

Sample Objectives

Objective or no objective? There is no right or wrong answer to this question. Those who argue against objectives believe that they are limiting or often vaguely constructed. Those who support objectives believe that they can quickly inform a potential employer of your strengths and interests.

If you do use an objective (recommended by the Center for Career and Professional Development), focus on your skills or areas of interests. As a freshman, it is permissible to say: "Summer internship to explore career paths in computer science." This objective for a junior or senior would be inappropriate. Consider: "Co-op position in Mechanical Engineering to utilize design, leadership and communication skills" or "Fulltime position in the Electronic, Media Arts & Communications field involving web or graphic design."

If you list several areas of related interest, you provide some focus while not being too specific. Remember that, whenever possible, always target the objective to the specific job for which you are applying.

Additional Sample Objectives:

- Seeking Biomedical Engineering position specifically related to biomaterials or biomechanics.
- Position in Mechanical Engineering involving product design and development or manufacturing.
- Position as Analytical Chemist for Pharmaceuticals Corporation.
- Full-time employment in Civil Engineering focusing on transportation systems or highway engineering.
- Position in marketing or sales that utilizes technical background and education in chemistry and biological sciences.
- Co-op position for spring-summer 20xx to apply expertise in software development and leadership skills.
- Seeking a position utilizing organizational, interpersonal and communication skills and education in Industrial & Management Engineering. Particular interest in production or operations management.
- Full-time position in business management field as business analyst.
- Summer internship in videogame design and development at Mecca Games.
- Pursuing full-time position in consulting field utilizing strong technical background in computer systems engineering and leadership skills.
- Seeking a position that will utilize strong quantitative, mathematics and communication skills. Particular interest in data mining and research.
- Pursuing Electrical Engineering position in fast-paced, dynamic company that values and rewards creativity and significant accomplishments.
- Co-op opportunity in Chemical Engineering involving research and development or process engineering.
- Full-time position in information technology that will utilize extensive computer skills, attention to detail, and problem-solving abilities.
- Architect with expertise and accomplishments in innovative design seeking full-time position in leading architectural firm.
- Pursuing co-op position in Mechanical Engineering involving product design or research and development.