Industrial Engineering, BSE

Career Advancement

Industrial and systems engineers have many opportunities for employment and service in industrial, government, research, and public service organizations. Employment opportunities are among the most varied in the engineering field. Industrial and systems engineers hold positions as advisors to management or may participate directly in management decisions. Representative job titles include industrial engineer, manufacturing engineer, systems analyst, quality specialist, operations research analyst, internal consultant, human factors specialist, supervisor, and manager. Industrial and systems engineers are employed by manufacturing and energy firms, wind turbine manufacturers, government agencies, and service organizations such as airlines, banks, hospitals, health care groups, and consulting companies.

People are often surprised to learn the impact and breadth of the industrial engineering profession, which is one of the fastest-growing occupations. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of industrial engineers is projected to grow 12% over the next 10 years, compared to 3% for all occupations and 7% for all engineers. It is one of the more gender-diverse engineering degrees: 34.1% of industrial engineering bachelor’s degrees are awarded to women, compared to 22.1% of all engineering bachelor’s degrees, according to the Society of Women Engineers (SWE).

Engineering Career Services develops and promotes experiential education and professional opportunities for students in the College of Engineering. Professional staff coordinate the college’s co-op and internship program, engage in employer outreach, and provide opportunities for students to network with employers, including engineering career fairs and other programs related to career development.

Engineering Career Services offers individual advising and class presentations on résumé and cover letter preparation, job and internship search strategies, interviewing skills, job offer evaluation, and much more. Engineering Career Services partners with the Pomerantz Career Center to facilitate on-campus interviewing, postgraduation outcome collection, and the university’s online recruiting system, Handshake.