

College of Agriculture Career Fair

FAQ

In-Person Fair Questions

1. Do I need to update myCCO account and the Career Fair Plus account?

Yes. To gain the maximum exposure to employers, you should update your myCCO and upload your resume *and* upload your resume to Career Fair Plus (CFP). Your myCCO account is universal and is accessible to employers all year. Your CFP information is targeted to employers for a specific fair.

2. Do I need the Career fair app?

Yes. *Search for the app using the App Store and Google Play Store.* The purpose of Career Fair Plus (CFP) is to have the fair be more engaging (i.e. receiving announcements, viewing the map of employers, and seeing employer details) and to assist with contact tracing, if necessary.

3. Must you be on a company Career Fair Plus (CFP) schedule to enter the fair?

Yes, students should sign up on a CFP schedule to meet with an employer. Students should be on a schedule to enter the fair expo. The purpose of Career Fair Plus (CFP) is to have the fair be more engaging (i.e. receiving announcements, and viewing the map of employers) and to assist with contact tracing, if necessary.

4. Can I sign up for a company CFP schedule while at the fair?

Signing up for fairs before the event day will allow employers to plan and will help event organizers to monitor crowd capacity and flow. However, students will have a limited opportunity to sign up for a schedule at the event when they check-in at the event.

5. Can I talk to a company if I am not on their Schedule?

Students will need to be on a schedule to enter the fair area. Students should sign up on a schedule if they have visited with an employer. One purpose of CFP to assist with contact tracing, if necessary.

6. How do I talk to a company that has no openings in their CFP schedule while in the fair?

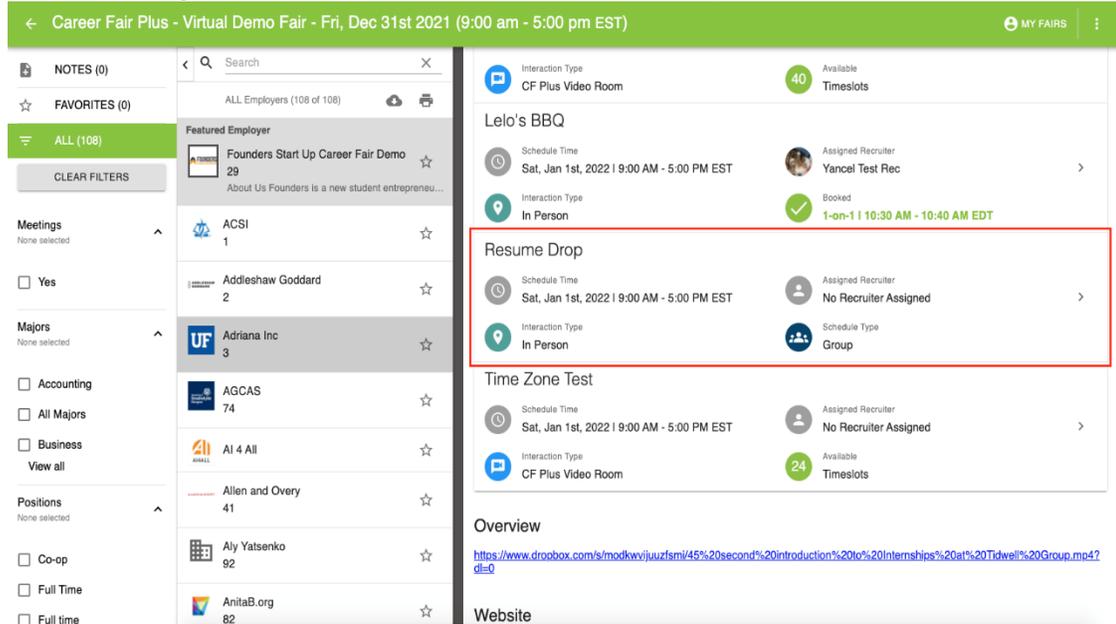
Continue to check the CFP site. Employers are updating their schedules, daily. Each employer has a 'resume drop' schedule. This will allow you to communicate with an employer if you are unable to have a conversation.

7. If a company is being shown on the in-person career fair list, but has "resume drop" virtually during this day, are we supposed to meet with them in person or virtually?

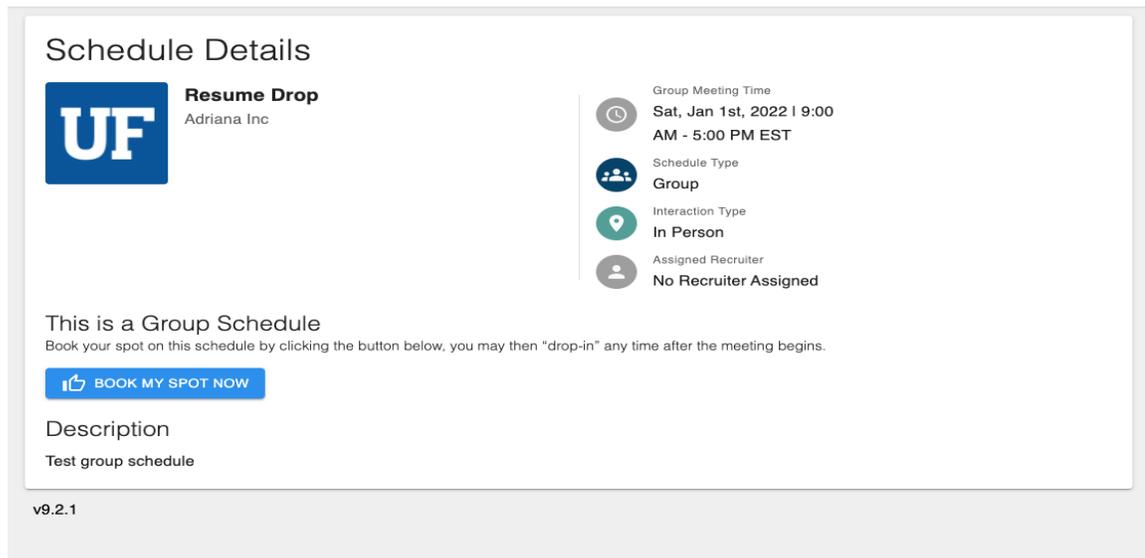
Continue to check the CFP site. Employers are updating their schedules, daily. Interactions are expected to be in-person at the in-person fair. However, each employer has a 'resume drop' schedule. This will allow you to communicate with an employer if you are unable to have a conversation.

8. How to add your resume to a resume drop.

The first image is the student view of the resume drop within the schedule list.



The second image is the student view after they click on that to book/drop their resume. They'll see the "Book My Spot Now" button. Once they click that and "book their spot" their resume and profile information will be associated with the schedule and can be considered "dropped"



9. If a company only has group schedules, can I show up at any time to meet with them?

Another purpose of CFP is to help the event planners manage the number of people in the fair venue to comply with Protect Purdue policies. If an employer has only listed group schedules, then come anytime. However, if the fair is at crowd capacity, then expect a wait to enter the fair area.

10. How do I know where the company is located?

There will be a map with the employer location *in the app*. A few printed copies will also be available.

11. When you use the resume drop schedule, does that mean you can walk in and talk to an employer at any point in time in person?

The 'resume drop' schedule is not for face-to-face interactions. Students will need to be on a schedule to enter the fair area. Students should sign up on a schedule if they have visited with an employer. One purpose of CFP to assist with contact tracing, if necessary.

12. Should I still apply for a time slot if I don't meet the company's prerequisites (i.e. companies who only hire juniors/seniors, should I meet with them as a freshman/sophomore)?

Employers have been encouraged to limit their use of prerequisites. So, if prerequisites are in place, consider using the 'resume drop' schedule and signing up for a 'group' schedule.

Tips and Video for Scheduling a Meeting with an Employer using Career Fair Plus

[Candidates: Booking Meetings on the Web | Career Fair Plus Help Center](#) (2:56 mins)

Virtual Fair Questions

1. How does a virtual career fair work?

You will sign up via Career Fair Plus to talk with employers. Employers may talk with candidates via 1:1 or group schedules. Some employers will use the video chat feature embedded in CFP and others have uploaded links for Zoom, Teams or WebEx.

2. What is a suitable background for a virtual interview?

The best background for a virtual meeting is simple – simple shapes, colors, images. Additionally, if you have the option, then consider blurring your background. If there is background noise, be upfront with your interviewer. Mute your mic when you are not speaking to limit background noise from entering your conversation.

3. Where are the best places on campus to do a virtual interview?

The best places to have a virtual interview are places where you can ensure privacy, limited noise and no interruptions. Consider inquiring about reserving a room in your academic department, the CCO or one of the libraries.

4. My Wi-Fi is not the best, what do I do?

If you know that your wi-fi regularly has poor connections, then relocate to a reliable site on campus that offers a strong signal.

5. Can I use my phone as the camera for my interview?

Using a computer is best for virtual calls because the camera is stable, your hands are free to type in the chat, and you may be sent documents to view. However, if you must use your mobile phone, then have a stand for your phone and let the interview know that you are using a mobile phone and not a computer.

Tips and Video for the Career Fair Plus Virtual Fair

[Candidate Checklist | Career Fair Plus Help Center](#) (2:22 mins)

Additional Questions

1. Should freshman list their high school GPA? If left blank, does it limit their options?

There are many variables that determine what information is important to list on a resume. The resume is a 'living' document and will be adjusted for each application.

The answer depends on the industry you're pursuing and what other qualifications you have. If an employer explicitly asks for your GPA, then provide it. If your GPA is less than a 3.0, then consult a career advisor in the CCO about how to best communicate your accomplishments.