Winter Break Action Plan
What you can do while at home to help your search

- Take a few minutes to complete your Handshake profile. This will help you discover employers and opportunities that are likely to interest you. princeton.joinhandshake.com

- Have a conversation with someone (family, friends, acquaintances, past supervisors, etc.) who has a career you find interesting. Learn how they got there by asking questions like:
  - What kinds of internships did you do?
  - How did you find your first job?
  - What was the most beneficial thing you learned during your career path?

- Schedule an in-person or Skype appointment with the Center for Career Development for January. Our advisers can help you formulate a more in-depth action plan and brainstorm with you every step of the way. princeton.joinhandshake.com/appointments/new

- Reflect on the past semester. Think about:
  - What have you enjoyed most at Princeton? Overall? Academically/socially?
  - What have you learned about yourself and your interests and skills?
  - How can you learn more through activities (e.g., student groups, volunteering, etc.) and courses?
  - How can you build in opportunities to reflect when you return to campus and throughout your time at Princeton?

- Create and/or fine-tune your application materials (resume, cover letters, samples, etc.) and build your portfolio. Check out our website guides for pointers. careerdevelopment.princeton.edu/guides

- Spend an hour in a cafe to brainstorm companies, jobs, graduate programs, industries, locations, etc. that interest you. Keep your mind open to all options, and have fun with it!