

# Becoming a Hazards and Disaster Professional: Steps for Students

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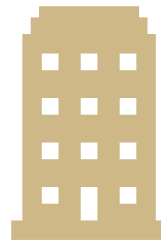
# Where do I start?

- As a student!
- Get comfortable in your program
- Utilize campus resources
- Seek opportunities outside of your university/college
- Internships
- Network, network, network

# Getting comfortable in your program



Get to know your professors and academic/instructional staff.



Many programs will have their own internal opportunities.



There is always research to be done!

# Utilize Campus Resources



Campus Career Centers



Career/Internship Fairs



Internship Coordinators



Student Organizations

# Opportunities Outside of Academics

- Local EM organizations
- Campus EM organizations
- State EM office (if available)
- Volunteer!

# Internships!!!

- Very competitive – prepare accordingly.
  - FEMA Emergency Management Institute (EMI) Independent Study (IS) courses (<https://training.fema.gov/is/>)
  - Interview prep
  - Resume
  - Cover letter

# Internships!!!

Apply, apply, apply!

Check out all available opportunities  
– local, state, federal, NGO, private.

Every internship affords different  
opportunity and experience.

# Network, Network, Network!!!



Keep an active and up to date LinkedIn Profile



Conferences



On campus events



Off campus events in your local community



# Questions?

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