



AACTE 2026 CAREER CONNECT

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20 3:00 - 4:30 P.M.

MARRIOTT NEW ORLEANS | MARDI GRAS BALLROOM (3RD FLOOR)

Career Connect is a high-impact, relationship-driven experience designed to connect emerging education talent with institutions and organizations actively building the future of the field. This is not a traditional career fair; it is a curated space for meaningful conversations, career clarity, and pipeline building.

1 Why Career Connect?

Employers & Hiring Authorities

Career Connect offers a low-cost, high-return opportunity to engage emerging talent, including Holmes Scholars and early-career faculty, in a focused, mission-aligned setting. Through this experience, employers can build early and diverse talent pipelines, share insight into their institutional culture and career pathways, and identify promising candidates beyond traditional recruitment channels.

Attendees

This event creates a space for thought partnership, exploration, and access. Attendees will meet peers and leaders who can unlock new career opportunities, gain clarity on both academic and non-academic career pathways, and access targeted career development coaching focused on high-impact micro-topics.



2 What to Expect

Career Networking

- General pipeline cultivation and relationship-building
- Targeted conversations around current and upcoming open positions

Career Development

Attendees will engage with experienced mentors on topics including:

- Translating a CV into a resume
- Crafting an effective elevator pitch
- Identifying the type of institution or organization that best fits your goals
- Strategic networking
- Exploring alternative and nontraditional career pathways



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③ Who Should Attend?

Employers & Hiring Authorities

Hiring authorities or representatives participating in a hiring capacity from institutions of higher education (IHEs), non-profit organizations, for-profit organizations, and PK-12 school systems.

AACTE Membership & Fees

- AACTE 2026 Registrants: \$0
- Non-AACTE 2026 Registrants: \$100
 - (Includes access to Career Connect only; does not include full conference registration)

Attendees

Individuals registered for AACTE 2026 or the Holmes Preconference, including graduate students, early-career faculty, and early-career education sector professionals.

④ How to Participate

Employers & Hiring Authorities

[Register Here](#)

[Complete the Career Connect Exhibitor Form](#)

Badges

- AACTE 2026 registrants: Pick up during standard conference check-in
- Non-registrants: Friday, February 20, 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Table Setup

- 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.
- Bring a tablecloth, printed materials, swag, QR codes, and digital sign-up tools

Attendees

If registered for the Holmes Preconference and/or AACTE 2026, no extra registration needed

- Show up and bring your CV/resume (digital or printed)
- Optional: materials for feedback (elevator pitch, job talk outline, career pathway questions)

