

Polsky Guide: Private Equity and Venture Capital

At Polsky, we are committed to helping students build successful entrepreneurial careers, and we've designed offerings to build skills and knowledge in various areas of entrepreneurship. The guide below outlines actionable steps you might take toward a **post-MBA career in PE or VC**; however, this is not a one-size-fits-all pathway, and we encourage you to work with our team to tailor this guide to your goals.

Pre-MBA

Plug in to Polsky

- [Subscribe](#) to the Polsky Weekly 10 and PE/VC/ETA weekly briefing newsletter.
- Familiarize yourself with Polsky's [Svidler PE Program](#) and [VC offerings](#).
- Reach out to the Polsky Center [team](#) – we want to meet you!
- Connect with your Booth Academic Advisor to plan out your coursework.

Begin Career Planning

- Define your career interests: stage, industry, and geography.
- Create a target list of firms for your internship and FT searches.
- Begin networking with Booth alumni.
- Develop a personal investment thesis and begin tracking deals in your target sectors.
- Participate in Career Services canvas course and webinars.

1st Year

Engage with Polsky Offerings

- Review the Polsky Weekly Briefing email for upcoming dates/deadlines.
- Meet with Polsky's [Investors-in-Residence](#).
- Attend [Investing Essentials](#) workshops, LBO Modeling Bootcamp, and VC Visiting Advisors.
- Join Booth's PE and EVC Groups and apply to be a 2nd year co-chair.

Apply to Polsky's PE/VC programs:

- [PE/VC Lab](#) (fall)
- [LBO Modeling Bootcamp](#) (fall)
- [PE Case Challenge](#) (fall)
- [VCIC](#) (fall)
- [CBITC](#) (winter)
- VC Unplugged (fall)

- Volunteer for and attend [Rattan L. Khosa SeedCon](#) and the [PE Conference](#) (winter).
- Apply to [PE Student/Alumni Coaching Program](#) and VC Alumni Coaching Connect (spring).
- Continue your networking and career planning efforts.
- Explore summer internship opportunities in PE/VC or operations
- Attend Career Services programming and meet with a career coach.

Summer

Intern and Network

- Leverage your internship contacts to build your network in PE/VC.
- Keep the Polsky team and Investors-in-Residence up to date on your internship experience.
- Submit your full-time resume to GTS
- Reach out to career coaches for help with recruiting strategy

2nd Year

Hone Skills and Advance Your Job Search

- Update your resume to reflect your summer experience.
- If you did not participate in the PE/VC Lab, PECC, VCIC, or CBITC during your first year, consider applying now.
- Check in regularly with Investors-in-Residence.
- Attend [Investing Essentials](#) workshops.
- Attend SeedCon and the PE Conference.
- Consider joining an [NVC](#) team to hone startup/operational experience.
- Report your job offer to Career Services.
- Attend Career Services programming and meet with a career coach

Post-Grad

Stay Connected and Give Back

- Maintain relationships with Polsky team and Investors-in-Residence.
- Work with Career Services to facilitate recruiting opportunities
- Consider hosting interns through the PE/VC Lab or SPITC or for summer opportunities.
- Participate in alumni programming and share your perspective and expertise in the industry with current students.