

Kickstart Your Science Career Resources 2024

Connect with a Career Advisor – Appointments & Workshops

One-on-one appointments	<p>Access one-on-one support or register for workshops on a whole range of topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Job searching • Resume/cover letter writing • Interview skills • Career planning
Workshops and events	

Experiential Learning / Skills Development Opportunities

EDGE certificate	Develop professional skills, explore their career options and learn how to market themselves to employers
Velocity	Participate in UW's incubator for start-ups
Let's Talk Science	Volunteer with this science education outreach program
Safety Office: Training	Know your options for gaining additional certifications for laboratory safety and handling
iGem	Participate in this student design competition in synthetic bio
Science Society (SciSco)	Get involved with the Faculty of Science student government
BUGS	Get involved with the Biology Undergraduate Society
WUSA	Get involved with Waterloo Undergrad Student Association
Other volunteer opportunities	Check out other volunteering gigs both on and off campus
LinkedIn Learning	Access LinkedIn Learning for free to develop new skills and knowledge through online courses

Work Search – Online Resources

Finding Work – On Campus	Tips for finding a part-time job on campus
Finding Work - General	Discover job search tips for both inside and outside Canada
Job Boards and supports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WaterlooWorks job boards • The Petri Dish • ECO Canada • GoodWork • Government of Ontario: Public Service • Careers in Science – Government of Canada • National Research Council of Canada • Work Cabin • Indeed • Canadian Food and Beverage Trade Associations

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funded Programs - available sources of funding that can help (as a starting point) with your conversations with employers
Where Students Work Typical Science co-op jobs	Explore this tool to see where students have worked in the past to inspire your work search

Resume & Cover Letter – Online Resources

Major Points of a Resume	Learn how to create a strong resume that highlights your experience and qualifications
Writing Effective Bullet Points for a Resume	Understand how to translate relevant accomplishments and how you gained them on a resume
Action Verbs for an Effective Resume	Access a list of words that can help you describe your accomplishments on your resume and make them stand out
Resume styles & templates	Choose the right resume template for you. Adapt it to make it your own!
Cover Letter writing tips	Learn how to connect your experience to the job posting and express more interest in a position
Cover letter template	Refer to these templates for guidance on how to write your own cover letter.
Skills Identification & Articulation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practice identifying, marketing, and connecting your skills to your experience, degree, and your desired job • For Science specific examples see: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Skills Developed Through My Degree ○ Showing Evidence of Skills

Interviewing – Online Resources

Personal Pitch Activity	Practice promoting your skills, experience, and qualifications to a potential employer
Informational Interview Guide	Learn what an informational interview is and how informational interviews can benefit you in your current job search.
Interviews	Learn how to prepare for an interview so you can make a good impression
Answering Interview Questions	Understand the different types of questions you could be asked in an interview and how best to answer them
Tricky Situations During an Interview	Review common tricky interview situations and how to navigate them
Questions Students Can Ask	Practice preparing questions in advance to ask during your interview