

Prep

- Get skills
 - o You can't replace actual verifiable skills with random organizations and unrelated checkboxes
- Join #jobs in Slack
 - o We post opportunities there regularly
- Have your resume roasted
 - o Post it in Mason CC #jobs or in SRCT #forhire (or both)
 - o **For God's Sakes don't forget to list the club**
 - You're probably a member, so list that
 - If you've competed in an event, list that and if you placed
 - If you have picked up a skill (to a demonstrable level of competency) list that
 - o A lot of you guys have great resumes and a lot of you bad resumes, I've seen a number of them
- Don't skip summers
 - o If you want to take a break that's fine, but don't say "I'm too junior to get a job". Even if you aren't, which probably isn't true, you can get a job in an area with less friction like IT that can turn your journey to jump into cybersecurity into one that's more of a pivot, which is much easier
- Talk to Career Services
 - o Everyone has different opinions but a number of successful members have used Career Services and this is their job
 - o Contrary to popular belief they do in fact have staff who are specifically trained
- Talk to members, in person or in Slack
 - o A lot of us have jobs, referral rights, have interviewed interns, etc

Companies

If you work in this student organization and are looking for a job we have a number of groups we encourage you to apply for. Two of which are preferred and have been well received as places to work internally:

The Crypsis Group



Crypsis is an excellent digital forensics and incident response company based out of McLean. The big point here is the skills bar is relatively low in terms of how you can contribute to the company while you work there as an intern, whereas at other companies you have to be an elite reverse engineer to be able to pay it forward in the company. Digital Forensics is not a hard thing to wrap your mind around as opposed to topics like cryptography and reverse engineering. Additionally, the club. The president and vice president of CC work at Crypsis. They hire interns as well as full time.

careers.crypsisgroup.com is the portal, or talk to Michael Bailey or Paul Benoit in Slack.

Battelle

Battelle has both co-ops for during the year and internships. I can't personally speak to Battelle as much as I don't work there but I encourage you to ask in Slack. The easiest ways are to talk to Chris Roberts (@caffix) on our Slack and [try your hand at the Battelle Cyber Challenge](#). They have a co-op and are always for looking for people. They are a not-for-profit so they make a point to pay it forward regarding profits. A number of members work there. At the time of writing this, the number is hovering around 6-8.

Other groups that've traditionally helped us include PwC:



Notable: We've had a PwC speaker three times now

Website: <http://campusjobs.pwc.com/>

Sector: General consulting, does anything

And GRIMM:



Notable: Relatively elite team, hires out of RIT RC3 a lot

Website: <https://grimm-co.com/>

Sectors: AppSec, Embedded, Consulting

"If anybody (in the club, or otherwise) is interested, please have them send their resumes to internship@grimm-co.com."

All four of the companies cover a number of sectors in cybersecurity and we've worked with closely so there's at least one major point of contact that'll know about the club and we've heard about their work environment. Battelle and PwC are large enough that it depends who you ask. GRIMM we're part of their "HAX" program/pipeline. Crypsis and Battelle are direct sponsors after people kept working there.