Career Preparation in the Time of Covid-19: St. Louis Graduates

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Our Conversation Today

• What might be our Guiding Questions?
• What do we know?
• How can students continue their career education?
• What can be learned during this time?
Guiding Questions

• How can we model and practice being nimble, flexible, and resilient?

• What would it look like to act “as if?”

• How can we encourage our students to stand up a “Second Plan A?”

• How can we support our students with continued learning, growth, and development?
What We Know: The Marketplace

• Employers still evaluating, a lot of unknowns
• Employers are in communication with students
• Some employers have pushed back start dates
What We Know: The Marketplace

• Some employers are shortening their internship programs

• Some employers are standing up virtual internship programs

• Employers understand the importance of maintaining their brand
The Career Education Process

Assess → Explore → Launch → Search
How can students continue their career education journey?

• Virtual freelance or project work
• Volunteer
• Pursue self-directed learning
• Micro-experiences
Additional ideas...

- Continue to practice self-care
- Update and polish your on-line brand
- Cultivate and extend your network
- Keep going!
What else might be learned during this time?

- Resiliency and grit
- Agility and creativity
- Curiosity and perspective-taking
- Empathy and compassion
Thank you!