

Frequently Asked Questions:

Who is eligible to participate in this program?

The Olitsky Family Foundation Career Readiness Program at CMU is tailored to support any student with a cognitive and/or emotional difference. Both undergraduate and graduate students are encouraged to sign up to benefit from additional support in their career and professional development within a structured environment.

Do I need to have a diagnosis to participate in this program?

No, our program is available for any student that could use additional support in their career and professional development.

How do I sign up for the program?

You can sign up for each event [via Handshake](#), or by emailing Amy Tavares at atavares@andrew.cmu.edu

What events can students attend through this program?

- **1-on-1 coaching:** To schedule an appointment, email Amy Tavares at atavares@andrew.cmu.edu
 - Develop an individualized goal plan and build the skills needed to write a resume, find a job or internship, practice your interview skills, and receive support on anything else related to your career search process.
- **Student Career Readiness Workshop:** September 21, 10am-3pm, Danforth Conference Room-CUC
 - A one-day career readiness workshop for enhancing your professional knowledge and skills.
 - Learn the basics of the job-search process.
 - Practice professional skills in a safe, risk-free environment.
 - Simulate a real-life interview experience with a local employer.
- **Student-Employer Connect Event:** October 4, 10am-11:30am, Danforth Conference Room-CUC
 - Connect and network with local employers in a structured and risk-free environment.

Do I need to participate in every event?

No, feel free to participate in as many events as you would like, or just take part in one or two events.

Where do 1-on-1 meetings take place?

In the Career and Professional Development Center (CPDC), located on the second floor of the West Wing Building.

What will I gain from participating in the program?

Your involvement with the Olitsky Family Foundation Career Readiness Program at Carnegie Mellon University will allow you the opportunity to develop an individualized development plan, improve your career search process, write a resume, enhance your professional communication skills, network with employers in a safe, risk-free environment, and engage in a real-life, on-site interview experience.

Is there any program fee associated with the Olitsky Family Foundation Career Readiness Program at CMU?

No, there are no additional fees for Carnegie Mellon students.

How can I learn more about the program before signing up?

Email Amy Tavares at atavares@andrew.cmu.edu for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Will this program support me in other areas other than career readiness?

Although the skills you develop through the Olitsky Family Foundation Career Readiness Program at CMU may transfer into other areas where professional communication skills are needed, the main goal of the program is to support students with career readiness. However, CMU offers additional accommodations through the [Office of Disability Services](#) and consultation services through [Counseling and Psychological Services](#).