Career in Consulting Checklist for Undergrads

Launch your career at a top consulting firm

1 Consulting Job

- [ ] Understand what Business Analysts actually do
- [ ] Decide breadth versus depth
- [ ] Try consulting cases [Try here]
- [ ] Test your interest in business [Try here]
- [ ] Test comfort with speed and ambiguity
- [ ] Evaluate lifestyle, travel and hours

2 Consulting Industry

- [ ] Compare strategy, operations and specialist firms
- [ ] Compare generalist versus specialist consulting
- [ ] Compare consulting against your other options
- [ ] Understand expected working hours
- [ ] Check if your school is a target for each firm
- [ ] Plan for a third year summer internship
- [ ] Check visa (H1-B, TN, etc) requirements for international students

3 Salary, Benefits & Exit Financials

- [ ] Understand entry-level base salary
- [ ] Understand signing and performance bonuses
- [ ] Review healthcare, retirement and other benefits
- [ ] Check firm sponsorship for a future MBA
- [ ] Plan student loan repayment
- [ ] Review exit options and future earnings

4 Next Step

- [ ] Review Undergrad Internship Checklist [Click here]

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