

# Experiences to Propel Your Career

Session 1: Experiences to Impress Employers

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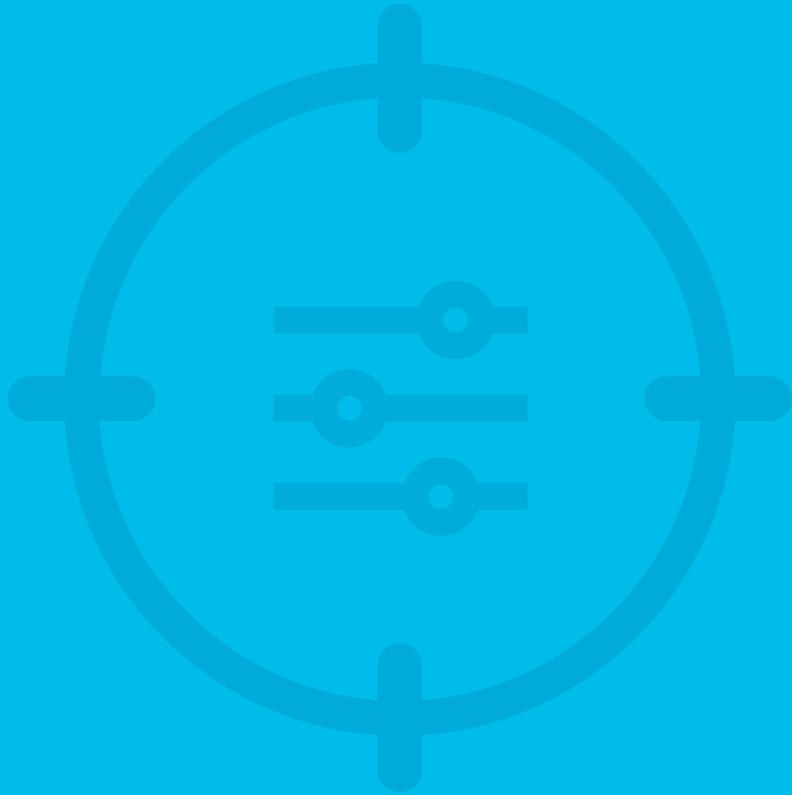


Once you know what something means, it is easier to obtain—because now you know what to strive towards.





What experiences do employers place value upon?



- Internships
- Certifying
- Volunteering
- Mentorships
- Leadership Opportunities
- Personal Experiences

- A position that consists of an exchange of services for experiences between a student and an organization for a finite amount of time
- Paid or unpaid
- Practical application of skills learned

# Internships

- An official confirmation of skills learned
- Achieved through an exam or a combination of an exam and education or assessment via a formal process – recognized in your industry

# Certifying

- Offering your services or help to an organization. Usually to non-profits or charity organizations
- Search for opportunities around you OR create a volunteer project

# Volunteering

- As a mentee – gain perspective and insight from a seasoned professional
- BE the mentor – and use your knowledge to help someone who is on a similar path.
- Set clearly defined goals, expectations, and a timeline

# Mentorships

- Being a leader and showing your success at leading others or projects can prove to prospective employers that you can be an asset to a team.

# Leadership Opportunities

- Examples of experience that you can formalize and explain to others
- Can be used to showcase your creativity and well-roundedness
- Demonstrate practical application of your technical skills

# Personal Experiences

- Academic activities
- Courses
- Hobbies
- Technical competitions
- Hackathons
- Innovation events



# Non-Technical Experiences



## Explaining Your Experiences

When you describe your experiences, think back on how they best showcased your: leadership skills, communication skills, specific technical aptitudes, and any achievements.

- Written
- Verbal

# How do you get the experiences?



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NETWORK



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WORDS



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