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**McMaster University Faculty of Engineering**

**Career Planning Template
August 2022**

**Name:** **Date:**

**Student ID Number:**

**Question 1: Where am I now?**

* Program, Level
* What is my current skill set?

(Be detailed) What am I good at?

**Question 2: What do I want to do when I graduate? (The more specific the answers, the better.)**

* What do I love to do?
* In what areas do I aspire to be expert?
* What kind of environment/ working conditions are most attractive to me?
* What roles sound most attractive?
* What are my first and second choices for long-term careers? Why have I made these choices – what factors are driving me?

**Question 3: Who will pay me to do what I want to do?**

* Who hires people who have the kinds of jobs I want? Who are some potential employers?

**Question 4: How do I get there? How do I prepare? (The more specific the answers, the better.)**

* What skills will I need? What skills do I want/need to develop during graduate school? (Examples include grant, proposal and technical writing; presentations; project management; staff supervision)
* What information / resources do I need?

**Question 5: What is my plan for the next year?**

* What are my goals?
* What actions are required? Provide a list of activities which will help you achieve your goals.

**Question 6: What is my plan for the next 2-3 years?**

* What are my goals?
* What actions are required? Provide a list of activities which will help you achieve your goal.