TIPS FOR LANDING AN INTERNSHIP/JOB
Step 1: Career Services

- Even if you aren’t ready to start looking for work GO TO Career Services and build a resume.
  - Career Services is in the basement of the Kerr Admin Building
  - [http://oregonstate.edu/career/](http://oregonstate.edu/career/)

- Wardrobe: Invest in some career clothes. See our website for guidelines: [http://eeecs.oregonstate.edu/industry-relations/recruit-students/eeecs-mime-senior-dinner/business-casual](http://eeecs.oregonstate.edu/industry-relations/recruit-students/eeecs-mime-senior-dinner/business-casual)

- Take advantage of Career Services’ resources.
  - Set up your Beaver JobNet (BJN) account so you can get job and internship postings
  - Try out a seminar, brush up on interview strategies, dining etiquette, etc.
    - Most cost little or nothing and can be helpful.
  - Go to every Engineering Career Fair. Get to know the recruiters. Someday you may need their help.
Step 2: Join Clubs

- Join clubs and get experience with **hands-on projects** outside of the classroom.
  - It not only looks good on a resume, it’s good experience and it’s fun!

- Go to **club seminars** like the IEEE Seminars (See their website or EECS Calendar).

- At the seminars:
  - Meet the reps and learn more about the company.
  - **Tip:** Make a point of introducing yourself to the presenter(s).
  - Keep track of the industry people you meet by inviting them to join you on LinkedIn.
  - LinkedIn is currently the most used website for recruiting.
Step 3: Build a profile on LinkedIn

- LinkedIn.com is a little like Facebook for professionals.
  - Having an on-online resume is just important as having a paper copy.

- EECS has its own group. Join and connect with alums.

- Visit these sites for more helpful advice on building your online profile:
  - Advice from the Spartans - Building a Professional LinkedIn
  - LinkedIn Grad Guide: Video 1
  - How To Make LinkedIn and Your Resume Work Together
Optional: Visit AfterCollege

- AfterCollege.com is another venue for connecting with employers.
- They post weekly jobs.
- You can build a profile and connect with employers.
- They also offer scholarship opportunities.
- And they offer virtual recruiting events.
- Not as widely used as LinkedIn, but still another way to get your resume out there.
A few other thoughts....

- As you start to build web profiles, apply for work, etc., people will do some background checking on you.
  - Don’t assume your information on the web is unaccessible to recruiters.
  - Take down any compromising photos of you on Facebook, MySpace, etc., before you start.
  - Basic rule: If your grandmother wouldn’t be okay with it, chances are a company won’t be okay with it either.

- If you are considering grad school, consider doing research experience for undergrads (REU).
  - It gives you experience, builds your resume and can help you know if grad school is for you.
Step 4: Apply!!

- Go to this page and review the resources
  http://eecs.oregonstate.edu/undergraduate-students/opportunities-involvement/internships-jobs

  - **EECS Weekly News**
    - Read the jobs section weekly.
    - Check back at the companies that were hiring within the last few weeks and see if there are any openings that match your interests.

  - Go to each of the **industrial affiliate websites** and visit their jobs/careers site.
    - While there are no guarantees, Cypress, eBay, ESI, Garmin, Google, HP, Intel, McAfee like to hire Beavers.

  - Attend EECS events like Industry Reception if you can get in. (Stay tuned for details....)
General advice

- Start with the basics: resume, wardrobe, skills and clubs

- Connect with the recruiters where they already are – LinkedIn, AfterCollege, Career Fairs, EECS recruiting events, etc.

- Build a professional network of contacts that can help you connect with employers.

- Be willing to help others, should you have the opportunity.

- You are in charge of your own destiny! Be proactive.