# Using LinkedIn



## Networking

<u>Who should I be networking with?</u> Clemson alumni, companies that you are interested in, classmates, people who work in your future field, etc.

#### When should I be networking?

It is never too early to start connecting with others. There is no commitment or responsibility while trying to connect.

#### Connecting vs. Following

Connecting: Two way communication One person sends a invite to connect, that can be either accepted or declined

Following: One way communication This is not a mutual connection. Example: Following Clemson University on LinkedIn to keep up with information posted by the University

#### Personalize your Connection Message

When connecting with a person you may not know, send a message explaining who you are and why you are interested in connecting. This makes the interaction more personable and is more likely to end in a connection.

# What Should I be Posting?

Showcase what you have been doing in your professional and academic world

Ideas for academic posting: Dean's or President's List, graduation, projects you are proud of , new positions in clubs/organizations, etc.

Ideas for professional posting: New employment, job opportunities at your company, promotions, etc.

#### Join Groups

Groups give people with a common interest a place to share insights, experiences and connect privately

How do I join a group? Search a key word or organization. The results will state whether it is a person or group. Many groups have admins that will filter through requests.

<u>What do I post in groups?</u> You are able to ask advice or share insights about the group's topic. You can also join and decide to just follow the group with minimal interaction.

## Download the App

Downloading the app is the most convenient way to use LinkedIn. This allows you to have a networking source consistently at your fingertips!



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