THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND
CENTER FOR CAREER AND EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION

Quick Tip Sheet
Standing Out in the Crowd

Things You Can Do While In College to Increase Your Marketability

Education

- ☐ Choose electives and major/minor courses that relate to your career interests
- ☐ Get involved in research with professors
- ☐ Build relationships with professors for recommendations/references
- ☐ Participate in a study abroad program
- ☐ Join honor societies when invited
- ☐ Serve as a teaching assistant or tutor
- ☐ Maintain a strong GPA

Experience

- ☐ Participate in volunteer work or community service
- ☐ Try out internships (multiple if possible!) in your field; consider internships for credit during the school year or over the summer
- ☐ Identify transferable skills gained from work experience
- ☐ Get to know professionals in the field through the URI Alumni Network
- ☐ Attend career fairs & networking events to connect with employers
- ☐ Use Handshake to find internships, on-campus jobs, and part-time jobs.

Activities & Accomplishments

- ☐ Get involved in clubs, organizations, athletic teams, etc. on campus
- ☐ Pursue leadership roles in your community
- ☐ Get connected with professional associations; take advantage of on-campus chapters and/or discounted membership rates for students
- ☐ Maintain a portfolio with evidence of your work experience, activities, & accomplishments

Skills & Personal Attributes

- ☐ Evaluate your Career Readiness Competencies and make a plan for development
- ☐ Demonstrate motivation & initiative - be willing to go "above and beyond"
- ☐ Gain exposure to and learn about many different kinds of people and cultures in varied settings

What Makes You Stand Out?

Education	Experience
Consider your major, minor, concentrations, electives; GPA; honors & awards; scholarships; special papers and projects; research; honor societies; study abroad	Consider your employment background; internships; academic projects; extended volunteer work; training & certifications
Activities & Accomplishments	**Skills & Personal Attributes**
Consider campus & community organizations; clubs; athletics; travel; fraternities/sororities; professional associations; leadership positions; elected offices	Consider computer & language skills; technical & scientific abilities; use of equipment; interpersonal & communication skills; areas of excellence; teamwork & competition; hobbies & leisure activities