How to **build relationships** with employers on Handshake

**01 Message an employer**

Not only does it communicate that you’re a self-starter, but messaging an employer first can give you an inside scoop on the job you want. Start off with a friendly opening and tell them a little bit about yourself, then ask a few questions about the role and the company.

You can find jobs where the employer is open to fielding questions using this handy search filter on the Jobs page. Click into any job in the filtered results to start messaging with an employer!
02
Sign up for a virtual info chat

Virtual info chats are informal 15-minute 1:1 conversations with employers—a great way to learn more about a job and help your application stand out. Employers will highlight opportunities to connect for virtual info chats on certain job postings. Just schedule a chat via the "Find a time" button. You may also get a message from a recruiter encouraging you to book a virtual info chat directly with them.

03
Attend an employer event

Employers participate in a wide variety of events both on-campus and virtually on Handshake. Join an information session for an inside look at company culture, panel discussions to ask current employees questions, or career fairs for 1:1 time with recruiters. Browse upcoming sessions on the “Events” tab or check out our recommendations for you on the Handshake homepage.

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