

## Z Career Connection – Sample Agenda

Feel free to adjust this agenda as you please. This is just meant to get you started planning.

This agenda is for an event that begins at 3:00pm

3:00-3:05: Give students time to settle in. If attendees are still arriving 5 minutes after the event starts, give them an extra 5 minute grace period.

3:05-3:10: Introduction and Welcome

- Use this time to go through the agenda, and be sure to thank the faculty that helped you in planning.

3:10-3:45: Introduction to Enterprise Computing

- Follow this link for our Introduction to Enterprise Computing deck. Make sure you practice this presentation beforehand so that you are comfortable with the material. The presentation should take you between 20-30 minutes, and then open the floor for questions. If you do not know the answer to some of their questions, point them to the forum on Z Xplore where someone can help.

3:45-4:00: Invitation to the zSystems Virtual Career Fair

- Quick overview of the career fair **Slides coming soon!**

3:45 - 4:15: Introduction to Z Xplore

- Walk your audience through the Z Xplore platform from registration to the first challenge (forums, support, where to find your z username and password, how to reset that password, challenges, swag, necessary downloads/tools).
- Student Contest! The IBM zStudent Contest will kick off September 15 and will close on December 31. Earning the Z Xplore Concepts badge is a requirement for participation.

4:15 - 5:00: Guest Speaker Time! - *If you need help with getting a guest speaker, email [lucas.sahn@ibm.com](mailto:lucas.sahn@ibm.com)*

- This should be a chance for an experienced mainframer to discuss opportunities in the field, how they use the mainframe, what they look for in a new hire, anything else they may want to talk about.
- This could also be a New to zSystems community member who can speak to 'a day in the life' including what skills are necessary (both hard and soft skills), and words of wisdom. Telling their story as to how they got where they are is usually very compelling.

5:00 - ? : Time to mingle!

- Use this time to encourage networking amongst the attendees

