

# Mapping Your Career 2



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# Last week...

- Introduced to the elements of the career planning cycle
- Completed the Challenge Cards activity

# Learning Outcomes

- Identify personal values relevant to your career development
- Learn and apply occupational research strategies
- Develop your career action plan

# Value introduction...

# Values

- Things that are important and worthwhile to us
- Basis for goal setting
- Have cognitive, affective and behavioural aspects

# Values

- What issues concern you?
- What do you feel strongly about?
- What kinds of policies do you/would you oppose or support?
  
- Values Card Sort



# Values and your career

- Important component of career statement: “deal breakers”
- “I’m looking for work that satisfies these values.”
- Authentic personal brand
- Connect with corporate culture

# Values and your personal brand

- Informational Interviews
- Networking
- Social media presence
- Résumé/cover letter
- Interviews
  
- ...What's your personal brand?

# Activity

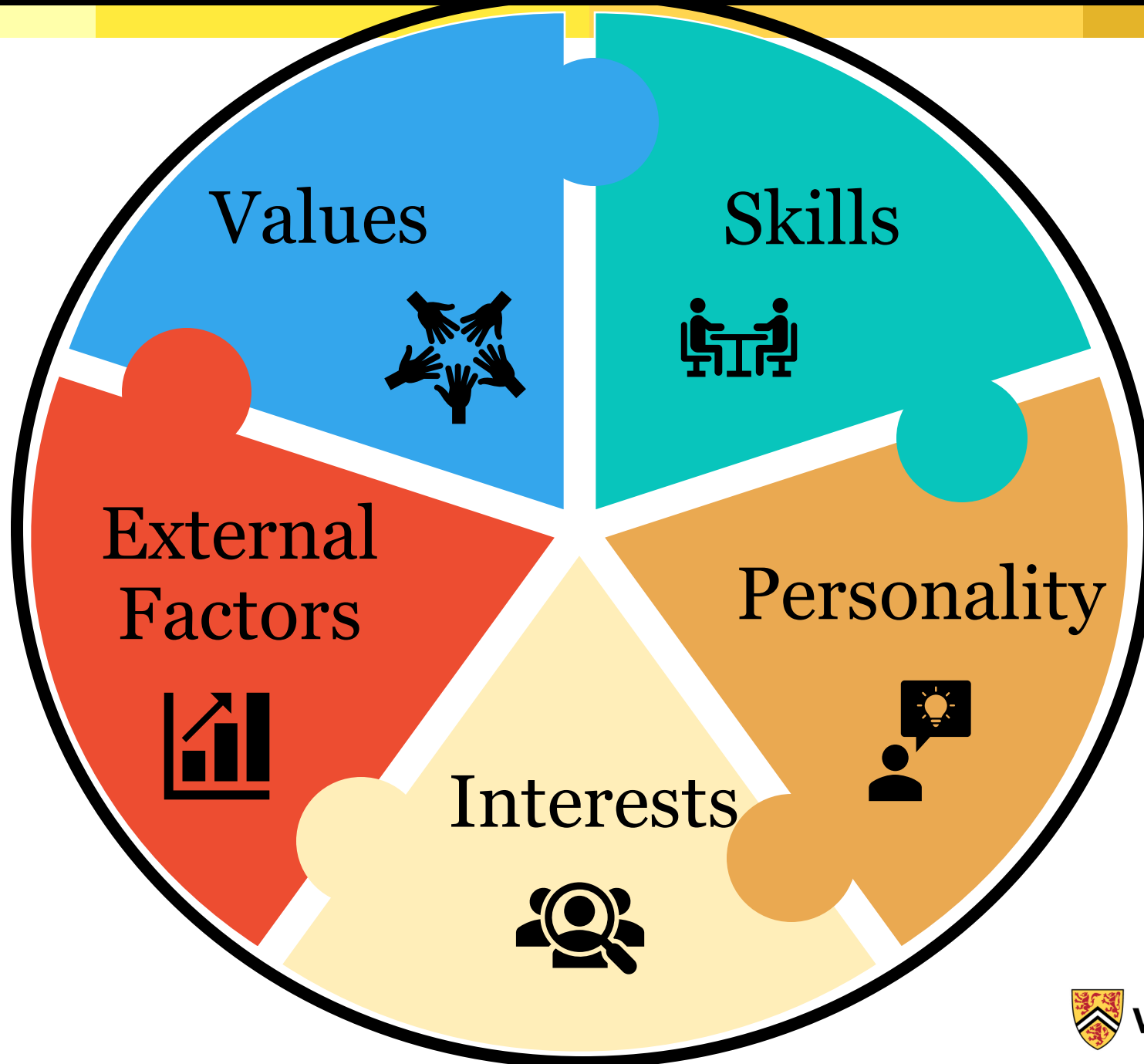
- You have a networking interview with an organization that you don't know much about. You want to determine if the role and the organization are a fit for you
- Select one or two of your key core values
  - What question(s) would you ask your connection?

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**QUESTIONS?**

# Bringing it all together

- Core values one of 5 major parts of the puzzle
- Helps you determine:
  - Best fit between your values and occupations and industries
  - How to make your existing and/or future work and leisure life more fulfilling



# Interests / Beliefs / Values / Personal Preferences

- If I could do anything, and there were NO barriers, what would it be?
- What is my “Dream Job”
- What is my “Nightmare Job”?



# UN's Sustainable Development Goals

*What motivates you?*





# Green careers...

- [EcoCanada](#)
- [Green Careers Canada](#)
- [Indeed: 20 Green Careers for the Environmentally Conscious](#)
- [Good Work Canada](#)
- [Renewable Energy Jobs](#)
- [Water & Wastewater Jobs](#)
- [Work Cabin](#) (conservation jobs in Canada)



# Additional Factors and Considerations

- Personal (goals, grades, support, health, finances, time, cost versus payback)
- Family/relationships/community
- Society in general
- Peers
- Economy
- Labour market



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# **OCCUPATIONAL RESEARCH**

# Identifying Occupational Options

- Assessment tools
- Daydream/fantasy jobs
- Occupation lists
- Brainstorming with friends, family
- Information interviews
- Job shadowing, summer/part-time/co-op jobs, volunteering



# Sources of Career Information

- Employers
- Career planning websites
- LinkedIn
- Job postings
- Professional & industrial associations
- Career fairs

# Career Exploration Sites

- [typefocus.com](https://typefocus.com) (access code: uw74)
- [careercruising.com](https://careercruising.com) (username: uwaterloo; password: crc)
- <https://alis.alberta.ca/>
- <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/noc.html>
- [onetonline.org](https://onetonline.org)

# Occupational Research Review

- Nature of the work
- Education, training and experience required
- Personal qualifications, skills and abilities required
- Personal characteristics of typical people working in the occupation
- Values expressed in or by occupation



# Occupational Research Review

- Current and potential earnings, benefits
- Working conditions
- Location
- Employment outlook, advancement opportunities
- Related occupations





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# **CAREER DECISION MAKING**

# Career Decision Making Model

- Identify decision to be made
- State your goal clearly
- Identify options
- Gather information and data

# CDM Model (cont'd)

- Compare and evaluate alternatives
  - pros and cons
  - values and needs satisfied
  - risks involved
  - visualize
- Select one of the options
- Develop an action plan
- Review choice

# Career Decision Making Worksheet

<u>Criteria</u>	<u>Alternatives</u>			
	<i>A</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>D</i>
<u>Must-haves:</u>				
1. Helping others				
2. Writing opps				
<u>Wants:</u>				
1. Advancement				
2. Autonomy				
3. Variety				
4. Prestige				
Totals:				



# **ACTION PLAN**

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# Action Plan

- Identify long-term goals:



# Action Plan

- Establish short-term goals
- Put plans in writing
- Affirm your plan

## Action Plan

Insert your responses in the boxes provided. If you cannot complete your response in the space provided (one page total), adjust the template but try not go beyond 2 pages.

**One specific longer-term goal** (within 1-5 years) that relates to my career development is:

Possible **internal** barriers/conflicts related to this goal (e.g., self-knowledge, self-efficacy, fears/concerns, motivation/readiness):

Possible **external** barriers/conflicts related to this goal (e.g., occupational knowledge, influence of others, economic/geographic factors, finances):

**Support** that might be enlisted to help achieve this goal (e.g., family, friends, experts, financial):

**Compromises** that may need to be made to achieve goal:





<b>Shorter-term (within next year) action steps (minimum 5) toward goal (may address internal/external barriers, garnering support; may require more self/occupational research, work/volunteer experience, education):</b>	<b>Date to be completed:</b>
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2)	
3)	
4)	
5)	



# PARTING TIPS

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# Some Tips for the Road

- Don't forget the “big picture”
- Be alert for interfering attitudes and behaviours
- Don't ignore your intuition
- Expect and celebrate mistakes
- Be flexible
- Begin again....

# Next Steps...

- Sign up for additional workshops
- Make an appointment to meet a career advisor individually
- Start exploring!





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