

Yale Office of Career Strategy

Where will Job Shadowing and a Yale Career Trek take you?

The OCS Job Shadowing and Yale Career Trek Program is designed for career exploration and provides an unparalleled opportunity to learn more about professional opportunities in a given career field. Through a "day-in-the-life" experience, the program provides practical understanding of daily life in a given industry, career path, or profession.

What have Job Shadowing and Yale Career Treks helped students accomplish?

The primary intent of these experiences are for students to learn more about their career interests in the settings in which they might be working after graduation. Students are not required or expected to have prior work experience or specific job skills to participate. Past participants have engaged in activities such as:

- Shadowing traders and business managers at Bunge as they advised customers on the commodities and foreign exchange markets
- Meeting and participating in an informal conversation with the CEO of Khan Academy
- One week of hands-on experience with Teach for America
- Tea tasting and a presentation on sustainability at Unilever
- Learning about big data and business practices at Priceline
- Mock interviews with the finance team at Yale's Office of Financial Planning

Frequently Asked Questions:

How long does a Job Shadowing or Yale Career Trek experience last?

Employer site visits typically last between 4-7 hours, depending on the organization.

What happens during Job Shadowing or a Yale Career Trek?

Each itinerary will vary, but some common activities include:

- One-on-one job shadowing with Yale alumni and/or employees of the organization
- One-on-one informational meetings
- Presentations on industry trends or the firm
- Panels/Q&A with hiring managers
- Tours of the office

Where do Job Shadowing and Yale Career Treks take place?

OCS partners with companies and organizations throughout the United States, predominately in large cities and their surrounding areas. For a list of upcoming Job Shadowing and Yale Career Trek opportunities, visit [Yale Career Link, powered by Symblicity](#) in late January/early February.

How can students apply for these program?

Students will need to submit a resume and cover letter through [Yale Career Link, powered by Symplcity](#). Select Jobs→Advanced Search→Show Me→Yale Treks. Applications will be accepted through mid-February.

When do Job Shadowing and Yale Career Treks take place?

The Yale Career Trek Program will take place during spring recess, March 13-24, 2017.

Who is eligible to attend this program?

The program is open to all undergraduates, as well as students from the Yale Graduate School of Arts & Sciences.

What costs are students responsible for?

Students are responsible for all traveling expenses associated with this program.

Is there a dress code?

Students are required to wear business casual attire, unless otherwise stated by the employer.

Do students have any post-job shadowing/trek responsibilities?

Students will be required to complete a survey through the Office of Career Strategy following their trek.

Please contact careerstrategy@yale.edu with any additional questions.