



TECH FAIR FAQ



Answers to your frequently asked questions (FAQ)

When is the career fair?

Thursday, September 26th from 1PM to 5PM.

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 [Handshake](#) or the [Career Fair + app](#).

Is the career fair open to anyone?

Yes! Recruiters will be looking for STEM students 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.

How can I avoid waiting in line for popular employers?

Use the [Career Fair + app](#) 'skip the line' feature. We also recommend researching employers ahead of time so you have a plan to visit your favorites first, and others as time allows.

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?

Bring several copies of your resume, a pen, a notepad or portfolio.

Can someone review my resume before the career fair?

Yes, use Handshake to register for a [Rapid Resume Review](#), or [schedule an appointment](#) with the CICS Careers team. Check out our website info on [resumes](#) for help writing yours.

What should I wear?

Dress professionally. We don't have a minimum dress code but you want to feel confident and make a good impression for UMass and yourself. Wear nice shoes. A jacket if you have one.

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. Look for internship postings on the employer's website for detailed info about the position you're interested in.

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 [Engineering Career Fair](#) on Sep-27. Other employers are using other strategies to source talent including [HackUMass](#) or [employer-specific events](#).

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.

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

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