GSPM CAREER/PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACTION PLAN

The Graduate School of Political Management

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

Instructions: Please complete this form for your career goals/aspirations.

Section One - Self-Assessment

- 1) List your top 3 professional skills and abilities; career interests; and talents or assets. (Some examples of skills are: public speaking, writing, researching, utilizing social media tools, doing web design, drafting speeches, mentoring, etc.)
- 2) List 2 3 characteristics or skills you would like/need to improve in the next 1-2 years in terms of career development. (Some examples: public speaking, writing, researching, utilizing social media tools, doing web design, mentoring, drafting speeches, etc.)
- 3) List at least 2 challenges you might face in reaching your career goals (such as financial, security clearances, family obligations, technical requirements).

Section Two - Career Goals

1) What is your ideal job(s) when you graduate from The Graduate School of Political Management (GSPM) (describe position/organizations/requirements/ salary).

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2)	Where do you see yourself $2-5$ years after graduation? (For example, do
	you want to work on Capitol Hill, run/work on a campaign, run for office,
	etc.)

3) List 2-3 questions would you like to ask prospective employers based on your career goals? (For example, "how did you start out in your career", "what advice do you have for me?"

Section 3 - Overall Career Strategy

4) First year internship/job plans

5) Second year plans (if applicable-e.g. study abroad, international internship, etc)

GSPM Career Advisor Contact Info

Questions? Please contact Mag Gottlieb, GSPM Career Director (mag@gwu.edu) for student/alumnae related career advice. GSPM's Career Director will approve all student resumes.

RESOURCES

Graduate Student Career Development Resources

Through the GWork portal available to all GW students with their GWID, all GWU & GSPM students have access to Brad Traverse Job Listings and Leadership Directories. These resources may be used to find job postings and contacts at many organizations here in Washington, D.C. and elsewhere.