

Connect with Alumni to Explore Careers

What is the Alumni Connections Program (ACP)?

The ACP is an opportunity for Cornell undergraduate and graduate students to connect with alumni. Through these connections, students will learn how to articulate a deeper knowledge of the field they are exploring, network more effectively, research organizations, and prepare appropriate questions for future contacts and employers.

Alumni will indicate on their listing if they are willing to connect with a student through one or more methods including, job shadowing opportunities, informational phone calls or lunch meetings, or career treks.

The ACP is *not* a job or internship service for students interested in working for a sponsor's organization.

Alumni connections are available in various career fields and geographic locations across the U.S.

DIY Connections

Resources are available to assist students in designing their own job shadowing opportunity should they be interested in shadowing a non-Cornellian.

Considerations for Applicants

Eligibility.

The program is open to fully matriculated Cornell undergraduate and graduate students. Freshmen are eligible to participate starting their second semester.

Students are eligible to apply for two job shadowing connections in the fall and spring semesters, in addition to one over the summer. Students can apply to an unlimited amount of informational interview connections.

Availability.

The ACP is open year-round for students to make connections with alumni. It is up to each student to communicate with alumni to set up their individual connection opportunities. Sponsors will specify which opportunities they are able to support.

Expenses.

Students are responsible for all expenses related to connecting with the sponsor, including airfare/travel, housing, meals, etc.

Additional Information.

Additional details about the program including application instructions can be found at career.cornell.edu... Students... Exploring Options... Alumni Connections Program.

Program Details

1. Attend an information session to learn more about the program. Information sessions are not mandatory.
2. Apply for the program by starting a checklist.
3. After checklist is completed, an online orientation is required before your sponsor's contact information will be released (ALL students must complete the orientation. Once you've completed the orientation, you will not be required to attend future orientations.)
4. Upon completion of orientation, sponsor's contact information will be released.
5. Students are responsible for contacting their sponsor to arrange the logistics of their connection. Students must contact their sponsor within 2 weeks of receiving contact information, otherwise they will forfeit the connection.