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Tepper School of Business
MASTERS CAREER CENTER

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IT'S TIME TO SET UP YOUR FALL 2026 RECRUITING STRATEGIES:
Hire your future talent at Tepper

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REGISTER NOW for Fall 2026 Events

MBA and MASTERS Recruiting Forum
(our annual Career Fair)

Carnegie Mellon University
Tepper School of Business
MBA AND MASTERS
RECRUITING
FORUM

Friday, September 18
12:30 PM - 3:30 PM
Tepper Quad, Simmons Auditorium

Pittsburgh, PA

Log in to the MCC Recruiting Portal HERE for event details and free registration

The MBA and MASTERS Recruiting Forum will SPOTLIGHT...

Future of Work Forum: Finance, FinTech, and Future Careers

Panel Discussion



Friday, September 18

10:00 AM - 11:15 AM

Tepper Quad, PNC Rooms

Pittsburgh, PA

Log in to the MCC Recruiting Portal HERE for event details and free registration

Future of Work Forum: Consultants Talk Live Podcast

followed by networking



Thursday, September 3

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Tepper Quad, Room 4242

Pittsburgh, PA

Click HERE to be added to the invite list

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The Tepper Masters Career Center is excited to introduce our Fall 2026 - Spring 2027 Recruiting Theme The Future of Work

From AI to analytics to leadership, Tepper talent is built for what's next.

Companies have started scheduling recruiting dates in the MCC Recruiting Portal!
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BOOK NOW & partner with us today to onboard the talent that will move your company into the future.

As the workplace continues to evolve through advances in technology, AI, digital transformation, and changing business priorities, employers are seeking graduate talent with both strong technical capabilities and the strategic leadership skills to drive innovation.

Carnegie Mellon University Tepper School of Business Masters Career Center is proud to launch our Fall 2026 - Spring 2027 recruiting theme: **The Future of Work**—an academic year-long focus designed to connect employers with MBA and specialized master's students who are prepared to lead in the next era of business.

Through employer engagement, industry panels, recruiting events, and alumni conversations, this initiative will help students better understand:

- What skills employers value most today
- Which capabilities will define future leadership roles
- How AI, analytics, and emerging technologies are reshaping careers
- How to position themselves as standout candidates in an increasingly competitive market

For employers, this theme creates an opportunity to engage with high-performing graduate talent across disciplines including:

- MBA
- Business Analytics
- Product Management
- Management
- Finance
- Supply Chain
- Technology Leadership pathways

Our goal is simple: To ensure employers know they can come to Tepper to find the talent they need for the future of work. Book a corporate presentation, office hours, interview dates, register for a career fair, or a future of work forum event. Contact us with a custom recruiting idea and we will work with you to launch it.

From AI to analytics to leadership, Tepper talent is built for what's next.

Log into the MCC Recruiting Portal HERE to request your event or email us with your questions: tepper-mcc@andrew.cmu.edu

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The Masters Career Center Kicks Off Their 'Future of Work' Programming through a Partnership with the Pittsburgh Robotics Network

The Business of Robotics: Careers Beyond Engineering

Few cities can rival Pittsburgh in integrating intelligent autonomous machines into daily life. Across the region, robots are everywhere—flying through the air, traveling on roads, and operating underground. You'll find them in hospitals, grocery stores, warehouses, airports, and even on urban farms producing locally grown food. There were many stories to tell on March 25th, and over 30 Tepper students had the opportunity to hear some of these stories along with how they might launch a career at a company within this exciting sector.

The Masters Career Center partnered with Jenny Sharpe, Director of Workforce Development and Drew Myers, Impact Manager, both with the Pittsburgh Robotics Network (PRN) to host a 90 minute educational & networking event. This
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event was designed to connect our students with various professionals working in the Robotics industry in the type of roles where business skills can be leveraged. The main highlight was that these cutting-edge companies operate & excel through collaboration between engineers and the managers who keep the projects on task, figure out how to communicate, market & brand high tech, and run the numbers to end up in the black.

Guests that spoke and interacted with students through a panel moderated by Sam Hinojosa, current first year MBA student included:

Brett Phillips, Chief Revenue Officer, Hellbender (Appliances, Electrical, and Electronics Manufacturing)

Barry Rabkin, Director of Marketing, Near Earth Autonomy (Aviation & Aerospace)/Tepper MBA alumnus

Lara Poling Senior Technical Writer, Stack AV (Advanced Autonomous Systems)

Jason Okerman Founder, Head of Product & AI, Gemba Robotics

Students also had a chance to hear from Pallavi Gowravajhala, current first year Tepper MBA, about her experience as a member of the first Deep Technical Institute (DTI) PRN Emerging Leaders cohort.

Pallavi shared details, application process & timeline, and the value of graduating from this professional development program designed to prepare early-career professionals to launch impactful careers in robotics, AI, and advanced technologies.
Pallavi inspired Tepper students, noting how the program helped her to build and grow relevant skills, network with key contacts and how it increased her confidence to succeed in the fast-growing deep tech sector.

The MCC thanks the Pittsburgh Robotics Network for their partnership in exposing Tepper students to where the future of work is headed!






See our following Robotics Sector Success Story

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Success Story - MSM Graduate secures spot in Symbotic's Operations Development Program, combining engineering and business in a meaningful way.

When veteran operations MCC Career Counselor Kate Riley learned about the Operations Development Program (ODP) at Symbotic—a global leader in warehouse automation, robotics, and AI-powered supply chain software—she immediately thought of Tepper Master of Science in Management (MSM) student Mitchell Stokey as the ideal candidate.

As a student-athlete with a Carnegie Mellon mechanical engineering undergraduate degree and a goal of building a career in operations, Mitchell was pursuing his MSM degree at Tepper to deepen his business and operational expertise. Kate quickly recognized the strong alignment between Mitchell's background, career goals, and Symbotic's highly competitive ODP program. She encouraged him to attend Symbotic's corporate information session last fall and apply for the opportunity.

Symbotic's Campus Recruiter, Katie Kennedy appreciated the MCC partnership, "Their support in guiding students to our information sessions and opportunities, such as our Operations Development Program, ensures candidates are informed, engaged, and equipped to ask thoughtful questions throughout the interview process."
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Following Career Counselor Kate's advice, Mitchell attended the session, and once he learned more about the ODP program—including exposure to operations, strategy, and real-world implementation—he was sold. Symbotic was exactly where he wanted to be.

"I was especially drawn to the idea of working directly with innovative systems and contributing to the development and deployment of technology that is actively shaping the future of supply chain operations."

After a series of interviews, Mitchell received an offer he could not refuse.

For Mitchell, the Tepper MSM program provided exactly what he needed to become the well-rounded candidate Symbotic was seeking. Through the Master of Science in Management program, he gained exposure to key business disciplines such as accounting, finance, optimization, and economics, while continuing to build on the quantitative rigor he had developed as an engineering student.

That unique combination of technical and business expertise became a powerful advantage throughout his recruiting process and helped him successfully position himself for the ODP role.

This summer, Mitchell will launch his career as a member of Symbotic's new ODP cohort.

Congratulations, Mitchell! The Masters Career Center hopes to see you back on campus soon to network with future Tepper students, share your experiences, and offer your advice as you begin your exciting career in the robotics and automation industry.



Mitchell's advice to students:
"Stay consistently engaged with your career advisor and treat the job search like a structured, ongoing process. Regularly schedule meetings to review your progress, refine your strategy, and stay accountable."

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Tepper Alumni Giving Guidance Through the MCC Spring Blueprint Series



I asked ChatGPT what a 'Blueprint' is and was told:
A blueprint takes an idea and turns it into a clear, actionable plan that others can follow.

That's exactly what a generous group of Tepper alumni recently helped current Tepper student job seekers do.

At this late juncture of the spring semester, the MCC offers tactics to re-strategize and a big part of our recommendations relies on ALUMNI WHO GIVE BACK with advice, tips, job postings and resume collections.

Our new spring 2026 3-Part Blueprint Series brought together small groups of Tepper alumni from highly desired companies for virtual panel discussions where the alums offered encouragement plus great tips for breaking into Walmart, PayPal and TikTok respectively.
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They shared their stories, the obstacles they encountered and how they overcame challenges to get to the offer for each of these companies.
Getting the inside intel and knowledge of the interview processes + how to best prepare to be a standout candidate who ‘sticks the landing’ is exactly what job seekers need, especially at this point in the year when they will be focused on applying for job postings outside of the campus opportunity realm.

- Are you an alumnus with a job posting and willing to take a custom Tepper resume book to share within your organization?
- Do you know a recruiter at your company that could benefit from meeting the MCC employer relations team to learn how to recruit our students through our many free services?
- Would you be up for scheduling virtual office hours to talk with students seeking a full-time job or internship?

Contact Maureen May (mm@andrew.cmu.edu: MBA & MSPM) or John Goebel (jgoebel@andrew.cmu.edu: MSBA & MSM) with a simple email and let’s talk!

Thank you to our Amazing Blueprint Series Alumni below!

Tepper Alumni at Walmart:
Sadhana Gupta, Staff Product Manager
Sidhant Rai, Staff Product Manager
Daksh Uday, Staff Product Manager AI/ML Walmart Global Tech
Nishant Chintalapati, Senior Product Manager
Karan Sharma, Product Manager, Walmart Data Ventures

Tepper Alumni at PayPal:
Suman Hazra, Senior Product Manager
Arpit Kumar, Group Product Manager
Susie Chen, Product Growth, Consumer Financial Services

Tepper Alumni at TikTok:
Amar Saurabh, Lead Product Manager
Henry Sham, Group Product Manager
Karthik Ram Yarlagadda, Product Manager 2 - Creator & Content Safety
Lela Yuan, Category Manager

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Tepper MCC Spearheads our 2nd Annual Just in Time Hiring Virtual Career Fair: Graduate Tech Talent Expo (GTTE)

The Masters Career Center Employer Relations Team spearheaded a joint graduate school virtual career fair along with several of our masters programs from the CMU Heinz College, the College of Engineering Information Networking Institute, and our Silicon Valley Campus.

This unique collaborative event held on March 27th gave recruiters with graduate level opportunities a chance to connect with masters level candidates from the Tepper School of Business MBA and Business Analytics as well as CMU graduate students from cybersecurity, software engineering, and information systems management backgrounds to name a few.

The virtual GTTE event is strategically held later in the spring semester to give those students who have not accepted a job or internship the chance to connect and network with key contacts from across a wide variety of industries who have STEM talent needs.

The event is in its 2nd year and is free to employers with roles they are seeking to fill with CMU Masters candidates. This year we hosted companies from consulting, government, startup, finance and more.

The GTTE attracted just under 20 companies with 240 students signing up and allowing for over 220 one to one connections to be made!

Take a look at what digital pharmacy BlinkRx had to say about participating in our GTTE event where they picked up a few Summer 2026 interns:
"Partnering with CMU and the MCC team was the most seamless recruitment experience we had. It was organized, responsive, and genuinely invested from start to finish. The caliber of students we met during the career fair was truly impressive; every candidate brought something distinct, whether it was sharp analytical thinking, creative problem-solving, or natural leadership. We walked away from every conversation energized by the talent coming through this program and look forward to growing this partnership with CMU." - Senior Manager, Talent Acquisition at BlinkRx

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The Tepper Masters Career Center (MCC) was pleased to contribute to the success of the 3rd annual Tepper Data NEXUS Capstone & Career Fair Expo this Spring. Master of Science in Business Analytics (MSBA) students, comprising 30 Project Teams sponsored by several Capstone Sponsors, showcased their Capstone Research to corporate executives and employer partners from several industries.

NEXUS kicked off with the Top 3 Capstone Teams presenting their semester-long research followed by all capstone teams showcased their research during the Expo portion of NEXUS to industry partners, capstone sponsors, and faculty advisors in attendance. The attendees had an opportunity to vote on three poster categories: Poster Design, Solution Architecture, and Project Pitch awards. The award winners were:

Best Poster Design & Communication - Team 3 (Raymond James)

- Wattanai Tipsathaporn | Hamza Al-Saloum | Muhammad Ahmed Imtanan | Han Sun

Excellence in Solution Architecture: Team 11 (Honda Research Institute)

- David Fabyonic | Carlos Ramirez | Daniel Yu | Henry Kim

Outstanding Project Pitch: Team 1 (Marinus Analytics)

- *Hugo Osinga | Pimchanok Kamdecha | Kuoou Zhao | Xinyue Pu*

We wrapped up the day with the MCC sponsored Career Fair where employers connected with students to discuss current and upcoming recruiting opportunities.
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Overall, the event allowed employers to learn about the strong technical and problem-solving skills MSBA students bring to the table:
"The Tepper School Data Nexus was a great experience. I was impressed by how the MSBA students were able to address challenging business problems through their capstone projects. My conversations with the students afterwards left me even more impressed, both their real world experience and technical expertise were top notch." - Software Engineer at Marinus Analytics

Even though Nexus has come and gone, employers are still actively recruiting MSBA students for full-time roles across all industries. **Let us know if you are recruiting for top technical talent and we can send you a resume book that aligns with your requirements. Email: John Goebel, jgoebel@andrew.cmu.edu.**



Review our MBA and MS Employment Report Summaries here

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