At Duke we are committed to the academic and professional development of our students. We are in a world that is dynamic, increasingly global and complex, and because of this we must develop ways to be adaptable, diversified and efficient so that students can maintain the Duke competitive edge. The Career Center plays a fundamental role in this and especially in the post-graduate successes of our students. Career Center counselors are intensively engaged in educating students about emerging and established career options unheard of even a few years ago. Given the current pace of change in workforce needs and geographic presence, this trend will undoubtedly continue.

Duke students are extraordinary, curious and interested in everything. The services of the Career Center include mentoring and advising students as they contemplate career paths, linking students to the resources of parents and alumni, providing experiential opportunities such as internships, and connecting students with prospective employers through a diverse and effective set of employment relationship efforts. Being part of the Duke Community offers students a unique set of resources and at the Career Center we aim for students to learn about and take advantage of these resources as they develop professionally and prepare for post-graduate life.
In concert with faculty, academic advisors, peer and professional mentors, parents, alumni and many others, the Career Center helps students make decisions that will guide them towards meaningful career choices. In order to prepare students to achieve their career goals and meet their unique needs, the Career Center plans to expand individualized counseling, exploratory programming, as well as on-site visits to a diverse set of industries and companies.

Career support at Duke will be based on an eight-year relationship spanning the first year to four years after graduation. This unconventional model of career guidance and services recognizes that within the first four years after graduation many young alumni will confront another significant transition, including the option of changing jobs or careers, obtaining a graduate degree or deferring these decisions in favor of a family need. We intend to be the key career support partner at this critical juncture in the lives of Duke alumni.

As students make first career choices (recognizing that most Duke students will enjoy several careers in their lifetimes), whether early during their Duke experience or as they approach graduation, our responsibility is to offer guidance and experiences that will help affirm and fulfill their choices. Through career fairs, topical forums, alumni connections and internships, we will provide all students with access to global opportunities and the knowledge and skills needed to meet the leadership and workforce needs of the future.

We invite you to learn about other giving opportunities in Student Affairs

➢ Diversity—The Diversity Initiative recognizes that we live in a world where ‘difference’ is the norm. Through our efforts, we will promote cultural diversity through collaborative student-initiated events, faculty and staff led dialogue, social interaction and experiential learning.

➢ Leadership—The Leadership Initiative is designed to provide opportunities for students to grow as leaders and to develop the skills and confidence to take on leadership roles while at Duke and beyond.

➢ Student Engagement—The Student Engagement Initiative is at the foundation for student programming and leadership exploration. This initiative will provide for continued opportunities to fund speakers, performers and presenters, to sponsor competitions, to showcase student talents and to ensure a lively and robust campus life.

➢ Wellness—The Wellness Initiative recognizes that academic success is related to good health, and that good physical and mental health habits developed during the undergraduate experience will contribute to a more balanced, purposeful and gratifying life in the years beyond Duke.