

MANUFACTURING SYSTEMS ENGINEERING, M.S.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

GRADUATE SCHOOL RESOURCES

Take advantage of the Graduate School's professional development resources (<https://grad.wisc.edu/pd/>) to build skills, thrive academically, and launch your career.

PROGRAM RESOURCES

THE INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN ([HTTPS://GRAD.WISC.EDU/PD/IDP/](https://grad.wisc.edu/pd/idp/))

An Individual Development Plan helps with self-assessment, planning, and communication:

- An IDP can help you communicate your professional development and career planning needs and intentions to others including your mentor, which can lead to helpful advice and resources.
- You can use the IDP to make sure you and your mentor's expectations are clearly outlined and in agreement so that there are no big surprises, particularly at the end of your training.
- The current job market is challenging and research has shown that individuals who perform structured career planning achieve greater career success and satisfaction.

The onus to engage in the IDP process is your responsibility—although your mentor, PI, or others may encourage and support you in doing so. The IDP itself remains private to you, and you choose which parts to share with which mentors. Through the IDP process, you may decide to identify various mentors to whom you can go for expertise and advice.

ENGINEERING CAREER SERVICES ([HTTPS://ECS.WISC.EDU/](https://ecs.wisc.edu/))

Julie Rae, Assistant Director for Graduate Student Career Services, **graduate** students in all engineering programs

- Resumes and Cover Letters (<https://ecs.wisc.edu/students/resumes-and-cover-letters/>)
- Job Search Strategies
- Job Offers and Negotiation (<https://ecs.wisc.edu/students/offers-and-negotiation/>)
- CPT for Graduate Students (<https://ecs.wisc.edu/students/co-op-and-internship/>)
- Student Appointments: Schedule Here (<http://go.wisc.edu/ecs-grad-appt/>)
- Employer Recruitment List for Industrial Engineering Students (<https://ecs.wiscweb.wisc.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/86/2017/03/IE-Employer-Recruitment-List.pdf>)

UW WRITING CENTER ([HTTP://WRITING.WISC.EDU/](http://writing.wisc.edu/))

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The UW Writing Center provides free of charge face-to-face and online consultations that focus on a number of different writing scenarios (i.e. drafts of course papers, resumes, reports, application essays, cover letters, theses, etc). Writing Center instructors will not edit or proofread papers. Instead, their goal is to teach students to edit and proofread on their own in order to become a better, more confident writers.