

# 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)



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