SUMMER PLANNING FLOWCHART

I want to start planning for summer.

→ **I have an idea of what I want to do this summer.**

↓ **I have no idea what I want to do this summer.**

What is important for you to gain from this summer?

Making money and/or gaining work experience.

→ **Getting a part- or full-time job might be for you.**

→ **Ask your counselor for recommendations, what you need to begin your search, and tips on how to make yourself a great candidate.**

Gaining hands-on experience or diving into a particular company/industry.

→ **An internship or industry-specific summer program might be for you.**

→ **What exactly is an internship? An internship is a professional learning experience that emphasizes on-the-job training in a particular role.**

Do you know what you like?

→ **I have a few interests I'd like to pursue.**

I don't know what I like.

Learning more about something that interests or challenges me.

Industry-specific summer program.

I also want to experience college life.

→ **How about a summer program on a college campus?**

Whether you have some programs in mind or need ideas, talk to your counselor about available programs, application requirements, and cost. And check out our Summer Planning Guide for ideas!

Explore local community college and high school summer classes. Most are low-cost and course catalogs are available online.

I'd rather be, or need to be, in my hometown.

I really want to be in a different country.

Assess your interests! Talk to your counselor about how to do so and read the Collegewise Summer Planning Guide for ideas.

There are tons of online courses available, free and paid, for credit, or just for fun. We offer some suggestions in our Summer Planning Guide, but you'll find even more with a quick internet search. Compile a list and talk it over with your counselor.

Teach yourself a new skill or hobby. Brainstorm with your counselor if you can't think of what this might be or how to do it.

Language immersion programs abroad give you a chance to not only experience other countries but also gain a useful skill. Talk to your counselor and use our Summer Planning Guide to get some ideas.

Summer programs on international campuses that focus on academic subjects outside of language study are available! Talk to your counselor about your options, program requirements, and costs.