

# GSICE Class #6: Setting Internship Goals

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## What Are Your Goals for your Internship?

Choose at least three SMART goals you'd like to achieve during your internship, and write them below. (Refer to our Goals exercise in Class #2 for ideas.)

Then, for each goal, describe three steps you will take to prepare for, accomplish, and assess that goal (one before, one during, and one after your internship).

**My current career goal is: Data scientist**

- I. **GOAL 1:** I want to establish two mentors in data science who may be able to help me later on in my job search.
  - **Before my internship:** I will practice my “elevator pitch” in an informational interview and with one friend.
  - **During my internship:** I will spend at least an hour each week talking with people in the company outside my team, and attend any voluntary networking events that are offered.
  - **After my internship:** I will add my new coworkers on LinkedIn, and email my internship supervisor and one other person once a quarter to update them on my plans and progress.
  
- II. **GOAL 2:** I would like to improve my Python skills and apply them to a project at my internship.
  - **Before my internship:** I will complete the UCSF library’s Python course before the start of my internship.
  - **During my internship:** I will show my supervisor my Github during the first two weeks of my internship, and ask for opportunities to contribute to a Python-based project.
  - **After my internship:** I will add the Python project to my résumé and online profiles (LinkedIn, etc.).
  
- III. **GOAL 3:** I would like to figure out whether I enjoy the daily tasks involved in a data science career.
  - **Before my internship:** I will complete two informational interviews with data scientists at other companies, so that I have an idea of whether my internship experience is representative.
  - **During my internship:** Once a week, I will write one page of reflective notes on what I’ve learned and whether I’m enjoying the experience.
  - **After my internship:** I will make an appointment with Linda to talk about the experience and plan out my next steps.