

# CAREER SERVICES & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

## Mission

Career Services & Leadership Development's (CSLD) mission is to equip our diverse student and alumni population with modern resources that assist, guide, and foster their leadership, professional, and career advancement. Through advances in technology and with staff ready to go the extra mile, we provide students with tools to take initiative and excel in their future endeavors.

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## Career Counseling

CSLD offers individualized career counseling for current students and alumni. Topics include Interviewing, Choosing a Major, Graduate School Advising, Handshake Assistance, Job & Internship Searching, and Resume & Cover Letter Review. Career Counselors can also administer Career Tests (<https://careerservices.sfsu.edu/career-planning/career-test/>), including Strengths Finder and The Strong Interest Inventory to help you clarify your career path and articulate your brand. Make an appointment (<https://sfsu.joinhandshake.com/appointments/>) today!

## Drop-Ins Hours

Drop-In Hours are Monday - Friday from noon to 3 P.M. on a first come, first served basis. Drop-in appointments last for 10-15 minutes and are designed for quick, career-related questions or brief resume, cover letter, or online profile reviews. \*Drop-In Hours are subject to change; please call (415) 338-1764 for the most up-to-date schedule.

## Career Events: Workshops, Events, Fairs and more

Every semester, CSLD presents an array of opportunities for SF State students to explore career paths, develop career readiness skills, and meet with employers and recruiters. Opportunities include workshops, events, programs, employer information sessions, and fairs that are open to all current SF State students and alumni. Click here (<https://app.joinhandshake.com/events/>) to view the Handshake events calendar.

## Leadership Development

### President's Leadership Fellows Program (<https://careerservices.sfsu.edu/leadership-development/plfp/>)

The goal of the SFSU President's Leadership Fellows Program (PLFP) is to provide students with the soft skills that national research has shown employers seek in job candidates. These skills complement the hard skills also needed to be competitive in today's job market, including resume and cover letter composition, interview skills, and networking. Students accepted to PLFP take part in workshops focusing

on leadership, teamwork, critical thinking, unconscious bias, emotional intelligence, and sexual harassment in the workplace. Fellows learn to recognize their competencies and how to apply them in meaningful and relevant ways as they transition to job-readiness.

The Fellows Program was founded in fall 2014 with the generous support of the Eustace-Kwan Family Foundation. Its pilot program in the College of Business enrolled 25 students. The number of College of Business Fellows increased to 50 in spring 2015 and 100 students each in fall 2015, spring 2016, and fall 2016. The success of the program resulted in additional support from the Eustace-Kwan Family Foundation in December 2016. With the full endorsement of President Wong and campus leadership, the program has expanded to accept applications from students in the Colleges of Business, Ethnic Studies, Health & Social Sciences, Liberal & Creative Arts, and Science & Engineering.

Applicants must be currently enrolled juniors or seniors during the semester of participation. Application requirements and deadline are announced at the beginning of each semester.

Questions: Please email [plfp@sfsu.edu](mailto:plfp@sfsu.edu).

### Lunch/Learn/Lead Summer Workshop Series (<https://careerservices.sfsu.edu/leadership-development/lunchlearnlead/>)

Career Service & Leadership Development offers recent post-baccalaureate students a comprehensive series of professional development workshops to better prepare them in their professional development endeavors. Comprised of three 1-hour summer workshops, Lunch/Learn/Lead will cover networking skills, employment preparation, and persuasive communication styles.

### VC Fast Pitch: Pitch. Connect. Fund. (<https://careerservices.sfsu.edu/leadership-development/vc-fastpitch/>)

Career Services & Leadership Development (CSLD), in a continuing collaboration with Black Dog Venture Partners, hosts VC Fast Pitch Conferences to assist students and alumni with the necessary tools to obtain financial backing for their companies. During the conference, participants will have the opportunity to pitch and network with venture capitalists, angels, and accredited investors from Silicon Valley and throughout the country. To date, Black Dog Venture Partners has hosted investor events throughout the West and has enabled startups to raise millions of dollars.

Join Scott Kelly, SF State alumnus and Founder/CEO of top public relations and digital marketing agencies, for a three-part series on Preparing Your Company For Investors. The first part of the series will focus on creating and enhancing the Mission, Vision, and Business Information for your company.

## Platforms

### Handshake (<https://sfsu.joinhandshake.com/>)

Handshake is our new online career management platform for students and employers, with over 10,000 employers, 5,600 jobs, and 1,500 internship listings and growing.

### Big Interview (<https://sfsu.biginterview.com/>)

Big Interview provides students with lessons and virtual interview practice. Its built-in feedback tool allows students to seek constructive

analysis from career professionals, mentors, professors, coaches, and friends.

### **Gator Connect**

GatorConnect helps students and alumni succeed before, during, and after college through connections and community. Questions: Please email [gatorconnect@sfsu.edu](mailto:gatorconnect@sfsu.edu).

### **Online Resources**

The office of Career Services & Leadership Development has a number of online resources for students and alumni. Please click here (<https://careerservices.sfsu.edu/forstudents/onlineresources/>) to view our current online resources.