Sponsor a January Exploreship

Macalester sophomores are encouraged to participate in a January Exploreship. Students are paired with alumni and parent volunteers for a job-shadowing experience lasting from one day to a week. In 2013, exploreship sites were limited to the Twin Cities, Washington, DC, and New York, NY.

The goal of the program is to provide Macalester students with a chance to explore a career and/or employer of interest. Sophomore year is when students declare their major, so career decision-making also pops up as an important element for the students. An exploreship provides inside information that helps students develop a career focus that is complimented by their choice of academic studies.

Students apply for the program in early fall and then are matched by the Macalester College Alumni Office with alumni and parent volunteers based upon the student’s interest and desired location.

**Exploreship hosts** provide students with an in-depth view to their career field and place of work. While it is not a requirement of site hosting, some exploreship hosts also provide housing for their student visitor. Students cover all of their own expenses related to the experience. They attend preparatory workshops provided by the Internship Program and the Career Development Center. Support is offered by both Alumni Relations and the Career Development Center.