

Making the most of Winter Break: Focus on your future career!

Ok, it's finals week and Winter Break is upon us. What will you be doing during your month off of school? Sure, spending time with family and friends is a priority (maybe catching up on Netflix too!). That still leaves plenty of time to think about an internship for next summer, or full-time employment if you will be graduating in May.

December is the slow season for hiring professionals, which means that it is easier to get in touch with them. Reach out to the companies you are interested in or follow up on the

applications you have already completed. Take advantage of this slow time of the year for most HR departments.

You can also take this time to review [advice from career development professionals](#), and even research



[companies attending the Engineering Career Fair on February 2nd](#).

January 9th will be here before you know it, and your schoolwork will become a priority once again. Until then, you have an opportunity to put some focus on your future career. That's the reason you are obtaining your degree, right? Once the spring semester starts the hours in your day will be limited, so take advantage of the time you have now. Do something over break that your future self will thank you for. Also, enjoy the holiday season, from all of us in the ECC!

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[Engineering Career Fair details and current employer list](#)

[Volunteer at the Career Fair on Feb. 2nd](#)

Get additional access to employers the day of the career fair! We are looking for students to work in two-hour shifts throughout the day of the career fair between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm. Students have found this to be a rewarding experience by having additional opportunities to network with employers! [Sign up for a shift](#)

Good luck on your final exams!

[Career Advice from the Experts](#)

We have hand-selected recent articles with career development advice to help you prepare for your future career in engineering.

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