Getting Involved

New year, new you! Whether you prefer to test the waters or dive in headfirst, there are plenty of ways to pursue your passions at BU!

1. Get involved on campus: BU has plenty of clubs and organizations to jump into. Keep an eye out for SPLASH, the fall clubs and activities fair!

2. Conduct research: Apply to the Undergrad Research Opportunities Program to conduct research and learn more about your field. If money is a factor, 70% of stipend applications are approved. Apply by Sept 13! The application takes planning, so don’t wait!

3. Get an internship: There are tons of on- and off-campus internship opportunities! You can get started here. If the search process is overwhelming, your advisor or the CCD can point you in the right direction.

4. Find a job: You can explore plenty of job listings through Student Employment. Make sure to consider your course load. While jobs can help you financially and professionally, they can also take time away from classes.

5. Use BU resources: Take advantage of all that BU has to offer! The Educational Resource Center (ERC) and Center for Career Development (CCD) can help you with study skills, resumes, and job/internship searches.

6. Reach out to disability services: They’re here to support you! Check in with the Office of Disability Services if you think accommodations would help you succeed.

7. Get to know Boston: Walk the North End, explore the Freedom Trail, and use student discounts to experience the arts! Grab a CharlieCard for cheaper MBTA rates.

Welcome back!

We’re so glad you’re here!

Student Spotlight

Geneve Lau, COM
This summer, read about Geneve’s many roles on campus and her passion for creating change!

We’re looking for more student spotlights!

Fill out this form to talk about you, your experiences, your interests, and what you want to do in life!

First Gen Connect

First Gen Connect is designed as a resource for you. Check out our monthly events, community of first gen faculty and students, and network of staff who are passionate about helping you succeed!

Networking Tips

One of the advantages to BU is the vast network of connections you can make. Remember, BU faculty and staff are here to support you! Reaching out now can open opportunities you didn’t know existed, both in college and down the road. Plus, it’s a great way to get advice and support from people on the other side of graduation.

The Connections Directory lists faculty and staff who are excited to share their experiences and wisdom with first gen students. Reach out to them about their professional specialties, or about navigating your identity, career trajectory, or anything else on your mind.

Update your LinkedIn page with a photo and your current academic trajectory. It doesn’t have to be fancy—this is just the foundation for a strong network with professors and classmates.

Go to events. Even if you have trouble socializing, find one event a week you’re interested in and attend that. Bonus points if you step outside your field and try new things!

Important Dates

Sept 1 & 2 – Move in
Sept 4 – Classes begin
Sept 8 – SPLASH!
Sept 20 – First Gen Connect Social

Keep an eye on your inbox for an invitation to the social! See First Gen Connect fall events here.

Remember to like and follow us to hear about time-sensitive opportunities and events!

Visit our website for events happening this academic year!