Plan Ahead

Research the companies.
Have an understanding of what each company does and what kind of opportunities might be available. View attending companies at ist.psu.edu/careerfairs.

Dress professionally.
First impressions are critical. Layout your wardrobe the night before. Be sure to try on your clothes.

Attend company information sessions or information tables. View upcoming events at ist.psu.edu/career-events.

Practice, practice, practice.
Practice your introduction with a friend, test out your handshake, and make eye contact.

Have your résumé reviewed by Career Solutions. Print at least 15 copies of your résumé and have them in a professional portfolio on the day of the career fair.

The Day of the Fair

Check in at the front desk.
Bring your PSU id to swipe in.

Turn off the electronics and toss out the gum.

Pick up a map of company locations and prioritize your top five to ten companies you would like to speak to and visit them first.

When you meet with a company, take a few seconds to introduce yourself. Don’t expect them to lead the conversation.

Don’t grab for the swag. Don’t visit the table just for the free giveaways. Don’t travel in groups. Travel solo!

Be prepared to talk about what your interests are and how you could fit into their company. BE YOURSELF!

Take notes after you meet with a company that interests you. You will meet a lot of companies and the notes will come in handy after the fair. This will also help you with follow-up.

Know your schedule for the day after the fair. You might be asked to interview on campus.

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