

SPOTLIGHT

AmeriCorps positions with Iowa DNR

AmeriCorps is the national service program that provides thousands of Americans of all ages and backgrounds with education awards in exchange for 3-12 months of community engagement. DNR AmeriCorps members are key players in assisting the DNR in its community environmental empowerment efforts. Members make a significant impact by generating volunteers, providing environmental education, conducting wildlife surveys, responding to natural disasters, performing geologic research, enhancing land and water trails, implementing conservation practices, and restoring wildlife habitat.

For more details login to [PioneerLink](#)

Illinois Student Assistance Corps member

Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC)

As an Illinois Student Assistance Corps member, you will be given a 2 year contract in a salaried position with health benefits, a cell phone, and a travel budget. You will serve as a community advocate in a comprehensive campaign designed to engage students from lower-income families in planning for future post-secondary education.

Submit your application soon as the last round of interviews will take place in the last two weeks of May.

For application details login to [PioneerLink](#)

Summer Intern Rubicon International

Rubicon International is an educational technology services firm, based in Portland, Oregon; known for its leadership in the field of curriculum management.

Projects and responsibilities are assigned based on the interns skills and interests. The intern will have a variety of opportunities to support the Atlas Curriculum Management system, the Atlas Education Centre, as well as supporting Rubicon's internal systems. Interns work in a team environment with other interns as well as senior associates.

For application details login to [PioneerLink](#)

CDO Newsletter

Your CONNECTION to SUCCESS

Complete descriptions of workshops, recruiters, speakers, resume collections, internships, and job opportunities can be found under the "news" or "calendar" section of the [CDO website](#).

This is the last newsletter of this academic year, but PioneerLink will continue to be updated with opportunities and our office is open Monday thru Friday, 8am – 5pm. If we can be of assistance please call (641-269-4940), email (career@grinnell.edu), or stop by.

SENIORS

CLICK HERE to complete the *Post Graduation Survey*

You'll be entered into a drawing for an Amazon Gift Card if you respond by 5/29/09.



Whether you are a First-Year, Second-Year, Third-Year, or a Senior there are many things you can be doing over the summer months to further your career development.

Follow the steps outlined below and in the Career Development Guide (**available online**) and you'll be well on your way to finding or continuing down your career path.

Four-Year Career Development Plan

First-Years

- Visit the Career Development Office (CDO) to learn about our services
- Start your resume; the CDO can help!
- Assess your interests, abilities, personality, and values — visit Focus2 on the CDO website
- Identify possible majors and career fields
- Meet individually with a career counselor to learn how to find out more about careers, make decisions, and set goals, as well as explore careers
- Utilize the CDO lending library to aid in your career research
- Take a variety of classes in areas that interest you to explore possible majors
- Identify and join student organizations or volunteer activities that will provide leadership opportunities and enable you to explore interests and build skills
- Obtain relevant work experiences through internships, volunteering, part-time jobs, and summer jobs
- Develop good time management, goal-setting, and study habits; establish a strong G.P.A.
- Attend the GRINNELLINK Reception each semester to meet alumni in various fields
- Consider exploring the Pre-Professional Development Program

Second-Years

- Continue first-year activities
- Develop relationships with contacts in your field of study
- Attend CDO workshops to learn more about resume writing, interviewing, and internships
- Conduct research and solicit information from professionals and upper-class students to finalize decision on your major
- Meet individually with a career counselor to develop short- and long-term goals; learn where recent graduates are working
- Continue to utilize the CDO lending library to aid in your career research
- Develop and enhance your skills through student organizations, volunteer opportunities, part-time employment, and summer internship opportunities offered through the CDO
- Take advantage of the Pre-Professional Development Program during your college breaks
- Build skills in areas of importance to employers, including oral and written communication, teamwork, leadership, problem-solving, and computer skills
- Update and revise your resume
- Explore study abroad opportunities
- Look into the Grinnell-in-London and Grinnell-in-Washington, D.C., programs
- Maintain a strong G.P.A.

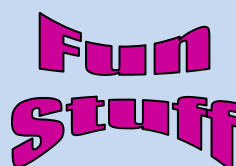
Third-Years

- Continue second-year activities
- Investigate scholarships and fellowships
- Seek out and apply for career-related opportunities
- Utilize alumni online directory and CDO resources to thoroughly research the employers you are considering
- Obtain information on graduate programs and admission requirements; prepare for and take required exams for graduate school
- Continue building your network of faculty and professional contacts
- Hold a leadership position in a campus organization and serve on committees
- Polish your resume, application letter, and interview skills
- Explore community service activities and leadership
- Study abroad, if that is part of your four-year academic plan
- Begin to investigate graduate and professional school options
- Prepare and register for applicable graduate and professional school admission tests

Seniors

- Continue third-year activities
- Attend job search workshops
- Evaluate interests and values to determine post-graduate plans
- Buy an interview suit and leather padfolio
- Apply for jobs through the Selective Liberal Arts Consortium (SLAC) and the Iowa College Recruiting Network (ICoRN)
- Participate in on-campus recruiting
- Meet individually with a career counselor to help you identify skills you have to offer employers; plan for your job search
- Investigate and apply for fellowships and scholarships
- Have your resume and application letter critiqued
- Participate in mock interviews through the CDO
- Write letters of inquiry to alumni and prospective employers, send follow-up letters, and make phone calls
- Use college breaks to conduct prospective company visits
- Invest a little time each day in your job search; a productive job search may take as much time as a 3-credit hour course
- Set up a credential file with Interfolio.com

- It may not come out until Tuesday, May 19, but you can check out Iron & Wine's new 2 CD album *Around The Well* while it streams on their My Space page: <http://www.myspace.com/ironandwine>
- We were so excited to have a great turnout for our "The Office" marathon that we had to share this from Pop Candy: Top [10 Food Moments on "The Office"](#)
- Finally, it's finals week, so we would be remiss not to give you all some sort of test. How about [Fictional Characters, Actual Colleges?](#)



Scholarship on PioneerLink

Monbukagakusho Research Student Scholarship

The Consulate General of Japan is pleased to announce that this year's applications are now available online at: <http://www.chicago.us.emb-japan.go.jp/JIC/monbusho.html>.

This scholarship offers applicants the opportunity to spend 18 or 24 months conducting independent research under a Japanese professor at a university in Japan. Any field of study is eligible for the scholarship. Recipients are given round-trip airfare to Japan and a monthly allowance of 152,000 yen for the duration of the scholarship.

The deadline is Monday, June 15, 2009.