

**Networking is not just about
“collecting contacts,”
but about building
relationships that create
mutual value**



Smart Networking Can...



Open doors to get job referrals and internships



Provide insider knowledge about industries



Build long-term career resilience





Practice Networking

Leverage online platforms (LinkedIn, Facebook communities, PH tech groups)

Young professionals in the Philippines use social media to connect with peers and mentors, making it easier to break into industries like tech and digital work.



Practice Networking

Give before you ask

Offer help, share resources, or show genuine interest in others' work. This creates stronger, lasting professional tie



Practice Networking

Stay visible and consistent

Maintain contact through check-ins, sharing updates, or engaging in communities.

**Internships are opportunities
to expand skills, credibility,
and professional networks**



Strategies to **maximize** Your Internship



Seek feedback from mentors or supervisors

It improves your skills and builds workplace readiness



Treat every task as a credibility builder

Whether big or small, excellence creates professional reputation.

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Network internally

Interact with colleagues, join meetings, ask for informational interviews. Many full-time jobs are offered to interns who prove adaptable and proactive.



Document your achievements

Keep a portfolio of tasks, skills learned, and impact made.

Finding Mentors and Recommendations



Finding mentors is about
looking in the **right places**
where professionals are
already engaging with
youth and emerging talent.

Possible channels:



**University Alumni Networks and
Guidance Offices**



**Professional Organizations and
Communities**



Possible channels:



Industry Events, Hackathons, and
Webinar



Online Mentorship Platforms

