ABOUT MQE
MQE graduates meet employer demand for well-rounded individuals who can bring economic insights and strategic thinking to data science. The MQE Program is connected with industry leaders in economics and data science who serve as consultants to the faculty and mentors to the students.

The MQE Program is a STEM-designated degree program (CIP Code 45.0603: Econometrics and Quantitative Economics) whose students can apply for a 24-month STEM extension of F-1 Optional Practical Training (OPT).

CAREER SERVICES
Through services, resources, and events, the MQE Program prepares students with workplace readiness skills, helps them to manage their career path, and supports them in developing their professional networks.

Career planning is generally considered a four-step process that can be cycled through at any point in one’s career.

1. Advising & Assessment: self-assessment of your skills, values, and interests
2. Explore & Evaluate: exploration and evaluation of your career options
3. Career Goals: identification of your career goals and objectives
4. Action Plan: development of an action plan or strategy

The MQE Program will coordinate services throughout the career development process by providing:

1. Advising, Resources, and Job Leads
2. Mentoring
3. Networking Opportunities
4. Workplace Readiness Skills

MQE Career Services begin during the summer before matriculation into the fall coursework. While the structured mentoring program concludes with the end of the degree program after the spring semester, MQE Career Services are available indefinitely to all MQE alumni.

MQE CAREER SERVICES
If you are interested in learning more about employee recruitment please contact: Anastasia “Stasia” Lopez, Career Faculty Instructor for the MQE Program, arl179@pitt.edu, (412) 383-5425. Stasia provides all the career services for the MQE program; she also teaches ECON 900, a professional development course.

PROGRAMS
Resume Feedback
Resumes workshops and reviews are provided by Stasia Lopez. Advisory Board Members also may preview resumes and provide feedback.

Career Chats
Professionals discuss their career path and the value of specific workplace readiness skills in a student-moderated forum that enhances participants’ industry knowledge and networking skills.

Career Center Workshops
Stasia Lopez and/or Career Center Staff may put on specific career-related workshops for MQE students. Sample workshops may include:
- Resume and Cover Letters
- Marketing Yourself and Networking
- Self-Assessments including Myers Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI)
- Researching & Preparing a Career Plan; LinkedIn Learning Certificates; Pitt Handshake
- Networking through LinkedIn; Conducting Informational Interviews
- Interviewing Tips
- Negotiating Salary and Benefits; Day 1 through 100 on the Job; Workplace Equity
Capstone Projects
Students work in small groups, under the supervision of faculty and professional mentors, on real-world problems providing data-driven solutions and strategies.

MQE Connects
Students are matched with professionals based upon industry and professional interests for an informational interview between January and March.
- Students select up to 3 mentors that they would like to be matched for individual 30-minute informational interviews.
- MQE Career Faculty Instructor curates the matches based upon industry/career preferences and makes a formal introduction by email. Students will schedule and prepare for the professional meeting.
- MQE Connects concludes and students and mentors are asked to complete a simple survey to ensure program quality.

Mock Interviews
Students participate in a 30-minute mock interview with industry experts.
- In advance of the interview, students will submit a sample job posting, resume and cover letter.
- Two to three professionals will interview the student for 20 minutes with content-specific interview questions/challenges.
- Feedback will be provided to students in the last 10 minutes.

Job Search Resources
Pitt’s Career Center - resources, professional development and job postings
Pitt Handshake - job and internship postings: employer and alumni networking events
Pitt’s LinkedIn Learning - professional development
MQE Job Search Resources Packet – resumes, cover letter samples, interview questions and follow-up

STUDENT CHECKLIST

Summer
- Schedule an advising appointment by emailing arl179@pitt.edu or scheduling Stasia Lopez (office365.com)
- Develop a graduate student resume
- Develop a professional LinkedIn profile
- Review cover letter samples
- Enroll in fall courses with Brian Deutsch, briandeutsch@pitt.edu

Fall
- Schedule an advising appointment by emailing arl179@pitt.edu or scheduling Stasia Lopez (office365.com)
- Review resume and submit for feedback
- Update LinkedIn profile
- Prepare a career plan
- Prepare for Career Chats
- Discuss independent projects and internships
- Enroll in spring courses with Brian Deutsch, briandeutsch@pitt.edu

Spring
- Schedule an advising appointment by emailing arl179@pitt.edu or scheduling Stasia Lopez (office365.com)
- Review resume, cover letters and LinkedIn profile to reflect MQE experience
- Prepare and implement job search action plan
- Prepare for mock interviews
- Learn how to negotiate your salary

For Career Assistance, contact Stasia Lopez, arl179@pitt.edu to schedule an appointment. Office Hours change by semester. Fall 2022 MQE Career Advising Office Hours: Mondays 1-3pm and Wednesdays 2-4pm
## Fall 2022 MQE Career Workshop Schedule

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<td>Tuesday, August 16th</td>
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<td>Resume Workshop</td>
<td>Stasia Lopez, MQE Career Faculty Instructor</td>
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<td>Wednesday, August 17th</td>
<td>12-1:30pm</td>
<td>Alumni Lunch ’n Learn</td>
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<td>Monday, August 22nd</td>
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<td>Marketing Yourself and Networking</td>
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<td>Thursday, September 29th</td>
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<td>Career Chat</td>
<td>Ben Wilson, Founder &amp; CEO at Rivers Agile</td>
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<td>Thursday, October 6th</td>
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<td>Career Chat</td>
<td>Andy Hannah, President &amp; Co-Founder, Othot LLC; Katz Adjunct of Analytics; Pitt Alum</td>
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<td>LinkedIn Workshop</td>
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<td>*Thursday, November 17th</td>
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<td>Young Professionals Panel</td>
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<td>*Thursday, December 1st</td>
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<td>Career Chat</td>
<td>Dr. Kathryn “Katie” Collins, Chief Analytics Officer at Allegheny County Department of Human Services</td>
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**Other:**
- **MQE Graduate Luncheon**, September 22nd, Ali Baba’s Restaurant, 12-1:30pm
- **Career Fairs**—September 28-30th, William Pitt Union, 11am-3pm *Check Handshake!
- **Homecoming Event**: Friday, October 7th, MQE Department, 4:30-6:30pm
- **MQE Advisory Board Meeting** – October 27th from 4-8pm, Gold Room, University Club at Pitt

**Notes:**
- **Thanksgiving Break for Students**: November 20-27
- **Winter Recess Begins for Students**: December 18-January 8