Career and Professional Development Opportunities

UCLA students have access to an invaluable resource: Fellow Bruins. Alumni Career Initiatives and Partnership UCLA offer opportunities to help current students tap into the network of over 500,000 living UCLA graduates through our unique programs and events which bring UCLA students and alumni together for focused interactions.

UCLA ONE

UCLA ONE (Opportunity, Network, Experience) is UCLA’s new online community. The exciting, interactive platform allows users to expand their UCLA Network by connecting with Bruins worldwide and serves as a platform for Bruin-to-Bruin career advice, where any member of the UCLA ONE community can share and receive everything from resume reviews and industry introductions to ongoing mentorship and coaching. Users can also post and find jobs for a wide variety of industries and career levels, gain access to exclusive resources and connections and learn how to get involved through volunteer opportunities to support the UCLA community. You will be amazed by the diversity, vibrancy and generosity of the UCLA global community. Join today at www.uclaone.com.

UCLA Alumni Mentor Program

In the spirit of Bruins helping Bruins, the UCLA Alumni Mentor Program enables alumni to share their experience and expertise with UCLA students. The connections made within the UCLA Alumni Mentor Program help shape the futures of our students and have a tremendous impact on our campus community.

Students gain advice from their mentor on a variety of topics including:

- Academic Guidance: course selection, study skills, graduate school planning
- Career Advice: job shadowing, resume critiques, interviewing tips, general career guidance
- Personal Development: networking, hobbies, recreation, cultural/ethnic sensitivity

Mentors and students will be invited to events throughout the year to network and socialize both in person and virtually. Student registration for the Alumni Mentor Program occurs in mid-October each year.

Interview With a Bruin

Interview With a Bruin pairs alumni with UCLA students to help sharpen their interview skills. Alumni conduct mock interviews and give students valuable feedback and tips. It is a great opportunity for students to improve their interviewing abilities and for alumni to share their professional experience and knowledge. Open to all students and held twice a year in the Fall and Winter quarters.

Bruin Development Academy

Helping students prepare for the world of work requires the support of our talented alumni network. Through intensive, hands-on training sessions, participants will have an opportunity to learn valuable skills from today’s industry leaders. Programs in 2015 include Real World 101, Consulting, Law, and Entertainment. Application required. Open to all students. 2016-17 programs will be announced in July!

Non-Profit Networking Night

UCLA students learn about careers in the non-profit sector by interacting with alumni in the industry. Open to all students and hosted in Winter quarter.

For more information or to get involved, please contact:
Partnership UCLA, 9240 Bunche Hall
(310) 825-5242 or partnership@partnership.ucla.edu
Life After Degree
Distinguished alumni are invited to campus on a regular basis to present a topic of interest related to their industry, or to career paths in general. These sessions, which are followed by Q&A and/or a reception, are always interactive and informative. Topics have included career and professional opportunities, post-graduation experiences, and other subjects of special interest. Open to all students and hosted several times during the year.

Entertainment Networking Night
Entertainment Networking Night gives students the opportunity to learn about careers in the entertainment field by interacting with UCLA alumni in the industry. From actors, producers and directors, to writers, network executives, lawyers and more – this event offers a unique opportunity for students to converse with alumni professionals in an informal roundtable discussion. Open to all students and hosted in Winter quarter.

Sharpe Fellows Internship Program
The Sharpe Fellows internship program supports the career development needs of undergraduate students at UCLA by bringing them together with top employers. Sharpe Fellows have accepted internships at organizations like Proctor & Gamble, Saatchi & Saatchi, Walt Disney, Intel, GE, California State Assembly, and Deloitte Consulting. Students apply in fall of junior year.

UCLA Social Enterprise Academy
The UCLA Social Enterprise Academy is a six-month social entrepreneurship program in which groups of UCLA students partner with participating social ventures to develop earned income opportunities and to present their ventures to potential investors. The program is designed to link students with established not-for-profits that are looking to enhance the effectiveness of their mission. Accomplished professionals serve as guest instructors to help participants learn about the basics of market research, operations, financial and business planning, marketing, SWOT analysis and pitching. Open to juniors and seniors of all majors; students apply in the Fall quarter.

What to do after Graduation Series
The “What to do after Graduation” is a new series of micro events featuring alumni, local recruiters, and members of the greater UCLA community who will help students get ready for internships, jobs, grad school and more. The Spring 2016 series includes events like: Drop-In Resume Reviews, Using LinkedIn to Land a Job, Graduate Student Panel, Internship Prep, Documenting Volunteer Experience, and a Career Panel on Health/Medicine. Open to all students and hosted in spring quarter.

Academics in Action
Alumni help sharpen UCLA students teambuilding, public speaking and presentation skills during this half-day conference. Occurs at the end of each quarter in specific classes.

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