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**Topic: The Overview of UM Engineering Career Resource Center**

The university resource I am most interested in is the UM Engineering Career Resource Center (ECRC). The ECRC can provide career planning advice to the students in college of engineering. Besides, the ECRC also offers students the opportunity to link to highly qualified employers with a broad range of engineering disciplines. In specific, the ECRC can provide the following services to UM students:

**ENGenius.Jobs for Students:**

Students and alumni of the University of Michigan are eligible to use the system. Positions posted are specifically for Michigan Engineering and Computer Science students and alumni. All students have accounts established within the system, and may log in by visiting <https://engineering-umich-csm.symplicity.com/students/>.

Students and alumni may use ENGenius.Jobs to:

1. Search internship, co-op and full-time positions under the 'Job Postings' tab within your account.
2. Apply to be considered for on-campus interviews by searching the associated job postings, and then applying to positions of interest according to the application instructions. View your application status and manage upcoming interviews under the 'Interviews' tab.

3. Sign up to meet with an ECRC career advisor by selecting 'Request a Career Advising Appointment' from the right side of your home page. You will receive an email confirmation once the appointment has been scheduled.
4. Learn about upcoming ECRC workshops and ECRC sponsored employer events under the 'Events' tab, RSVP to attend events of interest.
5. Research employers using the 'Employer Directory'.
6. Search the 'Professional Network' to find your perfect match from our database of student, alumni and employer contacts who have volunteered to serve as career mentors.
7. Practice a mock interview through the system (found under 'Resources', 'Mock Interviews'). Once complete you may choose to review the practice session by yourself and/or request feedback from the ECRC staff.
8. Visit the 'Resource Library' to view additional documents to assist in your career planning and use of ENGenius.Jobs.

**On campus interviews:**

Numerous companies and organizations recruit at the University of Michigan College of Engineering to conduct interviews with U of M Engineering and LS&A Computer Science students. Companies typically visit the College between September and December, and between January and March. Data regarding recruitment activities from previous years including student salary reports may be found within our Annual Reports.

## **Career Fairs:**

Career fairs are held throughout the year by student organizations, departments and the ECRC. The engineering related career fairs are listed below.

### **1. SWE/TBP Engineering Fall Career Fair and Receptions**

Dates: September 18 & 19, 2016 (Receptions)

The annual Society of Women Engineers/Tau Beta Pi Career Fair hosts nearly 300 companies, making it the largest recruiting event at the University of Michigan's College of Engineering, and one of the largest student-run career fairs in the country. The Career Fair is a great way to connect with employers recruiting for full-time, internship and co-op positions. Contact [careerfair@umich.edu](mailto:careerfair@umich.edu) or visit our website at [www.umcareerfair.org](http://www.umcareerfair.org) for more information. Additional information for students will be available closer to the event date.

### **2. Winter Engineering Career Fair**

The Winter Engineering Career Fair, hosted by the ECRC, is a two day event typically held towards the end of January. This event is a great opportunity for students to connect with employers recruiting for full-time, internship and co-op positions. This event will be held next on Tuesday, January 24 and Wednesday, January 25, 2017. Additional information will be available closer to fall.

### **3. MPowered Startup Career Fair**

The MPowered Career Fair is designed exclusively for startups and is typically held in January. This fair is presented by MPowered Entrepreneurship and the University of

Michigan's Center for Entrepreneurship. Additional information is available at <https://mpowered.umich.edu/careerfair/about>.

As for me, I plan to resort to the ECRC to help me decide which career I should take in the future. Besides, given the ECRC will hold different kinds of workshops, I plan to use the resources there to help me revise my resume and attend the mock interview to prepare for the interviews in the future.

In order to help my peers have a more clear career plan and a more successful professional life, I'd like to bridge between the ECRC and JI students. Given the particularity of JI students, such as the multiple backgrounds and the communication barrier, JI students' preparation to interviews and resume revising should be different from other UM students. As a result, to benefit JI students, it is better for the ECRC to hold specific workshops aiming at JI students. If I were responsible for coordinating the workshops, I would communicate to the advisors in the ECRC to let them know the particularity of JI students. Besides, I will also invite some JI-UM alumni to attend the workshops to share their experience to my peers.