Lake Forest College has clearly and conscientiously embraced career preparation as a key institutional goal and proudly includes this commitment in its Mission Statement:

“...We prepare our students for, and help them attain, productive and rewarding careers.”

There are a lot of opportunities and events on campus to connect you with people who are part of the Lake Forest College network. The Career Advancement Center provides you with resources that you need to be successful.

Charlotte Jackson ’19
MAJOR: Economics with an emphasis in data science
CURRENT JOB: Associate consultant at Axiom Consulting Partners
Read more about Charlotte at lakeforest.edu/Jackson
THE LIBERAL ARTS ADVANTAGE

PREPARATION FOR SUCCESS IN TODAY’S WORKFORCE
The liberal arts education students receive at Lake Forest College sets them apart as competitive candidates with writing, speaking, and critical thinking skills ready to take on the challenges presented in today’s professional world. Students may pursue up to two majors and one minor adding to their skill set and foundation of knowledge thus broadening their opportunities.

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—U.S. News & World Report 2018

INTERNSHIPS AND EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING
At Lake Forest all students are required to complete an experiential learning opportunity, such as an internship, summer fellowship, or senior thesis. This allows our students to apply their liberal arts skills through a substantive experience outside the classroom, and to see how those skills are valued by employers.

“... When hiring for our law firm, I look for traits in an individual that are often typified by liberal arts students, such as those at Lake Forest. These candidates are usually confident risk takers, analytical thinkers, creative problem solvers, and generally well-rounded people. Now more than ever, a liberal arts education is vital.”
—Bill Lowry ’84
Nyhan, Bambrick, Kinzie & Lowry: Attorney, President and Managing Shareholder

LOCATION: BEST OF BOTH WORLDS
Our ideal location just 30 miles north of one of the greatest cities in the world—Chicago—provides unparalleled access to top internships and career opportunities. Chicago is home to over 400 major corporate headquarters (including 36 in the Fortune 500), countless museums, theaters, consulates, and more. No matter what your interest or major, you will find an opportunity to explore a career path.

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—World Business Chicago 2018

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Julie Lord ’21 worked as a marketing and promotions intern at Cumulus Media in the NBC Tower in Chicago.
Lake Forest was recently featured, along with Stanford and Rutgers, for its institutional focus on career preparation in the Chronicle of Higher Education’s report on “Transforming the Campus Career Center: New Models for a New Era.”

What's really unique about the way we provide career support at Lake Forest is that the entire campus has made a true commitment to this effort. We are intentional in our approach so as not to leave it to chance whether or not our students do well after graduation.”

—Colleen Monks
Interim Director for Career Advancement Center

The Foresters I hire as interns and graduates are competing against candidates from the top schools in the country, including the Ivy League schools. They are well prepared and have what it takes.”

—Randy Lauer ’81
Citigroup, Inc.: Managing Director New York City
SUCCESS AFTER LAKE FOREST

#9 BEST SCHOOLS for INTERNSHIPS
Based on students’ ratings of accessibility of internship placement at their school.
—Princeton Review 2020

INTERNSHIPS AND CAREERS
A strong base of Chicago-area companies routinely hire our students for internships and jobs, including:

- The Art Institute of Chicago
- Abbott Laboratories
- AbbVie
- Alight Solutions
- American Writers Museum
- Americorps
- Ayco, a Goldman Sachs Company
- Axiom Consulting Partners
- CDW
- Chicago Bears
- Chicago Blackhawks
- Chicago Botanic Garden
- Citigroup
- Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR) Chicago
- Coyote Logistics
- Cumulus Media
- Goldman Sachs
- Horizon Pharma
- HUB International
- Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
- JPMorgan Chase
- Medline Industries
- Morgan Stanley
- Morningstar, Inc.
- Museum of Contemporary Art
- Northern Trust
- Northwestern Medicine Lake Forest Hospital
- Satori Energy
- Shedd Aquarium
- Shirley Ryan AbilityLab
- Stout Advisory
- University of Chicago Medicine
- University of Chicago Press
- WNBA Chicago Sky

up to 3 internships
Build internships into your semester.
Apply what you learn by pursuing up to three credit-bearing internships with our flexible curriculum. You can explore several fields and gain the skills and experience employers are looking for.

GRADUATE SCHOOLS
Lake Forest students go on to top graduate schools across the nation, including:

- College of William and Mary
- Cornell University
- University of Denver
- DePaul University
- Emory University
- University of Florida
- University of Illinois
- University of Iowa
- Loyola University
- Marquette University
- University of Michigan
- Northwestern University
- University of Oregon
- Penn State University
- Purdue University
- Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science
- University of San Francisco
- University of Texas at Austin
- University of Virginia
- Washington University in St. Louis
- University of Wisconsin–Madison

99% of graduates land jobs, graduate school, or other chosen opportunities within 6 to 9 months

*73% of the 403 members of the graduating class reporting