

Summer Workshop on “Career Choice and Recruitment Preparation”

CityU’s Department of Accountancy has launched a Summer programme called “Career Choice and Recruitment Preparation.” Led by the deputy team leader and academic adviser, Mr. David Yip, and the teaching faculty, around 30 final year students attended the workshop on 8 June (Cantonese session) and 13 June (English version) 2020.

The workshop covered several topics to prepare students for their future careers. Mr. David Yip talked about professional paths, career progression, standout CV writing, and networking. Suzie Kim, AC teaching staff, commented that students should realize the importance of taking as many risks as possible and thinking beyond a single career path. She said, “We encourage them to find out the industry outlook and requirements of the graduate position and prepare for every opportunity, so they have a more promising career.”

Following the Zoom workshop, students submitted their resume/CV for feedback and had a meetup session with a faculty mentor. They were invited to the AC cafeteria so that each student could share their career concerns. One student, April Wan, said that she was glad to have attended this career workshop and face-to-face consultation as she now had a better idea of career progression in the accounting field. Another student commented that he would recommend this program to other AC students who need a second opinion on their CV.

Movements Between Professional Firm and Business Organisations (BO)

IRD → Tax Services (PF) [X]
IRD – Tax Consultant (in Business Org) [X]
BO → IRD [X]
BO/PF – Treasury – Feasible & Possible
PF → IRD --- Possible but Rare
PF – Audit Commission – Possible
PF/BO → Public Services, HKEX -- Possible

Approach to mentors At networking events



✓ Overambitious vs. Helpful



“Not to think of yourself so much” what can I do to help? You can change your relationship with people around you and find a deeper connection. (but doesn't need to be self-sacrificing, set boundaries on who, how, and when you help)

✓ Overly thankful vs. Helpful



Networking is also about what you bring to the table. Never devalue what you can bring to a relationship even if you're junior and the mentor is very senior – you are seeking help but not looking to be rescued”

“Know not to be so helpless” Many successful people are asked about questions about someone's future (like what should I do?) and expect to give the lifetime decision in a matter of minutes – it is very unnatural and dangerous. Instead of asking someone to give advice about your future, **ask person about their background, how they got to where they were, what shaped their outlook. It's a much better way to make a connection, you learn much more, and you form the basis of a future relationship.**