

STUDENT NEWSLETTER

From “I’m Not Sure” to “I’ve Got a Plan”: Asper Career Month

Let’s be honest, most career stress doesn’t come from not working hard enough. It comes from not knowing what actually comes next. That’s where Asper Career Month (January 2026) comes in! Across 10+ events, you’ll hear directly from professionals who’ve been where you are.

Why you’ll actually want to go:

Each event is built to help you leave with more confidence, clarity, and direction than you walked in with.

CAREER PANELS

The Journey of Entrepreneurship - Jan 15

This panel goes beyond the highlight reel. Hear the unfiltered truth about entrepreneurship — the risks, failures, pivots, and lessons that shape long-term success. You’ll leave with a clearer sense of what it really takes to build something from the ground up.

Your Future in Business Analysis - Jan 22

Drawn to problem-solving, strategy, and data? Business analysis sits at the center of how organizations make decisions and improve how they work. In partnership with the International Institute of Business Analysis (IIBA), professionals will share how they broke into BA roles, what skills matter most, and how students can position themselves to stand out.

Careers in Commercial Real Estate - Jan 29

Commercial real estate shapes the spaces where we work, shop, and build community. Learn about career paths, industry expectations, and how students can break into this fast-moving, relationship-driven field.



CAREER FAIRS

UMQAS Business Pride Fair - Jan 20

This is more than a career fair, it’s a space to connect, explore opportunities, build meaningful connections, and learn what LGBTQ2S+ inclusive workplaces actually look like in practice. Meet organizations across accounting, finance, HR, marketing, supply chain, Indigenous business, and more.



UM Career Fair - Jan 27-28

Over two days, connect with dozens of employers recruiting for full-time, part-time, co-op, and summer roles. Whether you’re exploring industries, job hunting, or just starting to build confidence, the UM Career Fair helps you understand what employers look for and how your education fits into real opportunities. Bonus: attend for a chance to win a \$1,000 tuition prize!

WORKSHOPS

Salary Negotiations - Jan 13

If the idea of negotiating salary makes you uncomfortable, this session is for you. Learn how to handle pay and benefits conversations professionally, confidently, and without underselling yourself. This is a skill you’ll use throughout your career.

AI In Action: A Case Study - Jan 21

Curious how AI actually shows up in real jobs? This hands-on workshop puts you in the driver’s seat. Learn from Reyna Olivares (Sr. Demand Generation Manager at Skillsoft) as you work in teams on a real-world business case, using AI tools to build campaign briefs and professional outputs. You’ll practice crafting effective prompts, refining AI-generated content, and understanding how AI is reshaping entry-level roles and expectations.

SIGN UP

Open to all UM students. More info and RSVP on the [Asper Career Portal](https://umanitoba.ca/asper/cdc).

CAREER DEVELOPMENT CENTRE NEWS

International Student Career Success Series

The International Student Career Success Series returns this spring to support international students as they prepare to navigate the Canadian job market with confidence.

As an international student, adapting to Canadian hiring practices, workplace expectations, and professional communication styles can be a unique experience. This five-session series is designed to help bridge that gap by providing practical tools, real-world insight, and a supportive environment to build confidence and career readiness.


Delivered over five interactive, in-person sessions, the International Student Career Success Series focuses on key areas such as professional networking strategies, interview preparation, workplace communication, and understanding Canadian business etiquette.


Students will also learn how to effectively position their international education and experience as a competitive advantage in the Canadian job market.

Participation in the series is recognized on your Co-Curricular Record (CCR) – an official University of Manitoba document that highlights your involvement in approved activities that contribute to your holistic development. The CCR demonstrates your commitment to personal and professional growth and can be a valuable addition to your career portfolio.

Program Schedule

 Start date: Friday, May 1, 2026

 Sessions: Five consecutive Fridays (May 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29, 2026)

 Format: In-person

SAVE THE DATE

Registration opens March 2026. Note:

There is no registration deadline but seating is limited.

Deloitte Canada Consulting & Advisory: Campus Recruitment Info Session

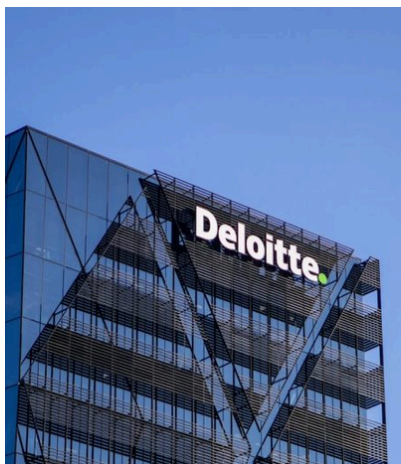


Photo: Deloitte Building

Curious about a career in management consulting? Join Deloitte for an information session on Wednesday, January 7, 2026, from 4:30 – 5:30 PM in Room 106, Drake Centre. Open to all UM students.

Learn how Deloitte management consultants help organizations solve complex business challenges, drive strategic change, and deliver data-driven insights across industries. You'll also gain insight into consulting career paths, team culture, and recruitment opportunities.

RSVP on the [Asper Career Portal](#).

Booking Counseling Appointments Just Got Easier!

Starting January 7, 2026, the Career Development Centre (CDC) is launching WaitWell, a new system for booking career advising (and Co-op) appointments.

This update is designed to make booking faster, simpler, and more seamless for students.

BCOMM

Undergraduate students will book CDC appointments using the same WaitWell system already used for academic advising—no new platform to learn.

MASTERS

Master's students will continue using the academic advising booking link you already know—just scroll down and select Career Advising.

This change creates a more efficient, streamlined experience and makes it easier to access the support you need, when you need it. We're excited to bring you a smoother way to connect with CDC advisors!

BOOK AN APPOINTMENT WITH A CAREER CONSULTANT ON WAITWELL

