CAREER SERVICES

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The Toppel Career Center provides innovative and dynamic career services to students and alumni of the University of Miami. Furnished with the latest technology, including videoconferencing, 360-degree video recording, and lecture capture, the Center’s six interview suites, a technology lab, a conference room, and a multipurpose Loft offer a variety of spaces (http://hireacane.miami.edu/about/reserve-space) for students to meet their career-related needs. The Center is often described as “like no other” by visitors and is a model for career services throughout the country. Over six times larger than the average career center, the 12,000 square-foot building on Ponce De Leon Boulevard houses career programs and workshops, networking events, professional individualized advising, practice interviews, industry panels, walk-in peer advising, company presentations, on-campus interviews, and more.

Career Education

Regardless of the path you take, a comprehensive career planning process begins as soon as you step on campus. Professional staff at the Center assist students with their career development utilizing a three-part model (http://hireacane.miami.edu/about) that provides the tools necessary to Explore (strengths, interests, values, skills, and abilities), Prepare (career and industry research, practice interviews, and internships), and Connect (building meaningful relationships and growing a professional network).

Advising Services

Toppel offers a variety of options for career advising. You can set up an individual or small group advising with highly trained and motivated career peer advisors who have industry-specific knowledge and they can provide you guidance on potential career paths. You can drop by any time Monday through Friday, 9am - 4:30pm, no appointment necessary. The Center even offers online career assessments (http://hireacane.miami.edu/explore/majors-careers) that can help you narrow down career options by building self-awareness.

Programs and Workshops

A series of programs and workshops (http://hireacane.miami.edu/events/education) is offered throughout the academic year both in person and virtually. Each session provides information and skill-building activities in the areas of resume development, interviewing skills, social media for the job search, securing internships, and much more. In addition, programs designed to increase awareness of specific career paths and professional opportunities are offered. These are often conducted by outside speakers and panelists who are UM alumni and/or recognized specialists in their fields.

Career Preparation & Networking

Through the Center’s vision, Empowering and Connecting Canes to Achieve a Lifetime of Career Fulfillment, the staff encourages students to develop meaningful relationships with professionals in their area(s) of interest. The Toppel Career Center provides many opportunities for you to network with employers and alumni, including panel programs, employer meet-ups, job shadowing (UShadow (http://hireacane.miami.edu/explore/ushadow)), on-campus recruiting, and career fairs.

Career Fairs and On-Campus Recruiting

Career Expo (http://hireacane.miami.edu/events/fairs) is the largest career fair, typically bringing in over 100 employers and 1,000 students and alumni biannually in September and February. Toppel also organizes smaller industry-specific career fairs that focus on more specialized areas. Representatives from a variety of industries from around the world visit campus to meet, interview, and discuss career opportunities with students. In addition, the On-Campus Recruiting (http://hireacane.miami.edu/gain-experience/on-campus-recruiting) program brings employers to campus for company information sessions and to interview students for jobs and internships in the interview suites. Last year, over 1,000 interviews were conducted in the Center’s interview suites. You can apply for these positions through Toppel’s free online career management system Handshake (https://miami.joinhandshake.com).

Career Crawls

Career Crawls (http://hireacane.miami.edu/gain-experience/career-crawls) are immersive trips that allow students to explore career paths in a specific industry. They take place in a variety of domestic and international cities, where students have the opportunity to connect with a specific city’s University of Miami community through employer site visits and receptions with alumni.

Toppel Internship Program

The Toppel Internship Program (TIP) (http://hireacane.miami.edu/gain-experience/tip) is designed to provide valuable career-related work experience through internships with participating employers. TIP allows students to earn a one-credit transcript notation from the Toppel Career Center for internships they have already secured. Students can also search Handshake (https://miami.joinhandshake.com) for hundreds of opportunities available to them. Part-time internships require at least 160 working hours while full-time internships require at least 320 working hours.
UCAN
If you are interested in jobs and internships outside of South Florida, the Center is a member of the University Career Action Network (UCAN) (http://ucan-csm.symplicity.com/students), a highly selective consortium of private institutions across the country. Participating schools, including Brown, Duke, Emory, Princeton, Harvard, and others, share internship opportunities across the network. You will be strongly encouraged to complete at least one internship while here, and these partnerships will help you meet this goal.

The Launch Pad at Toppel
The Launch Pad at Toppel (http://www.thelaunchpad.org) provides support to all entrepreneurs and inventors at the University of Miami. The Launch Pad's programs are co-curricular and voluntary by design. Pragmatic, concrete, and experiential, they provide the just-in-time knowledge entrepreneurs need to assess and develop their ideas and plans for a new enterprise. The Launch Pad offers guidance, encouragement, and immediate access to a dedicated local commercial network. It brings entrepreneurs into the local business community as early as possible. The Launch Pad's programs are exercises in experiential capitalism that fulfill a key educational obligation: to teach learners not just how to find a job, but also how to make a job.

Connecting with the Toppel Career Center
The Toppel Career Center’s vision is to empower and connect all ‘Canes to achieve a lifetime of career fulfillment. Currently, over 2/3 of all undergraduate students utilize the Center’s services each year, including close to 1,500 unique visits to career fairs and nearly 4,000 unique visits to career education opportunities. Evidence shows that students who visit the Career Center are more likely to earn internships and ultimately have better career outcomes at the time of graduation. Visit us in person at 5225 Ponce De Leon Blvd., online at HireACane.com (http://www.HireACane.com), or by logging into Handshake (https://miami.joinhandshake.com) and activating your account as soon as you arrive on campus! You can also keep up with what we're doing by following any one of our social media platforms: LinkedIn (http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=1295647&trk=hb_side_g), Facebook (http://www.facebook.com/pages/Toppel-Career-Center-at-the-University-of-Miami/70221785028?ref=ts), Twitter (http://www.twitter.com/toppel), Instagram (http://instagram.com/hireacane), YouTube (http://www.youtube.com/toppelcareercenter), Flickr (http://www.flickr.com/photos/hireacane), WordPress (http://toppelpeers.wordpress.com), Pinterest (http://pinterest.com/umtoppel), and Snapchat (username: HireACane).