

Career Presenter/Panelist

Volunteer Role Description

Overview:

Career Presenters/Panelists play a vital role in bridging the gap between academic learning and the professional world. By sharing real-world, up-to-date information on industry trends, career pathways, and essential skills, they provide students with valuable insights into various fields and professions. Additionally, through telling the story of their own personal career journey, they help students appreciate the diverse paths that can lead to success and encourage them to set and achieve their own career goals.

Through interaction with presenters/panelists, students gain confidence in communicating with professionals, asking insightful questions, and making meaningful connections that can support their future careers.

Typically, these volunteers are identified/recruited by a CED staff member.

Staff Liaison:

Career Exploration and Development

Responsibilities:

The format and specific responsibilities of career presenters/panelist varies by panel or presentation, but generally will include:

- Describing one's career journey and/or current work.
- Offering insight on an industry and/or specific role.
- Sharing advice for preparing for a career, navigating the world of work, obtaining jobs and internships, etc.
- Responding to facilitator and attendee questions.

Location:

On-campus at Oberlin College and Conservatory or remote.

Time commitment:

Typically a one-time event lasting between 30 and 90 minutes.

Who should volunteer for this role?

Oberlin alumni [and parents] with an interest in engaging with students and who bring experiences and/or expertise that will benefit students on their career journeys. Volunteers most suited for these opportunities will generally be willing to offer insight into their field and career journey, provide professional guidance, and help students connect with other professionals in their network.

For More Information

General inquiries can be made to Career Exploration and Development at career@oberlin.edu or to the Office of Alumni Engagement at alumni@oberlin.edu or (440) 775-8692.