The realities of today’s global economy present new challenges for the future. At URI, we believe that hands-on experience reinforces classroom education and that providing you with opportunities in career-related settings enhances your marketability.

Honors Program
As an academically talented student, you can benefit from special opportunities offered by the University Honors Program. The program includes courses in analytical thinking; a colloquium that brings distinguished authorities to campus from across the nation; special tutorials in major concentrations of study; and independent research projects guided by faculty mentors. Honors courses feature limited class sizes for close interaction between you and your instructors. Your performance, potential, and commitment can make you a candidate for advanced study and mark you as a future leader. Eligibility standards are established by the Honors Program and Visiting Scholars Committee. Visit uri.edu/honors_prog for more information.

Honor Societies
URI has more than 30 honor societies, including the Society of the Sigma Xi, the scientific honor society; Phi Beta Kappa, a liberal arts honor society; Phi Eta Sigma, the national honor society for freshmen; Phi Kappa Phi and the Golden Key, honor societies for general scholarship; and the Mortar Board, which recognizes both scholarship and leadership.

Student Leadership
The Center for Student Leadership Development prepares you for leadership roles on campus, in your career, and in your community. Programs include First-Year Leaders Inspired to Excellence (FLITE), the Citizen Activist Series, the Outdoor Adventure and Experiential Learning Series, the Breakfast of Champions Series, and Talk Back, a discussion of relevant leadership issues. You can also earn a minor in leadership studies.
Career Services
You don’t have to be a senior to go to Career Services. The sooner you come to us, the sooner we can help you build an impressive resume. Our career advisors offer you counseling, Web resources, and five major job fairs each year. Through our Become Employed at Career Online Network (BEACON), you can post your resume online for employers. You can also search for full-time or part-time employment and summer jobs; sign up for on-campus interviews, and receive emails about career opportunities. Career Services works with local, regional, national, and international companies such as Microsoft, Raytheon, Disney, and the Peace Corps. For more information, visit career.uri.edu.

Office of Internships and Experiential Education
Internships allow you to apply classroom learning in a career-related setting. You can receive either credit or compensation, and can complete internships in the spring, summer, or fall. To learn about available internships, you can work with an academic department, the Office of Internships, or Career Services. The BEACON online program offered through Career Services allows you to review approximately 2,500 opportunities posted each year by participating departments. Through affiliated programs, you may also elect an internship in places as varied as Washington, D.C., or Dublin, Ireland. Find out more at www.uri.edu/univcol/internships.

Field Experience
Field experiences abound at URI. For example, you can participate in an innovative Mentor/Tutor Internship program that can make a profound difference in a younger person’s life. The program was initiated by URI Political Science Professor Al Killilea and the South County Coalition Against Racism. You can earn three credits in field experience and serve as a positive influence.

Research Experience
URI encourages you to help generate new knowledge in your field by taking advantage of the many research partnerships offered at the University and throughout the community.

Volunteer Opportunities

Clearinghouse for Volunteers
The Clearinghouse for Volunteers helps you find a volunteer opportunity that’s right for you. You can even search a Rhode Island agency database by area of interest, such as:
• Family services
• Museums
• Animals
• Natural resources
• Substance abuse
• Homelessness
• Affordable housing
• The arts
• Disabilities
• Violence prevention
• Elder care
• Environmental issues

Feinstein Center for Service Learning
Service learning is a component of many undergraduate classes at URI and integrates academic course work with meeting community needs. This is one reason URI was named a “College with a Conscience” by the Princeton Review. Visit uri.edu/volunteer for more information.

The University of Rhode Island College of Pharmacy celebrated American Pharmacists Month by organizing an outreach program for patients who qualify for the Medicare Part D prescription benefit. The Student Leadership Council of the College of Pharmacy organized the informational event.