

CAREER FAIR FAQ

Answers to your frequently asked questions (FAQ)

When is the career fair?

Friday, February 9th from 10am-3pm.

Where is the career fair?

In the Campus Center Auditorium, down the escalators.

Which companies are coming to the career fair?

A full list is available on our website or Handshake.

Is the career fair open to me?

Yes! Recruiters will be looking for students across the STEM disciplines (Engineering, Math, etc.), from UMass and other colleges in the area.

Do I need to register for the career fair?

No, but we like it if you do. You will need to check in when you arrive.

Should I come to the career fair if I'm only a freshman or sophomore?

Yes, it's a great opportunity to ask questions and learn about different employers, roles and industries.

What should I bring to the career fair?

Read our 1-pg info sheet.

Can someone review my resume before the career fair?

Yes, use Handshake to schedule an appointment with the CICS Careers team. You can also see our Resume Checklist for answers to the most common resume questions.

What should I wear?

Read our 1-pg info sheet.

How do I know if an employer is hiring students like me?

Handshake has details about what qualifications each employer has. Some hire international students. Some are hiring for internships, others just jobs. Some have GPA requirements. Plan ahead so you don't waste time in line.

Why do the employers at the fair tell me to apply online?

Employers attend the career fair because they want to hire, but they need to follow their recruiting processes. Use the career fair to make a personal connection that can be referenced when you apply online. We also suggest that you follow up with the alumni and employers you talk to on LinkedIn or by email.

Why did [employer] not come to the career fair?

Many employers will be attending the Career Blast here at UMass on February 22nd. Other employers have either finished their recruiting for the year or are using other strategies to source talent.

Can I skip class to come to the career fair?

Please don't. Academics come first and there should be time during the 5-hour fair to stop by. If not, talk about it with your professor in advance to make arrangements.

Can I still come to the career fair even if I already have a job or internship?

Yes, just adjust your goals and be upfront with the recruiters. Networking is an important career development skill.

For more information or other career-related questions, contact our **CICS Careers** team.