



2022 Get Experience Fair Student Guide

HOW TO PREPARE

Preparation is key to success at any fair.

- **Prioritize organizations** you want to target. Do your research/visit their websites (list of participants is provided at the end of this guide).
- **Prepare thoughtful questions** to show genuine interest in the organization, based on your research.
- Sign up for an **Employment Peer Coach appointment** in the AA&CC or take advantage of **Rapid Resume Reviews** drop-in service (Monday to Friday, 10-12 pm) to have your resume critiqued.
- Review our "[I'm Ready](#)" worksheet below.

DURING THE FAIR

- **Be positive and confident.** If you are comfortable, provide a firm handshake. Make eye contact. And perhaps most importantly, smile!
- Before you leave a booth, **ask reps for their business cards so that you can promptly send a thank you note.** Having the business card of the rep you just spoke with allows you to have a direct contact with the organization and also the proper spelling of the rep's name. If they don't have any cards, ask how they would prefer you to follow up with them after the fair (email, LinkedIn, etc.)
- **Meet 1:1 with our Career Strategists/Counsellors right at the fair** to learn how to introduce yourself, handshaking etiquette, what to say to reps, get interview tips and more. Look for AA&CC's "*Questions? Start Here!*" booth inside the fair.

AFTER THE FAIR

Keep the momentum going and take the next step!

- Book an appointment with one of our [Career Counsellors or Career Strategists](#) to explore your interests and take the next step in finding experiential opportunities that move you towards your career goals.
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- Login to **CLNx** to search for additional opportunities throughout the year.
- Bookmark our other 2022 career fairs/events in your planner:
 - [Get Experience on Building an Effective Resume Workshop](#)
Tuesday, Sep 20, 2022 11:00-12:30 pm, AC 321
 - [Graduate & Professional Schools Fair](#)
Wednesday, Sept 28, 11:00-3:00 pm, Highland Hall

QUICK FAQ

Resumes

You are welcome to bring copies of your resume to apply in-person. Most employers will also offer you the opportunity to apply online. Some of the organizations in attendance will be accepting resumes during the Fair while other may encourage you to apply online. Please note that you will not have access to a printer at the Fair.

Coat Check

Complimentary coat check will not be available at the Fair. Please ensure that you do not leave valuables unattended, including electronics, identification documents, money, etc. We are not responsible for lost or stolen valuables.

Dress Code

The Fair does not have a dress code. We encourage you to look "professional" as it relates to the organizations and industries you are pursuing.

Accommodations If you are person with a disability and require accommodation please email Sara Cunjak (sara.cunjak@utoronto.ca) 10 working days prior to the event.

Statement on Acknowledgement of Traditional Land

We would like to acknowledge this sacred land on which the University of Toronto operates. It has been a site of human activity for 15,000 years. This land is the territory of the Huron-Wendat and Petun First Nations, the Seneca, and most recently, the Mississaugas of the Credit River. The territory was the subject of the Dish with One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement between the Iroquois Confederacy and Confederacy of the Ojibwe and allied nations to peaceably share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes. Today, the meeting place of Toronto is still the home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island and we are grateful to have the opportunity to work in the community, on this territory.

I'm ready! ...for GET EXPERIENCES FAIR 2022

Make a strong first impression with your self-introduction.

Prepare your 30-second snapshot.

Format A	Format B
<p><i>I am....</i> (describe your current role/position)</p>	<p><i>I graduated with/am studying....</i> (describe what you studied and where you went to school)</p>
<p><i>I work with..... I have gained...</i> (describe skills and successes)</p>	<p><i>I have a strong interest in....</i> (describe the field or type of work you are interested in, in line with the company)</p>
<p><i>I am currently exploring...</i> <i>Based on my research, your organization...</i> <i>End with a good question about the company.</i> (demonstrate your interest/knowledge in the industry and company)</p>	<p><i>In the future, I'd really love to ...</i> (describe your long term career goals and the impact you'd like to make, keeping in line with the company needs)</p>

Notes for your 30-second snapshot

Sample Questions

- What are important/essential skills/qualifications for a position in this field?
- How can I assess whether or not I have the skills needed for a position in your organization? Are there courses you'd recommend that I take?
- What kinds of experience, paid or unpaid, would you encourage for someone pursuing a career in this field?
- Which professional journals and publications should I be reading to learn more about this field? Are there any other written materials that you suggest I read?
- Which professional organizations associated with this career should I join?
- In what areas do you perceive there to be gaps in personnel in this organization? If the organization had unlimited resources for creating new positions, in what areas should those positions be created?
- In what areas do you see the organization expanding? Do you foresee the opening of new markets or greater globalization? Do you predict development of new products and/or services? Building of new facilities?
- What is the best way to obtain a position that will get me started in this career?
- Your website referred to _____. Can you tell me more about that?
- What special advice do you have for a student seeking to gain experience in this area?

Questions you plan to ask

Checklist for success, make sure you

- Research the company
- Prepare your 30-second self-intro
- Ask good questions
- Make notes for follow up
- Follow up

List of GEF 2022 Participants

Entrepreneur/Skill Development	Volunteer
ADaPT	Agincourt Community Services Association
BrAIDS for AIDS	Autism Ontario
The Hub	Baycrest Health Sciences
Official Languages Programs	Big Brothers Big Sisters Toronto
Katimavik	CAMH: Substance Abuse Program for African Canadian and Caribbean Youth (SAPACCY)
Scarborough Business Association	Canada CyberSTEAM Challenge (C3)/TeamUP Science
City of Toronto - Small Business	Canada Revenue Agency - Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP)
Nobellum, The Bridge	Canadian Blood Services
On Campus	Canadian Centre for Victims of Torture (CCVT)
Academic Advising & Career Centre	Centre for Immigrant & Community Services
AccessAbility Services	City of Toronto - Cultural Events
Admissions & Student Recruitment	Community Care Durham
African Impact Initiative	Diabetes Canada
Arts and Science Co-Op	Extend-A-Family
Arts, Culture and Media	Girls Inc. of Durham
Black Student Engagement	Habitat for Humanity GTA
Centre for Teaching and Learning	Lime Connect
Community Partnerships and Engagement Office	Malvern Family Resource Centre
CTLB03 Introduction to Community Engaged Learning	Ontario Public Interest Research Group - Toronto
Department of Physical & Environmental Sciences	Ontario Shores
Doris McCarthy Gallery	Operation Groundswell
Frontier College UTSC	Royal Ontario Museum Gallery Engagement
Health and Wellness Centre	Scarborough Centre for Healthy Communities
Human Resources Services	Scarborough Health Network
Imani Program	Shelter Movers
International Student Centre: Global Mobility Programs	Shepherd Village
Library	Society of Sharing: Inner-City Volunteers
Management	SPRINT Senior Care
Office of Student Experience and Wellbeing	The Jane Goodall Institute
OSEW First Year Programs	Variety Village - The Children's Charity
OSEW First Year Programs	VHA Home Healthcare
Student Housing and Residence Life	Youth Assisting Youth
Summer Abroad	Youth Challenge International
Sustainability Office	
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