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"Tip Sheet"

When Choosing an Industry:

- Ask yourself what types of projects inspire and excite you.

- Get an internship in your target industry for a taste of the day-to-day work.

- Have short term and long term goals and get with a company that can help you achieve those goals.

- Make career decisions based on best fit of your strengths and passions.

While Interviewing:

- Conduct an interview of the company and evaluate if they're a good fit for you. Office cultures can vary quite a bit.

- Get to know the company and the people you will meet with as much as possible before the interview. The internet can be a great resource.

- Ask about the work that a particular office does. Not all offices within a company are the same or work on the same type of projects.

- Take notes and be sure to follow up after the interview with specifics.

When Hired:

- Build a broad base of experience early on. Be willing to take on as many tasks as possible. Chances are everything learned can be applied to the next projects.

- Be thorough when solving problems. Often times the real problem is not what has been told initially.

- Ask intelligent questions until you fully understand an issue.

- Be aware of garbage in, garbage out when using computer software.

- Develop strong organization skills to successfully document your work.

- Be a good team player. On any complex project it takes many to achieve the goal.

- Communicate, don't assume.

- Learn to learn. New situations and challenges will come up every day – and that's what makes it fun.