ucsd.edu/>
- Think about taking a gap year between undergrad and grad school, especially if you don't know what you want to do. Check out teaching abroad – AmeriCorps year of service can be a good way to get great experience
- Sign up and use [TritonsConnect.com](https://tritonsconnect.com)! It's like LinkedIn, but for UC San Diego Alumni and Students!
- Revelle College has a Faculty/Student Mentorship Program - <https://revelle.ucsd.edu/academics/honors-opportunities/mentor-program/index.html>. When you complete the application, your Provost helps students to find mentors that match with their interests/current research/etc...
- Advice from the University of Arizona on communicating with faculty about research opportunities <https://ur.arizona.edu/content/communicating-faculty>
- Some jobs at UC San Diego can also go on your co-curricular record: <https://myccr.ucsd.edu/home.htm>

Connecting with Professors

- Have a professor whose work interests you? Read their list of publications and papers on faculty profiles in department faculty listings – if you have read their work, you are a star shining!
 - Go to office hours
 - Raise your hand in classes
- Talk with your TAs (instructional assistants)

Finding Scholarships, Research and Internship Opportunities – a few websites to research

- <https://real.ucsd.edu>
- <https://fas.ucsd.edu/types/scholarships/continuing-undergraduate-students.html>
- <https://faoforms.ucsd.edu/forms/OutsideAgencyScholarships.pdf>
- <https://faoforms.ucsd.edu/forms/ScholarshipsImmigrationStatus.pdf>
- <https://ugresearch.ucsd.edu>
- <https://revelle.ucsd.edu/academics/honors-opportunities/research-opportunities.html>
- <https://Trels.ucsd.edu>