

THURSDAY CAREERS CHATS

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Notes from Session:

- >Get experience in a related job or field to the one that interests you
  - Small companies are a great place to begin!
- >Develop clear, succinct communication
  - It's important to learn how to influence people without being in front of them (i.e. phone conference, web conference or video conference)
  - Listen well and develop dialogues
- >Become comfortable with numbers to implement energy efficiency
  - Statistics are important to environmental work – can be used if you're looking for policy work too
- >Her most valuable lesson has been that you can “put yourself out there” to network and get positions
- >Be expansive in the type of places where you apply (i.e. philanthropy, corporations for social responsibility, non-profits, etc.)
- >Many companies hiring for environmental roles of social responsibility