Engineering Transfer Student Orientation

Getting Internships & Research/Project Experience
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Typical concerns of incoming transfer students based on previous feedback:

- Internships
- Projects (research: official/unofficial, group/individual)
- Recommendation letters/References

Some resources:

- Faculty info/web sites (also check main department page):
  - Look at research interests, labs, courses taught. Attend office hours/set appointment, discuss.
    - BME: https://engineering.uci.edu/dept/bme/faculty-staff
    - ChemE: https://engineering.uci.edu/dept/cbe/faculty-staff
    - CE: https://engineering.uci.edu/dept/cee/faculty-staff
    - EECS: https://engineering.uci.edu/dept/eecs/faculty-staff
    - MS&E: https://engineering.uci.edu/dept/mse/faculty-staff
    - MAE: https://engineering.uci.edu/dept/mae/faculty-staff
  - Interdisciplinary Centers:
    - Calit2/CalPlug: http://www.calit2.uci.edu/
  - Funding:
    - UROP: https://www.urop.uci.edu/
    - Feature of some undergraduate researchers (receiving funding from both): https://news.uci.edu/2020/02/14/rookie-researchers/

- Past senior design projects:
  - Look at topics, overview, advisors, etc.
    - EECS: http://srproj.eecs.uci.edu/
      - Fall (Week 10, Friday) & Winter Design Reviews (typically Week 10, Friday)
    - BME: http://www.projects.uci.design/
  - Anteater Involvement Fair (typically first week of Fall & Winter): https://campusorgs.uci.edu/program_events/anteater_involvement.php
- STEM/Fall Career Fairs (typically in October): https://career.uci.edu/undergraduate/find-a-job/career-fairs/
- Division of Career Pathways webinars & pamphlets: https://career.uci.edu/graduating-senior-series/
- Check your UCI “Spam” mail regularly