

COM Career Services and Resources during COVID-19

With all the changes in our socioeconomic world, you may find yourself wondering what to do next when it comes to career planning and your job/internship search. We want you to know that the career advisors in the School of Communications are committed to supporting you in your professional development during this time. Our staff continues to work remotely and we are eager to assist you.

Frequently Asked Questions

How can I connect with a career advisor during this time?

We encourage you to schedule an appointment with a career advisor using the [Elon Job Network \(EJN\)](#). Appointments can be conducted virtually, over the phone, or even via email. You can also reach out directly to the COM Career Advisors, [Ross Wade](#) and [Alison Doherty](#), as well as Director of Internships [Amber Moser](#), with any questions.

For quick questions you can utilize our [Live Chat](#) feature to chat with a staff member in the Student Professional Development Center weekdays from 9 am-4 pm, or email careerservices@elon.edu.

How can I look for jobs/internships during this time? Are companies still hiring?

Many companies are still hiring, but please be aware the hiring process may be extended and likely will be a partially or completely virtual experience. Be patient while also persistent. You may contact a company to check on the status of a submitted application if no update has been provided after about two weeks. Find out which industries have the most need and consider broadening your search by seeking out and remaining open to new and different opportunities.

We continue to add jobs, internships, and student employment opportunities to the [Elon Job Network \(EJN\)](#), as well as virtual employer engagement sessions.

Additional helpful resources

- [Micro-internships](#): virtual paid, project-based opportunities
- [Candor](#): company hiring status; updating live and regularly
- The Muse: [Companies Hiring During Covid-19](#)
- [COVINTERN](#): find remote internship at top startups and companies
- [Internship Opportunities](#) on LinkedIn
- [1,575 Remote Jobs](#)

Should I still be networking during this time? I'm not able to meet with people in person right now.

Yes! We are continuing to hear from alumni and employers that they are more than happy to virtually connect with you. LinkedIn is a great platform to grow your network and stay in touch with those that you've connected with previously. You can meet with a career advisor to create

or review your LinkedIn profile and learn strategies on how to stand out and engage with alumni and employers. We also strongly encourage that you set up informational interviews with professionals in industries/companies you are interested in. Review our [informational interview guide](#) for additional tips and tricks.

I don't think I'll be able to secure an internship this summer, or my job/internship was delayed/cancelled. What else can I do?

Volunteer - get connected to your community and do something positive. Find ways to use your skills in communications to support organizations and companies in need, such as volunteering to run a social media campaign for a local restaurant. Employers have specifically told us that they would love to see students using their talents for good during this time, and it demonstrates your entrepreneurial spirit.

Learn - take an online class, learn new skills, obtain a certification (e.g. Excel), or advance current skills. [LinkedIn Learning](#) is a great resource with access to tons of online courses, and Elon gives you access to it for free.

Examples:

- [Today at Elon - Digital Marketing Students Earn Industry Certifications](#)
- [40 Social PR Courses and Certifications](#)
- [10 Cheap Classes That'll Help You Break Into a Media, PR, or Marketing Role](#)

Engage - attend virtual sessions offered by employers (check [EJN](#) to stay up to date with upcoming webinars), and join our meet-ups with alumni and/or SPDC professionals on a variety of topics. Use this time to network with Elon alumni or other professionals at your dream companies.

Practice - do everything you can to prepare yourself for opportunities as they arise. Gain relevant experience with a remote [micro-internship](#). Make sure your resume, cover letter, and social media profiles are updated. Hone your interview skills by conducting a mock interview with a career advisor or utilizing [Big Interview](#), a virtual practice tool that records your interview and provides tips and strategies for answering a variety of interview questions within all industries.

If you are a rising junior or senior worried about meeting the internship requirement for the School of Communications, there are additional, temporary options to earn internship credit that you can view on the [Internship Options](#) page.

What are some best practices for virtual interviews and internships?

Interviewing is still on-going during this time, but all interviews have transitioned to either phone calls, live video interviews, or on-demand interviews. It is essential to get comfortable with these platforms in order to put your best foot forward virtually.

Check out this previously recorded webinar on [Mastering the Virtual Interview](#) and this guide for virtual interviews. [What Is an On-Demand Interview](#). For tips on navigating a virtual

internship (or any professional opportunity), Janay Tyson '19 provided some great advice in this previously recorded webinar on [Being a Successful Virtual Intern](#).

I am really struggling right now with all of this, what else can I do?

Be proactive and reward yourself along the way. We get it, it can feel a bit discouraging right now. We encourage you to keep persevering and use this time to network, improve your application materials or online presence, learn something new, and advance your skills. Try your best to stay focused on what you can control and make sure to set aside plenty of time to rest and recharge. Review Elon's [mental health resources](#) provided by counseling services for additional tips.