Getting Started with Handshake

Handshake is used as a portal that showcases talents to potential employers. It can be used to create profiles designed to show:

- Past work experience and employers
- Current and future goals for desired career paths
- Current skills possessed to be used as beneficial components in the workforce that is desired

**Internship Opportunities:** After completing questions to set up a profile, you will be able to see a variety of internship opportunities. These opportunities could be local or outside of the student’s current region which would require one to travel.

- Internship experiences can lead the student in the right direction of a career path of their choosing
- Internships can even be narrowed into a search of opportunity for the best “night life” or outgoing “young professionals”

**Trending Questions:** The “Trending Questions” feature will expose you to frequently asked questions within the focus area you have described on your individual profile.

**Reviews based on your College:** After putting your school’s information into your profile, you will be able to see feedback and reviews provided by your school.

**Career Path Exploration:** This feature will allow you to be able to see other individuals on Handshake with the same major and interest as yourself! You can message them and interact, building relationships within your career path all across the country.

- View real people with majors the same as or similar to yours
- Message them in order to interact and grow within your career
- Interact with individuals across the whole country for opportunity in new places that you would have never thought of being at

**Events Tab:** Under this tab you can view career events that are going on in the area around you, either on campus or off campus. These events can make it easier for you to meet people and learn more about your desired career path.

**Recommendations:** Use the suggested resources to research occupations, job outlook and wage data as well as search for jobs and internship opportunities utilizing job boards in various categories including national, state, military, government, industry specific areas, and specialty areas.
Seeking Expert Advice: Career Advising

During and after your usage of the Handshake, it is strongly suggested that you meet with the Career Advising Coordinator at Wesley College located in the Parker Library, room 14 across from the Academic Computer Lab on the ground floor.

When meeting with the Career Advising Coordinator, be prepared to summarize and answer questions concerning:

- Your career related interests, values, personality and abilities
- Your present occupational, educational and college/training goals and plans
- Responsibilities or obstacles that are interfering with your career and college/training decision making
- Your life plan, lifestyle desires and your strategy to achieve your goals

The Career Advisor can also give you ideas and information to help you:

- Verify the rationale of your career decisions and education plans
- Pinpoint your personal development needs that will help you achieve your goals
- Formulate strategies and action plans to achieve your career and educational Objectives
- Suggest ways to get around any obstacles that are interfering with your decision making and planning

Registering for your Handshake Account

- Go to: https://wesley.joinhandshake.com/
- Click on sign up
- Use your Wesley email to claim your account

Logging in to Handshake

- Go to: https://wesley.joinhandshake.com/
- Click on the sign in tab
- Enter your username and password
- Download the app from the app store