Major/Career Exploration Checklist

Complete one or more:

1. Meet with your engineering advisor to discuss interest and options: Click Here to Setup an Appointment

2. Write down your goals, interests, top skills, and what is important to you in a major and/or career

3. Review general career websites and VT engineering department websites by clicking Explore Engineering

4. Unsure of which engineering major is right for you? Meet with an advisor to assess your interests at the Smith Career Center

5. Join a student organization to explore an engineering field of interest - check out the "Getting Involved" tabs on Explore Engineering

6. Review required courses for the major(s) you are interested in by viewing the Major Checksheets

7. Chat with students within your major(s) of interest, such as departmental student ambassadors or the Dean’s Team
Reach out to faculty member(s) in your field(s) of interests to learn more about their backgrounds, their research, and possibilities by searching for contact information on the VT homepage.

Network with VT alumni or other professionals working in your field(s) of interest or consider a job shadowing experience. Utilize these resources to locate contacts:
- LinkedIn
- CareerShift
  - Search contacts by field or alma mater

Utilize Virginia Tech Career and Professional Development's exclusive in-house job listing database to review job postings for your field(s) of interest:
- Hokies4Hire

Go to workshops for LinkedIn, job/internship search, or resume guidance. Also, check out information sessions for: health professions, CEIP (Cooperative Education & Internship Program), and various company hosted events via the Event Calendar.

Attend a career fair and talk directly with employers to learn about the possibilities within your field(s) of interest. Check out career fairs with employers that are open to hiring all majors, such as the Connection job fair, or consider fairs that are more major specific:
- Career Fair schedules

Get out there - intern, work, volunteer in your field(s) of interest. Use personal/family contacts, talk with project teams in the Ware Lab, or meet with advisor in Career and Professional Development to get started.

When you have decided on a major(s):

1. Check your eligibility. Some majors are restricted - requiring you to meet specific requirements before applying. [Restricted Majors List]
2. Meet with an advisor in the major(s) to discuss requirements and/or attend major information session if offered
3. Apply on HokieSpark via the Undergraduate Change of Major Application when available (3 times per year ~ end of spring, summer, and fall semesters)