

## **First-Year Students**

## GET AN EARLY START ON YOUR CAREER!

- Take **core and general classes** to help you explore your potential areas of interest. Consider choosing a double major or minor outside of Isenberg to broaden your experience.
- Start thinking about **practical work experience.** The more professional experience you can acquire, the better your chances for being hired in your chosen field upon graduation. Experience may include summer jobs, on/off campus employment, internships and co-ops.
- Wonder what kinds of careers are linked to specific majors? Many employers hire graduates from a variety of majors. Meet with a Career Coach in the <a href="Chase Career Center">Chase Career Center</a> (Isenberg N207) to learn more.
- Learn how to use on campus tools to find and apply **for internship and co-op opportunities.** Understand how to navigate both the <u>IsenbergWorks</u> and the <u>Handshake</u> job posting systems for jobs and internships.
- Leverage the Isenberg Freshman Transition course to learn how to use resources at Isenberg and on campus. Meet with an <u>Academic Advisor</u> (Isenberg N230) about planning classes for your potential major, strategizing for <u>study abroad</u>, <u>domestic exchange</u>, or doing a co-op or internship.
- Supplement your classroom learning with **Experiential Learning** by becoming an active member of the community. Choose from a vast array of <u>on campus employment</u>, <u>clubs at Isenberg</u>, and from over 200 <u>registered student organizations</u> on campus. Participate in <u>student government</u> or in your <u>residence life</u> community. Seek out <u>community service projects</u> through clubs and other organizations. You'll meet others, contribute, and develop key communication, leadership, and team skills that employers seek.
- Begin **networking** through student clubs and other Isenberg School events including Business Innovation Hub Employer Meet & Greets and career fairs (<u>Isenberg Career Day</u>, <u>McCormack Sports Management Career Fair</u>, HTM Career Fair & <u>University Career Blast</u>). Learn about opportunities by meeting alumni and corporate friends of UMass Amherst as a member of a student group. It's never too early to learn to network.
- Make an appointment with a **Chase Career Coach** to explore careers, review your resume, learn internship and job search strategies, and more. Log on to our <u>website</u> and click on the <u>Career Coach Appointments</u> icon.
- Prepare your resume. Utilize our resume writing resources, like <u>The.Resume.Guide.</u> and meet with a Chase Career Center advisor to get started. Preparing a captivating resume means you'll be ready for opportunities that come along.