

What Are Employers Looking For?

Employers focus on "career readiness," prioritizing candidates who demonstrate strong communication, critical thinking, and adaptability. According to recent hiring trends, recruiters specifically seek students who can articulate complex ideas clearly, work collaboratively in diverse teams, and show "digital fluency," which now often includes a foundational understanding of AI and data literacy.

To attain and demonstrate these attributes, you should move beyond the classroom by engaging in experiential learning. You can build leadership and collaboration skills by taking active roles in student organizations or volunteer projects. To develop technical and digital fluency, consider pursuing certifications in emerging tools like machine learning or data visualization. Most importantly, you should document your experiences using the **STAR method** (Situation, Task, Action, Result) in your resume and interviews.

[Schedule an appointment with a career advisor](#) to discuss internships and being “career ready”.

Opportunities

CUNY Specific Opportunities

- [FirstGenU Career Institute: Summer I 2026](#)
- [NYC Internship Programs](#)
- [NYC Department of Environmental Protection \(DEP\) – Summer Internship Program](#)
- [Ivy Tutor Network Part-Time Tutor](#)
- [LifeSci Internship Program](#) – Great for sciences, business, computer science, marketing, communications, engineering students
 - [LifeSci Internship Info Session Recording](#)

Other Opportunities

- [Staten Island Forestry Intern at NYC Department of Parks and Recreation](#)
- [Aflac NYC 2025 Sales and Marketing Internship \(Wall Street\) at Aflac](#)
- [Behavioral Health Intern at NYC Health + Hospitals](#)
- [Social Media Intern at ASH NYC](#)
- [Software Engineering Intern at Ask Arthur](#)

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Need some hands-on experience? Students from all majors can execute short-term, paid, typically remote, professional projects that allow you to build and demonstrate skills while exploring potential career paths. **[Get started today!](#)**

Check Out More Upcoming Events

[NY Jobs CEO Council First Year Forum, April 23 from 9am-4pm](#)

[Enterprise Mobility NYC Management Trainee Information Session Spring 2026 – Friday, May 1 at 1:30pm, virtual](#)

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