



EASTMAN INSTITUTE FOR MUSIC LEADERSHIP

Office of Careers and Professional Development

CAREER CHECKLIST FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS

Welcome to the Eastman School of Music! As graduate students, your time at Eastman may be limited or it may extend for quite some time. No matter the duration, it is important to realize that a graduate program means you now have one foot in the student world and another in the professional world. Therefore, it's time to start exploring the process of transitioning into your career. To help you, here are some steps to take while here at Eastman!

THINGS TO DO:

- Gain Experience** - Whether it's an on-campus job, freelancing, or teaching a studio, start building your work experience. Not only will you make some income, but you can improve your playing, marketing, networking and career skills. For local performance opportunities, take a look at our [Gig Service](#) - an online service where clients can post job openings and gigs.
- Connect with People** - The music community is pretty small and referrals can be very important. Networking with fellow colleagues, teachers, staff, and current employers can make a huge difference (and potentially help you get your first job)!
- Take Notes** - Whenever you perform a concert, attend a masterclass, win a solo, work with a famous musician, attend a festival, etc., *write it down!* YOU are the one responsible for remembering all of your accomplishments! Time will fly by and things become a blur, so start creating that list now!
- Draft Materials** - *Before* you begin applying to jobs, you should practice creating things like résumés, CVs, bios. This is where the list of accomplishments will come in handy! To learn about the different types of résumés, check out our [Musicians Résumé Handbook](#).
- Visit Us** - From exploring career options and goal planning to resume building and cover letter writing, we are here to help. Make an appointment on [Handshake](#) and come visit us at the IML office in the Miller Center.
- Explore!** - In addition to appointments, we offer a variety of services, workshops, and tools - all which can help you obtain your desired career. Learn about what we offer at <https://iml.esm.rochester.edu/careers/>. In addition, the Arts Leadership Program [provides free courses to graduates](#) who register at the ALC 400 level!
- Hunt for jobs** - There are lots of resources and websites where you can find job listings. Start with our [Job Openings](#) page to get an idea of what kind of positions are available and the experience required.

Remember, no matter where you are in your career, the Office of Careers and Professional Development is available to you. We *want* you to succeed and enjoy your musical profession.

Have further questions? Contact us at careers@esm.rochester.edu or 585-274-1210

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