

## Monday Matters: Please connect students with Career Development Services

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Dear Colleagues:

We all know that it is extraordinarily beneficial for students to engage in undergraduate research and internships. In order to connect students with opportunities for internships, campus jobs, and regular jobs, we need to encourage them to use ODU's [Career Development Services](#). CDS has valuable resources for students at all stages of their college or graduate school career. They can explore career paths, get advice on their resume, and connect with other Monarchs and alumni who have landed the jobs that interest them. CDS uses [Handshake](#), the largest career community for college students and graduates.

We would like your help in getting students to activate their [Handshake](#) account. Once students have activated their accounts, then employers may reach out to them directly through Handshake. **ODU Career Development Services** has made it easy for students to get started by already creating their ODU Handshake account and profile. All students have to do is [sign in today](#) to activate their profile.

### Benefits of activating Handshake and connecting students with Career Development Services:

1. There are over 500+ employers that post daily for job/internship opportunities across the US and globally. This is our "list" of employers who are looking to recruit college students.
2. There are also employers posting on-campus jobs for ODU's LEAP, FWS, and Student Hourly positions.
3. [Career Development Services](#) uses Handshake to share with students upcoming events such as Career Fairs (October 18th-In-Person and 25th-Virtual), employer tabling and networking opportunities. Students are kept notified of workshops and presentation dates along with current trends and best practices.
4. Students can schedule 1-on-1 coaching appointments with Career Development Services staff to create unique and tailored action plans to assist with professional development needs.
5. Handshake houses multiple versions of hiring documents, so students don't have to worry about where they saved their latest copy. Because the students' hiring documents are in the system, Handshake uses AI to pull out opportunities that match the students' skills and education. Students can apply to some jobs directly in the system.

I'm asking for your support in helping to pass this along to students. **Please encourage them to activate their Handshake account by the end of October 2022.**

Best Regards,  
Gail

### Upcoming Events:

- Science Fridays: 4 pm in PSB 1100
  - Oct. 14: Jiangwen Sun (CS) & Erin Purcell (Chem & Biochem)
  - Nov. 11: Sandipan Dutta (Math & Stat) & Jeff Olenick (Psych)
- [Mars Fest](#): Oct. 14 – 16, 6 – 10 pm

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