

## MAKE YOUR PLANS OVERVIEW

A key part of most any project is making (and ultimately following) a plan. Our Career Planning Process is no different...having a good plan is necessary for success. Up to this point in the process your activities have resulted in an expanding number of options. Now is the time to start narrowing those options by reducing the number of careers you're seriously considering. By the end of the **Make Your Plans** stage you'll have a list of potential positions you're interested in.



It may be helpful to visualize this stage as a funnel with the research you've conducted flowing into the top.

### Select Your Major

Don't get too stressed by the 'major' decision. It is important, but contrary to what you may be thinking, you are not making an irreversible, 50-year decision.

### Research Job Titles

Answer the question: "How well does each potential job title fit me?" by bringing together what you've learned from your assessments and research.

### Identify Potential Companies

List companies for each title you're considering. Try to list companies from different industries and geographic locations that may have positions you're interested in that hire people like you.

### Positions to Consider

Once you know what companies you may be interested in working for, you can drill down one more time to identify the specific positions you want to consider applying for. Once you have specific job titles you're interested in, your research can be tailored for those positions.