We help you translate your academic and co-curricular experience into professional skills and opportunities FROM DAY ONE.

**FINANCE**

**CAREER PLAN**

**SOPHOMORE YEAR**

MAXIMIZE your NU experience by exploring all the resources available to you.

**BEGIN** to develop a career narrative and professional introduction.

**MEET** with a career counselor to better articulate your skills, values, and interests.

**USE** LinkedIn and Our Northwestern to view profiles of alumni who studied your major and work in finance industries.

**CONDUCT** one or two informational interviews each quarter with personal contacts, Northwestern alumni, or industry experts.

**INCREASE** your leadership experience within your student organizations by chairing a committee, initiating a project, or managing a budget.

**NARROW DOWN** and decide on academic major(s), minor(s), and certificate program(s); meet with University Academic Advising if you are considering an interschool transfer.

**DECIDE** on summer opportunities to pursue.

**UPDATE** your resume in CareerCat.

**UPDATE** your LinkedIn profile and connect with new contacts.

**ENGAGE** with financial professionals and conduct an informational interview with financial sectors you are interested in.

**PARTICIPATE** in career fairs to connect with specific firms and learn about early identification programs.

**GET ACQUAINTED** with financial terms such as ROI, DCF, etc.

**CONTINUE** to work on your Excel/spreadsheet skills.

**APPLY** to summer internships using targeted resumes and cover letters.