

Crafting an effective elevator speech to win over employers

First impressions are very important. An elevator speech is your opportunity to immediately impress employers by highlighting your strengths and letting them know what makes you stand out as a high-quality candidate for their hiring needs.

If you plan on going to the Engineering Career Fair on February 2nd (or even if you don't), we strongly recommend you have a well prepared elevator speech. There are many factors to consider while you are developing your speech and presenting it to employers, so preparation is key.

Just like with exams, the more you prepare, the better you will perform. We suggest reviewing the featured articles in our "Career Advice from the Experts" section below. This is the stuff they don't teach in your classes.



Presenting yourself to employers does not have to be such a nerve-racking experience. With the right amount of preparation and practice, you will be sure to make a great first impression!

NEXT WEEK: Researching employers

ELEVATOR SPEECH QUICK TIPS

- Practice makes perfect. Practice!
- Keep it brief. Aim for 30 seconds
- Highlight your strengths/goals
- Smile and make good eye contact
- Be memorable, in a good way!
- More practice = More confidence

UIC ENGINEERING CAREER FAIR
DATE: Thursday, February 2nd
TIME: 12 – 4 PM
LOCATION: UIC Forum

CAREER FAIR HELPFUL LINKS

[ENGR Career Fair details & current employer list](#)

[Prepare for the Career Fair: Before, During & After](#)

BE A VOLUNTEER: Gain additional access to employers!

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](#)

FEATURED EMPLOYERS – OVER 80 ATTENDING

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EVENTS

Google Info Session

Friday, January 20th | 2:00 PM
 SCE Tower 605 | CS/CompE
[Current Openings](#)

CNH Industrial Info Session

Wednesday January 18th | 5:30
 1043 ERF – Pizza served
[Details & Open Positions](#)

US Foods Info Table

Wed. Jan. 23rd | 10AM – 2PM
 CS Labs–SELE 2nd Floor | CS/CompE
[Details & Current Openings](#)

Resume Review Sessions

Mondays 3-4 & Fridays 12-1 PM
 @ Engineering Career Center
[Resume Review Session Info](#)

Technology Career Fair

Tuesday, Feb. 7th | 5–7 PM
 SCE Illinois Room | CS/CompE
[Event Details](#)

Internship/Part-Time Career Fair

Thursday Feb. 9th | 12 – 2PM
 SCE Illinois Room | All majors
[Details & Registered Companies](#)

Internships, co-ops and jobs posted on [UICcareers](#)

ENGINEERING: 563

Is your resume updated & uploaded? Employers review profiles often
 New to UICcareers? [Go here](#)

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.

Featured articles this week: Preparing an elevator speech

- [10 tips for a powerful elevator speech](#)
- [Quick guide to writing your elevator pitch \(with examples\)](#)
- [Elevator speech do's and don'ts](#)

Engineering Career Center

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[Walk-in Hours](#)

Tuesday – Thursday | 11AM – 3PM

Services Offered

- Individual career coaching
- Resume and cover letter reviews
- Interview preparation
- Salary and job offer negotiation
- Internship & full-time job search strategies
- Career Fair preparation (Elevator speech)
- Professional etiquette
- Networking & LinkedIn tips
- Career related workshops

NOW HIRING: Featured Employers

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