

Encouraging Informed Academic and Career Decision Making

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Academic & Career Decision Making Intersect

- Pressure points for students
 - Deciding what program to study
 - Deciding what career to pursue
 - Developing and implementing steps to reach these goals

Challenge is that many students handle these separately; we advocate that they work on these together, to align goals and actions in a timely manner

Contributing Factors to Typical Decision Making

- **Programs:** decisions are often dictated by university timelines
- **Careers:** often thought that you can get to career later
- But more career **clarity** = more **connection to programs** that will give you the skills, knowledge and experience you want
- Helps with **career myth busting** too!

Academic and Career Decisions Strengthen Each Other



clear goals =
more likely to
be **engaged**
in their
academic
work



understand
and **articulate**
skills & value
gained in
classes



connecting
academic &
career goals
increased
retention

Two New Interventions in First Year Classes

- **2021:** delivering **information and encouragement** regarding programs at UTM; reinforcing relationships between academic and career
- **2022:** connecting **key questions or decision points** with who on campus can support; how these relate
- Future plans: continue to hone our message


- Take courses and programs that help you reach your academic and career goals. Make informed decisions about your options.
- **Let us help you make the most out of your degree.**



Meet with:

Academic Advisor
Career Counsellor



A photograph of two scientists in a laboratory setting. They are wearing white lab coats and safety goggles. The scientist on the left is wearing blue gloves and is focused on a task. The scientist on the right is looking on. The background shows laboratory equipment and shelves.

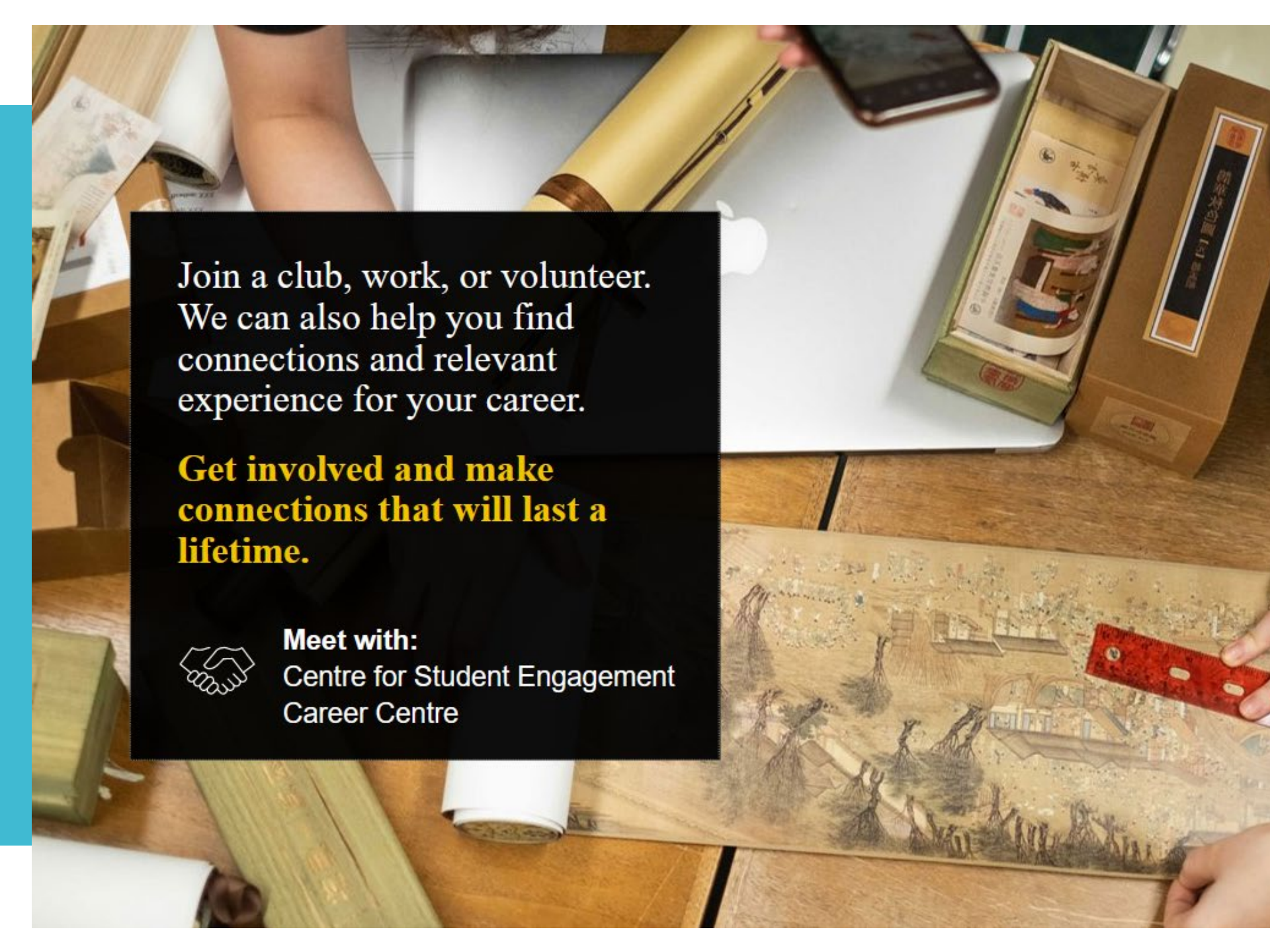
There is always room to grow,
and skills to develop. Learning
requires change, and that is not
always easy.

**Let us help you strengthen
your study skills and
academic confidence.**



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We can also help you find
connections and relevant
experience for your career.

**Get involved and make
connections that will last a
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Thank you for your attention!

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