

Careers in Project Management



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User's Guide

PMI Educational Foundation



Welcome to the User's Guide for Careers in Project Management

What is Careers in Project Management?

The Project Management Institute (PMI) Educational Foundation undertook the Careers in Project Management initiative to meet two key objectives:

- First, to produce a package for high school students and career guidance counselors that promotes project management as a career;
- Second, to give PMI Components (i.e., PMI Chapters, Specific Interest Groups (SIGs) and Colleges) a tool to establish a continuing dialog with the high school community.

Careers in Project Management is a major milestone in the ongoing efforts by the Foundation to enable today's young people to identify a successful and profitable future in project management.

What is the User's Guide?

This User's Guide – geared to high school guidance counselors and PMI Component leaders – briefly describes the PMI Educational Foundation's Careers in Project Management initiative. It also explains why you have been selected to receive this package along with providing content highlights and helpful information on how you can best use the package as a valuable tool to inform high-school aged students about the many exciting career opportunities that await them within the project management profession.

What's in the Careers in Project Management package?

The various elements of the package include:

- A **PowerPoint presentation** that provides an interesting, easy-to-follow overview of the project management profession, the many opportunities for career fulfillment that are available, earnings potential, how to move up the career ladder, as well as a listing of schools and colleges offering a project management education;
- A **User's Guide** containing practical information for guidance counselors and PMI Component leaders alike. It explains how they can make optimum use of the Careers in Project Management information to benefit and inform students;
- A **booklet** that expands on the information outlined in the PowerPoint presentation—attractively designed and written in a casual style to which high school students can easily relate;
- A convenient **CD-ROM** that contains all of these above-mentioned materials and information associated with this important initiative. This information can be easily downloaded.

How to use the materials

If you are a high school guidance counselor:

While project management is already one of the fastest growing professions in the world today, the PMI Educational Foundation recognizes that the future of project management is in our high schools. The Careers in Project Management package represents a commitment by the PMI Educational Foundation to “empower the future of project management.”

Once you've reviewed these elements, we encourage you to use them as part of a Career Day for your students. Use the PowerPoint, which includes helpful commentary, to guide a discussion with your students, and then distribute the helpful booklet after the presentation for students to review the information presented in more detail on their own.

If you are a PMI Component leader:

This Careers in Project Management package, which you have most likely received through one of PMI's newly established Component Liaison representatives, gives components a unique opportunity to make valuable contacts within your community by opening a dialog with high school administrators, guidance counselors and with students about the many advantages and benefits of choosing project management as a career.

To make maximum use of this package, the PMI Educational Foundation suggests you initially make a list of the high schools in your area. Then we encourage you to contact the schools, ask to speak to their guidance counselor(s) and then arrange to make a brief visit to the school. Once at the school, give the counselor a brief overview of the project management profession and explain that you have a useful and eye-catching package of information that will enable him or her to carry the Careers in Project Management message right to their students.

Careers in Project Management: a valuable career guide for students, right at your fingertips.

You can use any or all of the elements in the Careers in Project Management package in any way that you wish. All we ask is that PMI Component leaders and guidance counselors reference and give credit to the PMI Educational Foundation as the developer and provider of this information and resource material during your discussions with school counselors and students, respectively.

How to get additional copies

If you would like to receive additional copies of the Careers in Project Management package, or if you would like to receive additional information about the initiative or the PMI Educational Foundation, contact your representative from your local PMI Component. Or you can contact the Foundation office at +1-610-356-4600. Additional copies of the brochure are available at cost. Please call for ordering information.

About the PMI Educational Foundation

The Project Management Institute (PMI) founded the PMI Educational Foundation in 1990. It is an autonomous, non-profit, non-political, charitable 501(c)(3) organization created to promote economic, educational, cultural and social advancement through the application, development and promotion of project management concepts, theories and life skills.

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