

Bates Center for PURPOSEFUL | WORK

Hello!

Now that you've wrapped up your second year at Bates, we at the [Bates Center for Purposeful Work](#) want to send you good wishes for a restful and restorative summer.

Whether you've decided to study abroad, taken on a leadership role, or simply been happy to get through another year, we know that you'll have a lot to reflect on over the next few months. It's a great time to think about what you've accomplished, what you've gained, and how you'd like to grow and develop further. What would you like to explore? What would be meaningful work to engage in?

Many of you are already preparing for internships and jobs for the summer. In case it's helpful, here's a set of [8 career competencies](#) and [15 candidate qualities](#) that most employers are seeking – How do you stack up? What do you want to work on? Consider the areas of development where you'd like to focus attention – and how your summer activities will help you improve in those areas. As you're considering your AI competencies and skills, check out [our recommendations](#) for how to best represent them to potential employers.

Regardless of what they are, we'd love to hear your summer plans – [click here to share!](#)

For those of you still searching, employers are still posting opportunities on [Handshake](#). In addition to internships and jobs, you may also want to check out experiential learning and volunteer roles that align with your areas of exploration. To make the platform really work for you, invest time into checking out the various sections and functionalities. Update your profile (and make it public for recruiters), update your career interests (including your Bates College career clusters) so we can send relevant and time-sensitive information your way, check out the [Resources](#) under the Career Center tab (especially the [Vault industry guides](#) to dive into industry research), and explore opportunities under the Jobs tab.

Consider whether you can build additional knowledge and skills by checking out [Coursera](#), [EdX](#), and other platforms where you can take free or low-cost online courses and get exposure to key concepts and technical skills. If you want to connect with alumni working in areas of interest, create a LinkedIn account, set up your LinkedIn profile, and head over to the [Bates LinkedIn](#) page. Take advantage of our [various networking guides, templates, and checklists](#) to help you expand your network.

NOTE: Some industries recruit quite early, so make sure to scan this [industry breakdown](#), monitor your Bates email throughout the summer, and check out any industry-specific resources relevant to you (e.g, [pre-health](#), [pre-law](#), [pre-business](#)). We don't want you to miss out on advice that may be helpful with time-sensitive industry exploration.

We know that just thinking about purpose can be overwhelming -- not to mention finding it! But that's what we at Purposeful Work are here for. [If you need us, we're available throughout the summer!](#) Follow us on Instagram (@batespurposefulwork) to see what we're working on and what our summer interns are up to. Reach out, ask questions, and access resources -- especially if you haven't yet. We're here for you!

Happy summer,

[Bates Center for Purposeful Work team](#)