Careers and Internships
College of Information Sciences and Technology at Penn State

What do you want to be after you graduate college? A consultant, a tech start-up entrepreneur, a cyber security analyst, an enterprise architect, to name a few? Whatever your career goal is, IST can take you there. The courses you’ll study at IST and the skills you learn while working in teams, tackling real-life challenges, and gaining valuable experience while completing an internship (or two) will make you hugely marketable in the workforce. And we can help ensure that the organizations that you are best suited for find out about you!

Our Office of Career Solutions and Corporate Engagement is dedicated to helping you find the right full-time job or internship, or guiding you on the path to achieving success as an entrepreneur or to pursuing an advanced degree, if that’s what you choose. We cultivate relationships with employers and show them the value of hiring IST graduates so that each year, more and more companies attend our college-exclusive career fairs, eager for a chance to interview and hire students with aspirations and skills just like yours!

Check out these numbers:

- 84% employment rate at graduation
- $60,714 average starting salary
- $4,970 average signing bonus

And here is where our students are going after graduation:

- 25% Defense Contractors
- 22% Consulting
- 20% Technology/Health
- 19% Government
- 14% Financial
So how do we do it? It’s not magic, or rocket science (that’s an entirely different department at Penn State)! No, it’s just a proven method for success that we share with you and collaborate with you on, from your very first day as an IST student. Here are just a few of the ways IST’s Office of Career Solutions and Corporate Engagement can help you launch out of college straight into success:

**INTERNSHIPS**

Because an internship enhances your education, prepares you for professional life, and helps you make good career decisions, it’s a required part of the IST curriculum. As an intern, you set your professional development in motion, build your resume, and take charge of your future. You’ll get to practice your technical skills while honing your business abilities to lead, work with teams, communicate effectively, manage projects, and solve problems like a pro. (These are the skills that help you stand out from the crowd of college graduates looking for technology jobs.)

**CAREER SOLUTIONS SERVICES**

- IST-only job posting system (COMPASS) that allows you to search for internships, co-ops, and full-time jobs unique to your major.
- Year-round workshops led by Career Solutions staff on topics like salary negotiation, dressing for success, personal branding through social media, and obtaining security clearances.
- Career counseling, interview coaching, resume reviews, executive monitoring, corporate day trips, and networking events.

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**CAREER FAIRS**

Ready to meet your future employer? Our career fairs, Pro Expo in the fall and Future Forum in the spring, draw Fortune 500 companies, government agencies, and tech startups among many others to the IST building to recruit you! And you can attend these events even as a freshman—it’s never too early to begin building your professional network!

“Unlike students from some other majors who are thrilled to be given just one interview, IST students are often bombarded with companies who want to hire them! This hiring trend is expected to continue, so if you decide to come to IST you won’t have to worry about finding a job!”
—Maria Verardi, IST ’14

“The companies at Pro Expo line the halls of the IST building while IST students walk through and are able to openly talk with employees about their companies and internships. To be able to easily meet so many companies that are interested in hiring PSU IST students is a great opportunity that the College of IST provides to us.”
—Jaclyn Carradorini, IST ’16

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