Listen Your Way To Success!
The Four Best Podcasts for Career Development
By Jada Gabay

Podcast channels are one of the best sources of information for career development. Being convenient in access and delivered by individuals who are passionate and knowledgeable in what they are discussing, podcasts are perfect for those in need of work-related advice and inspiration to plan for their future – no matter what situation you are in, there is always a podcast to be found!

Here is a selection of the best podcast channels for your career development. Listen to them while studying, on the bus, driving or on your spare time and get passionate about your future career success!

How did you get into that?
This podcast features interviews with individuals who have extremely interesting and astonishing careers. Interviews highlight, in detail, how each individual came to be where they are today, and lists their best tips and tricks for listeners to ensure their future success.
Best Episode to Start With: How to Succeed as an Etch-A-Sketch Artist

Career Success Radio
This podcast provides realistic advice for those facing significant obstacles in their career development and gives guidance on how to handle issues that may arise while in the workplace.
Best Episode to Start With: Social Media Etiquette

Career Tools
Career Tools is a weekly podcast channel focused on providing advice to individuals wanting to develop their professional skills and flourish in their dream job. Winning the award for the Best Business Podcast in 2010, this channel is perfect for students looking for tips to jump-start their career or wanting to sharpen their competitive edge in the job market.
Best Episode to Start With: How to Connect With People Beyond the To Do List

Beyond the To Do List
This podcast provides useful tips, given by highly successful individuals, which you can use to further your professional development.
Best Episode to Start With: Priorities—how to do less while achieving more
Looking for a way to enhance your University experience, Professional Development, and grow your network? Here is a brief overview of some of the amazing, free programs the Career Centre has to offer!

By Lindsay Armstrong

For a full list of programs, detailed application and eligibility information, please visit http://www.telfer.uottawa.ca/careercentre/en/undergraduate-students/programs.

Ambassador Program
A program for 2nd, 3rd and 4th year students to link the Telfer Career Centre and all of the resources it offers to Telfer students! Ambassadors work with Career Centre staff to assist in the marketing of events, and execution of workshops, networking events, and employer information sessions. Participants can refine various skills that are transferable to any workplace, including: communication, presentation, leadership and networking skills! Applications for the next academic year are in March!

Telfer Capital Markets Mentorship Program
A three-year development program for finance students! Ten students entering their 2nd year (3rd if in CO-OP) are chosen to undertake weekly case-based extracurricular workshops facilitated by finance professionals. Participants will learn about the recruitment process and expand their network through executive mentorship. Additionally, participants have the opportunity to complete the Canadian Securities Course, and the Chartered Financial Analyst Level I Examination.

International Career Mentorship Program
A program for 3rd and 4th year international students to assist in their transition into a career in Canada after graduating. Students that participate in this program will further develop their professional network, learn about career opportunities, the qualifications needed to obtain employment in their desired sector, and enhance communication skills. Students apply in April to participate in this program in the next academic year.

Profession of Management Consulting Program
A two-year development program for students interested in a career in consulting! Participants will develop key competencies that are in demand in today’s workplace, and complete components that can be used toward the Certified Management Consulting Designation! Additionally, participants build key industry connections through mentorship, interviews, case simulations and much more! Applications for this program are due at the end of March 2017.
Reflecting on the Past Four Years

By Naomi Haile

One thing is for sure, life will pass you by if you’re looking down. Look up and around you.

I started university on a mission. I knew precisely which path was meant for me, what my life and career would look like 5, 10, 15 years from now, but I was extremely misguided. There was only so much planning I could do, before I realized I was crippling my chances for something greater.

University was where I learned to explore. I explored uOttawa’s on-campus services, Telfer’s Career Centre, peer relationships, the world, my mind and my talents. It quickly became evident that there was much to learn. You may believe you have all the answers, but little is certain, especially at the rate of change we are seeing today.

Don’t look down. Don’t solely look straight ahead at the strict path you have fabricated for yourself. Be aware of what’s around you and explore. You may come across life-changing opportunities that you didn’t even know existed - like I did. You won’t know unless you try.

So I’ll leave you with four things that have served me well on this wondrous, four-year journey:

1. Embrace the breadth of challenges that come with your university experience; as this is what helps shape your character.
2. Make yourself known amongst your peers and professors for excelling at a specific skill; if you can associate your gift with your name in the minds of others - the sky is the limit.
3. Be curious about everything; get comfortable with relentlessly asking questions.
4. But most importantly, enjoy your voyage as it will come to an end sooner than you could ever expect.
CPA 101
By Nik Paljus

Graduate Diploma in Chartered Professional Accountancy

For students looking to pursue their CPA designations in the future, this brand-new graduate diploma program from the University of Ottawa is an amazing opportunity. The diploma is a one-semester program consisting of 5 courses, which go into more depth in areas like taxation or assurance. The program is accredited by CPA Ontario to provide students with advanced standing.

Advanced Standing
The diploma program will shorten the length for completing the educational requirement for the CPA PEP (Professional Education Program) from 2 years to 13 months. Normally, a student will have to go through two core modules, two electives, two capstones, and then be eligible to write the CFE (Common Final Examination). With the advanced standing, a student can skip the core modules and the electives and proceed to Capstone 1.

Educational Experience
The diploma program offers a learning experience that is individualized and engaging. The class sizes are smaller which allows a more interactive experience with fellow peers and professors. The program covers cases that will be applicable to the CFE and a professional career. This opportunity is only offered once a year in the fall semester. Courses can only be completed on a full-time basis and, after completion, students can complete the two capstones and write the CFE in the following September.

Admission Process
Applications must be submitted by April 1st. The requirements for admission are:
- Completed a bachelor’s degree from a Canadian University with a minimum average of 6.0 or B
- Minimum grade of C in specified undergraduate courses
- Minimum average of B+ in specified undergraduate courses

Networking Events for Dummies
By Juan Franlin Karamoy

What is the purpose of going to a networking event? The most common answer is to meet new people that may be mutually beneficial for each party. However, the purpose can be as simple as to make new friends! Here are some useful tips that you can instantly do that may improve your networking skills!

Put on the Best Smile
Nothing can beat a genuine and sincere smile. Not only is smiling good for you, but smiling is also contagious! Smiling during networking events will make you seem like a nice and open person.

Give a Solid Handshake
No one likes to hold on to a dead fish nor likes getting their hand crushed. Therefore, being able to give a firm handshake, not too soft nor too hard, is important to give a positive first impression.

Have a Sturdy Posture
This is not only good to do during networking events, but also great to do everywhere and anywhere! Great posture translates to confidence, and people generally tend to gravitate more towards those that are confident.

Find a Common Ground
The truth is people are more likely to be attracted to those that are similar to them, such as people that came from the same city. Thus, finding a commonality right of the bat might give a kick start to your conversation.

Get their Business Cards!
Or any other form of contact information is just as good. This is a crucial step in networking because getting their contact information will allow you to stay in touch which may lead to great future opportunities!