Undergraduate Career Journey

1st year
• Encouragement to explore and engage to build skills and an understanding of their options

2nd year
• Further engagement and preparation for a volunteering, research or work experience over holidays

Penultimate year
• Oct-March: Internship applications
• Spring/Summer: seriously considering steps post-graduation

Final year
• Aug-Dec: Graduate job applications
• Oct-June: Postgraduate study applications

Graduate outcomes survey
• 15 months post graduate
• Used as the measure of employability in TEF and league tables

Support/Ideas:
- First Year Zone for ideas on career start points
- Horizons programme to build skills/interests
- The Discovery series of presentations exploring different industries
- Join a society through the Student Union
- Spring weeks for some major employers – applications Oct-Dec
- What can I do with my degree – department specific information
- Work shadowing programme over Easter and Summer
- Get involved in an employer sponsored competition to build commercial awareness.

Support/Ideas:
- Career Planning online
- Practice networking by attending a careers fair or event.
- Sign up to the careers weekly email
- Consider what to do over the summer holidays – an internship, a UROP or volunteering are good starting points.
- Consider joining or engaging with relevant professional bodies found through department specific information.
- Thinking about working internationally? Explore different countries and roles via Going Global.
- International student? know your rights.

Support/Ideas:
- Apply for internships with larger graduate employers Oct-Dec.
- Meet employers at our major career fairs run throughout October.
- Get you CV up to scratch using our online resources.
- Attend a Careers Essential or Careers Lab to learn about the basics of applications.
- Book a one-to-one CV check or Careers consultation to discuss your direction.
- Make some speculative applications for work experience with smaller organisations.
- Explore turning your idea into a business at the Imperial Enterprise Lab.

Support/Ideas:
- Graduate programmes with larger organisations open early (August/Sept).
- Attend careers fairs in October.
- Postgraduate applications generally open Oct – Dec. Find out more through department events or online.
- Smaller organisations may not run graduate programmes. Register on Jobslive to receive vacancies.
- Attend a Careers Essential to revise job applications.
- Brush up on Personal Statements for applications.
- Attend Careers Lab to practice assessment centres and interviews.
- Not sure what to do? Speak to a Careers Consultant.

Support/Ideas:
- Career support for Alumni available for 3 years post graduation.
- Skype, phone or email appointments available if travelling not an option.
- Join the Imperial Alumni to receive regular information and networking opportunities.
- Register as an Alumni for full access to Jobslive to find Careers events, seminars and job vacancies.
- 15 months after you graduate you will be asked to complete a national survey about what you have gone on to do after your degree. Keep your details up to date.

Recruitment process can include: application, psychometric tests, video interview, assessment centre day (group activities, presentation, technical interview, case study and final interview)
MSc/MRes Career Journey

Autumn Term
• Graduate Job applications (large firms)
• PhD applications

Spring Term
• Small to medium company job applications
• PhD applications continue

Summer Term
• Small to medium company job applications continue

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• PhD applications generally open Nov – Dec. Find out more through online and brush up on personal statements.
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• Attend a Careers Essential or Careers Lab to learn about the basics of applications.
• Not sure what to do? Speak to a Careers Consultant.
• Attend sessions that cover a range of careers and other topics from The Graduate School.

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Support/Ideas:
• Stuck for ideas? See what past Imperial graduates have done through department specific information.
• Not sure what to do? Speak to a Careers Consultant.
• Check your CV is showing that you match the roles you’re applying for through the online CV checker via Jobslive.
• Trying to decide if you should accept a job offer? Here are some tools to help you evaluate them.
• Find even more organisations to apply to using LinkedIn and networking.

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