

TALENT CONNECT TIP SHEET

WHAT TO EXPECT, HOW TO PREPARE, AND FOLLOW UP

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Talent Connect offers students a valuable chance to network, discover new companies, and explore a variety of co-op and full-time job opportunities. Use this Tip Sheet to prepare and feel confident before the career fair! Here you will find advice on navigating the event successfully and resources to connect with Career Design for additional support.

Talent Connect is open to registered undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral learners, as well as alumni. You must register on NUworks ahead of time to attend the career fair.

HOW TO PREPARE

Research Participating Organizations/Apply to Positions

- [Review organizations](#) to identify the ones you're most interested in.
- Research those companies and apply for open positions beforehand.
- Come prepared to ask questions and learn more.
- Consider participating in [Forage projects](#) sponsored by companies of interest to be a more competitive candidate.

Prepare Your Resume

- Use any of our resume resources, including [Big Interview's Resume AI](#), our "Revising Your Resume" [coaching lab](#), or by visiting our [Career Studio](#) for 1:1 support.
- Set up your "Default Resume" on [NUworks](#) so employers can view it ahead of time.
 - Your default should be your most recent, relevant, and tailored version.
- There are no printers at Cabot, and re-entry is not permitted, so be sure to print copies of your resume ahead of time and bring them with you to the fair.

Practice Professional Introduction

- Prepare a [professional introduction](#), which is a brief summary of the specific attributes that you can bring to a potential employer. Practice but do not memorize responses.
- Visit our Career Studio to practice with a career coach!

Dress For Success

- Dress is business casual, which is clothing suitable for an office setting (example: no jeans or t-shirts). Dressing appropriately will help you feel like you're in the job-hunting mindset.

Stay Engaged and Demonstrate Professionalism

- Be mindful of your peers and share employer airtime with other attendees.
- Plan for lines and develop a strategy to maximize your time at the fair. Admittance to the fair ends at 6:30PM.

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AFTER THE FAIR

Reflect on Experience to Guide Next Steps

- Review your notes and takeaways from the employer sessions. What did you learn about these companies and industries? What are some of the practical ways you can develop yourself?

Send Thank You Email

- Write a thank you email to recruiters within 24 hours. This is an opportunity to thank them for their time, reinforce your qualifications, and emphasize your interest in the company.

Connect on LinkedIn

- Stay informed and connected by following the company and sending recruiter(s) a request to connect on LinkedIn. Always include a note in your connection request.

SUPPORT FOR TALENT CONNECT

Coaching Lab Workshops and Employer Panel Events

- Learn how to [register](#) for a coaching lab or employer panel event.
- Access [past recordings](#) of employer panels to learn what to expect.

Career Studio

- Visit our [Career Studio](#) in-person or virtually to meet with a career coach and receive 1:1 support with your resume, LinkedIn, professional introduction, and more!

Email Support

- If you have any general questions regarding Talent Connect, please contact: huskycareers@northeastern.edu.

Additional Considerations for Virtual Talent Connect Sessions

Virtual Talent Connect sessions allow you to connect with employers in both group and, in some cases, one-on-one sessions. Many tips and guidelines for in-person fairs also apply for the virtual environment, but here are a few key points to keep in mind:

- Allow NUworks access to your camera and microphone.
- Log in from a quiet space with a clean, neutral background and strong internet connection.
- You will use NUworks to access both group and one-on-one sessions.

For more tips, visit our [Talent Connect Success Tips and FAQ page!](#)