



Career Acceleration Virtual Event Series Fall 2023

How to Design a Career You Love

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH MISSION COLLABORATIVE

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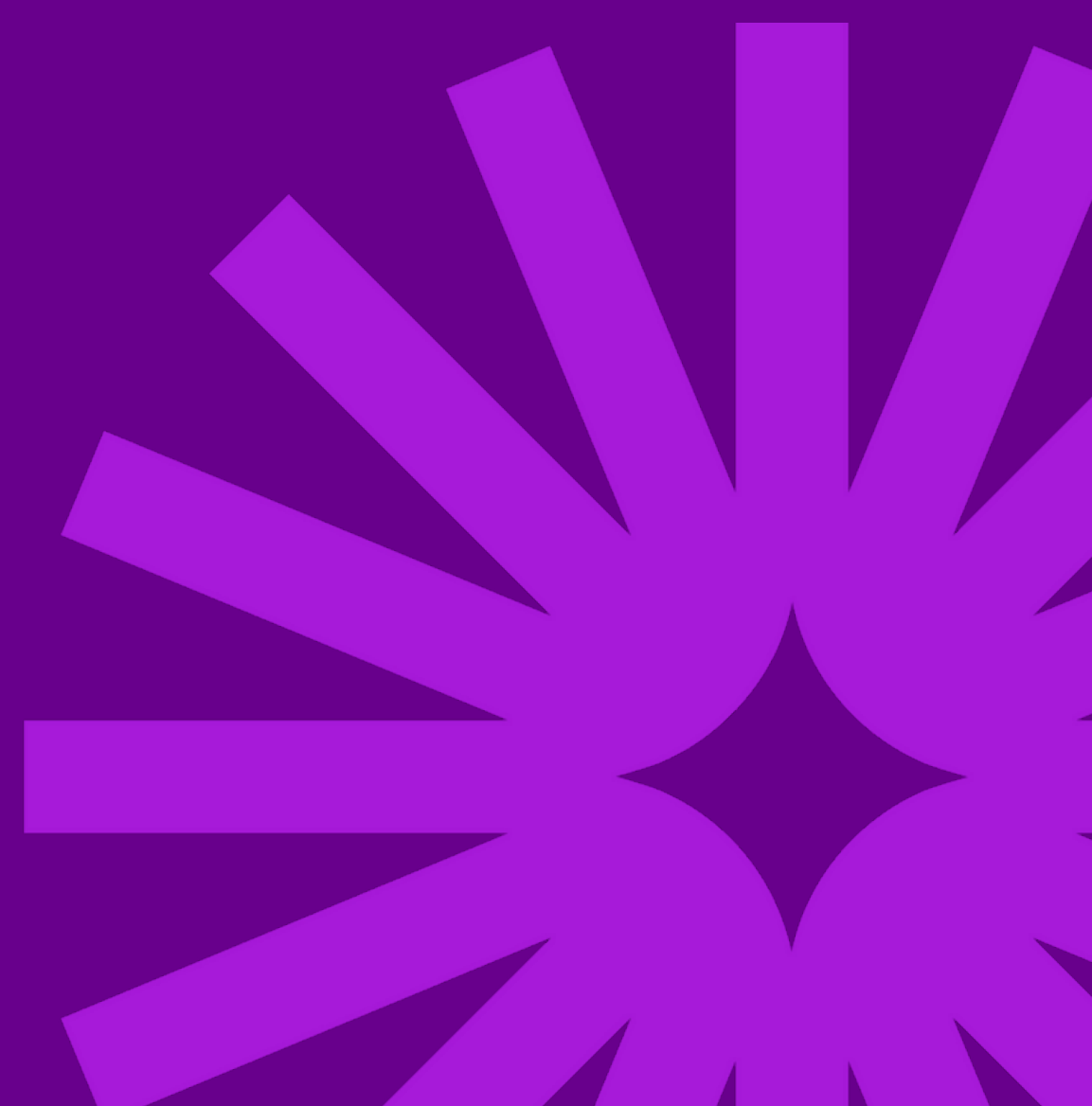
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Welcome!

Career Acceleration Event Series

**HOSTED BY THE TEACH FOR AMERICA CAREER CENTER AND
SELECT PARTNERS AND CONTRIBUTORS.**

**ENGAGE IN CAREER ACCELERATING TOPICS TO HELP INSPIRE
AND SUPPORT MINDSETS, KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS THAT
ADVANCE YOUR CAREER.**



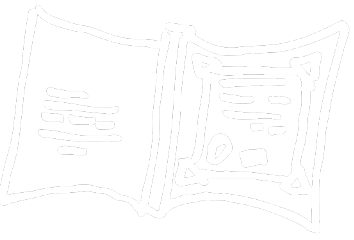
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What do you hope to gain?

- Guidance on best practices to find/create my next position.
- I would like to think more deeply about my career path and good next steps for any changes I may want to make.
- I am seeking an opportunity to reflect and explore what my next career could be.
- I am looking to find an alternative career to classroom teaching in this next school year, and hopeful I will have concrete steps to take after our virtual session.
- Concrete steps to take to identify how to transfer skills I've gained working in education to another career
- Insights into what careers I might explore after teaching and methods of how to make that change.
- I've been teaching for 16 years. I'm curious what other options are available for teachers and what paths teachers have taken to leave the classroom.

Questions for our presenters?

- Where do you start when looking for a career change
- What are the common barriers and root causes holding folks back from career acceleration
- What do you find educational leaders are good at outside of traditional roles?
- What are the top job boards for education leadership roles?
- What will it take to move into the world of education consulting?
- Please describe specific steps for designing a career you love for those who do not know where to start.
- What industries / types of orgs can we look at that are education-focused, but not school-based?
- How does an alum navigate TFA, LEE and other AmeriCorps programs for career opportunities
- What steps do you need to take to become an independent education consultant? How do you get work once you've made this transition?
- How can I use my educator experience to boost my resume for a creative field?
- What should I do now, to prepare for a new career out of the classroom? What am I qualified for?



Career Acceleration Virtual Events Series Line-up



Register for any of the events on TFA's [Alumni Hub](#)

- 1 **10/5: Leadership in Action: Defining your Personal Leadership Philosophy and Overcoming Imposter Syndrome** | Presented by Claremont Lincoln University
- 2 **10/11: Applying to Doctoral Programs in Education: Making Your Application Stand Out** | Presented by Harvard Graduate School of Education
- 3 **10/18: How to Design a Career You Love** Presented by Mission Collaborative
- 4 **10/26: Building Inclusive Learning Environments: Collaborative Strategies for Educators and Stakeholders** | Presented by Teachers College, Columbia University
- 5 **11/1: Edtech Insights: A Fireside Chat with Industry Veterans** | Presented by AllCourse, Kaplan, and Youtube/Google



Next Week's Event 10/26

Build Inclusive Learning Environments

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Join our partners from the Summer Principals Academy Program Teachers College, Columbia University to engage in a workspace to explore what diversity is, what it looks like in your school, and create a plan to build a more safe and inclusive environment.

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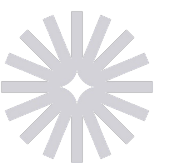


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Building Inclusive Learning Environments: Collaborative Strategies for Educators and Stakeholders



WELCOME!



Steph Szuch leads the Career Design Fellowship at Mission Collaborative, supporting career changers to build a life of their choosing. With a background in teaching and coaching, Steph has worked extensively with professionals from around the world looking to boost their skills to apply for different jobs, move abroad, or take a new step in their careers. She takes a strengths-based approach to help those she works with overcome limiting beliefs, recognize their potential, and gain the confidence to build fulfilling careers.

How to design a career you LOVE.

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Join us for a partner event and take steps to get your career change process started to design a career you love.

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The Career Design Process

How to design a career you actually love

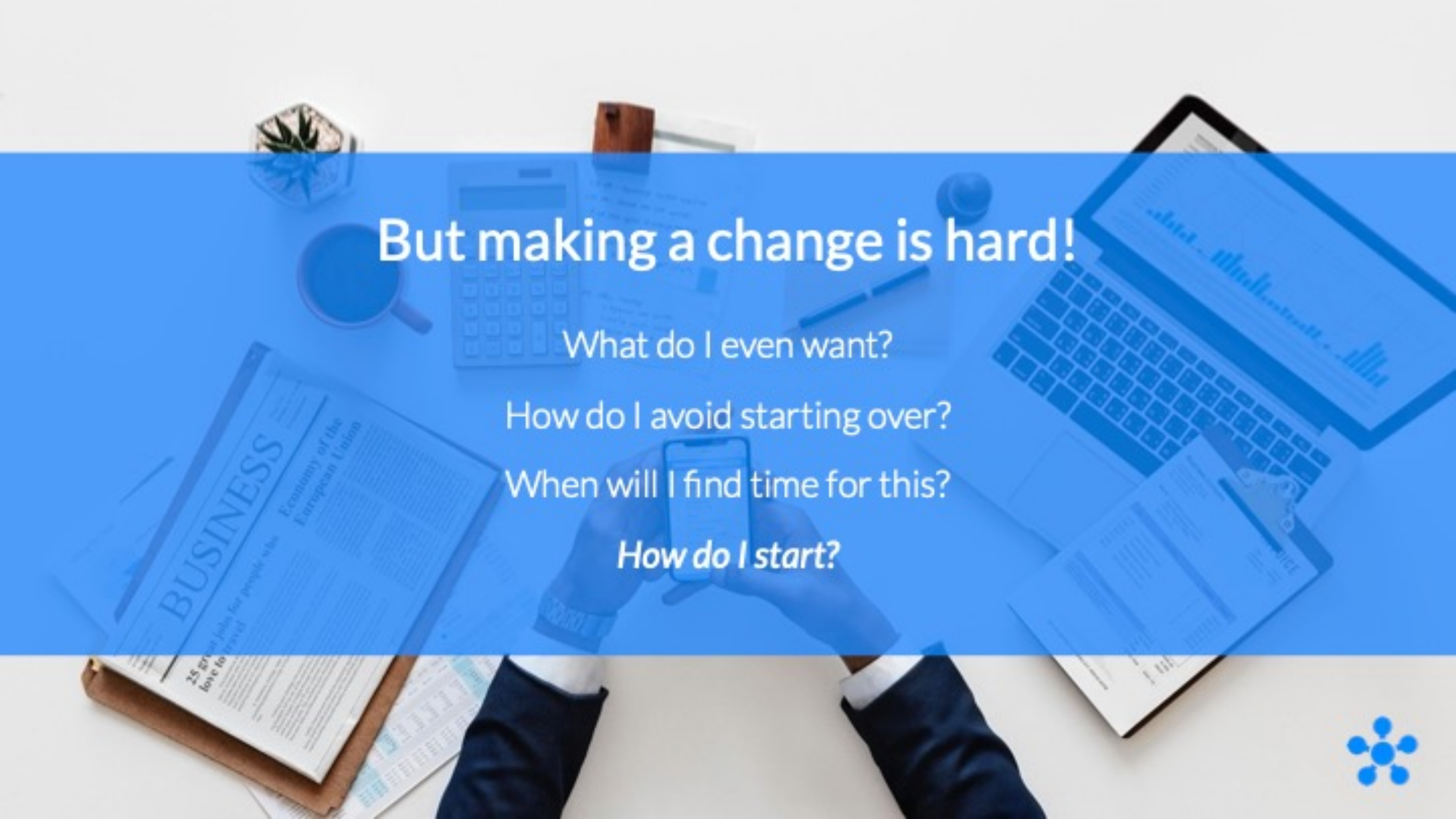


You're not alone.

Two thirds of Americans report feeling disengaged at work

You spend most of your waking hours at work. Better to enjoy it!





But making a change is hard!

What do I even want?

How do I avoid starting over?

When will I find time for this?

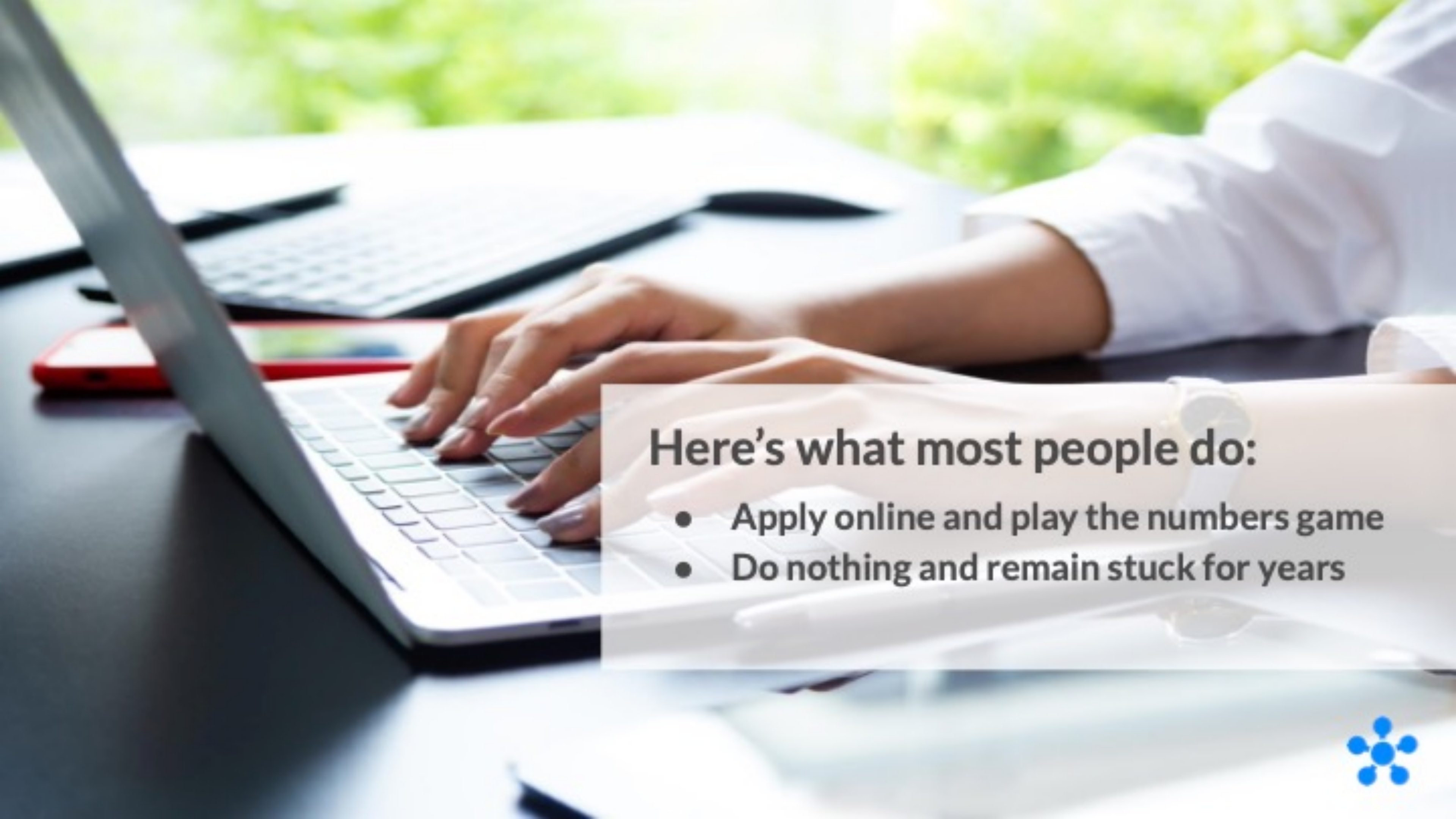
How do I start?



Thought Question #1

What fear or obstacle is in the way of you making a change?





Here's what most people do:

- Apply online and play the numbers game
- Do nothing and remain stuck for years



A bit about Steph



Background: International education, language coaching, career coaching

Mission: Help professionals find the confidence to design a great life and a rewarding career

Currently: Director of Career Programs at Mission Collaborative, leading a team of career design experts





Design a career you love.

Served thousands of career changers since launching in 2017

Partner with TFA to offer our online Alumni Career Design Program





A better way to find work you love:
The Career Design Process

Based on Design Thinking and Career
Development Theory

Refined by thousands of career changers

REFLECTION




DEFINITION



TESTING



LAUNCH




Reflection: *What makes you you*

Why we start here:

- Remind yourself what matters most
- Reduce the risk of failure
- Create your compass



An open notebook with a blue overlay. The notebook is open to two blank pages with faint 'DATE' and 'PAGE' labels at the top. A person's hands are visible at the bottom, holding the notebook. The blue overlay contains white text.

Four key areas of reflection:

- Identify **core values**
- Understand your **strengths**
- Own your transferable **skills**
- Acknowledge your **interests**



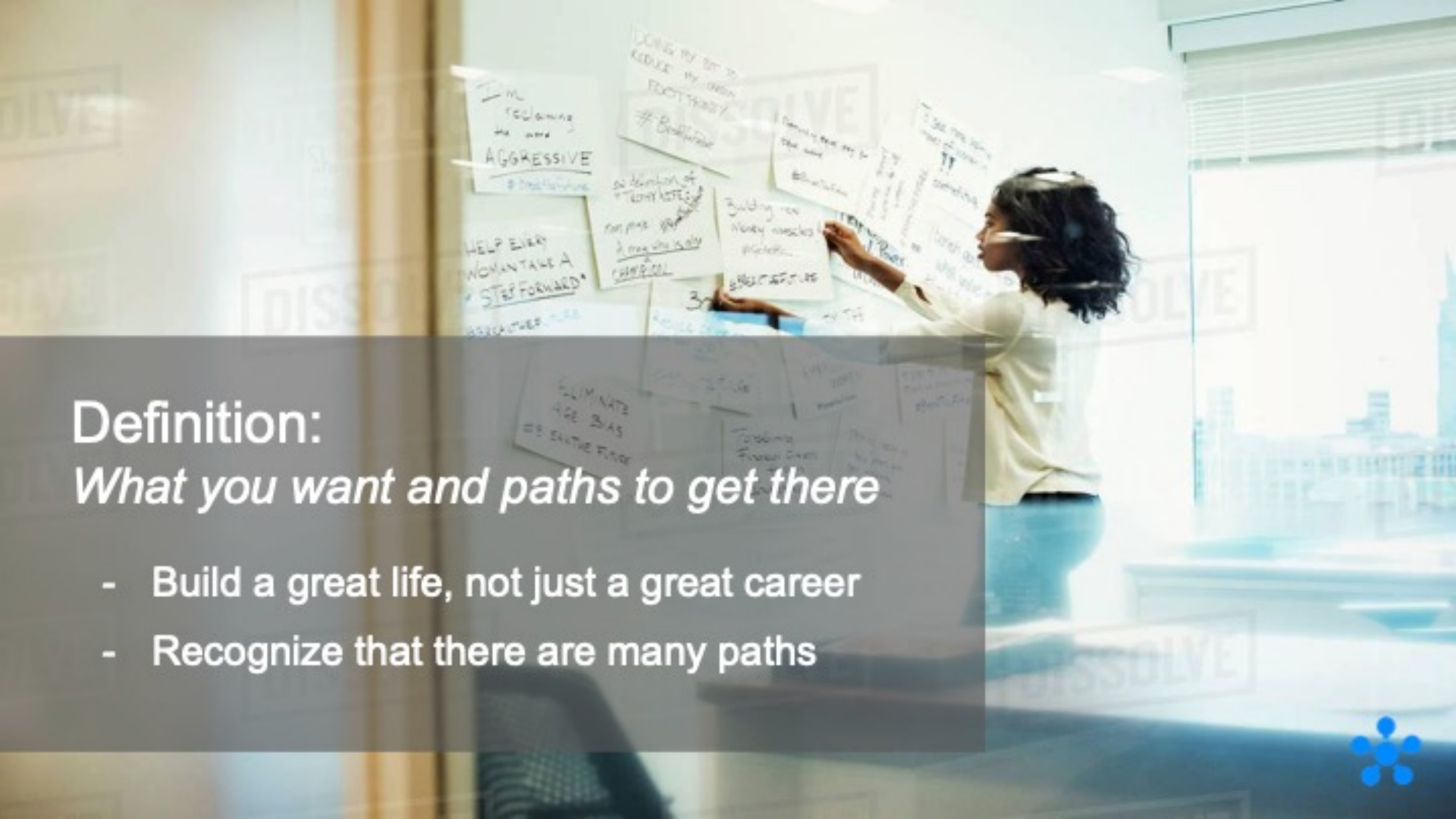
Thought Question #2

Which area of reflection do you think you need most right now?

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Definition:

What you want and paths to get there

- Build a great life, not just a great career
- Recognize that there are many paths



Two steps to get clarity and uncover options

1) Define your Career Criteria

- Salary
- Location
- Hours
- Mission
- Work Style
- Size
- Growth
- Risk

2) Collect career path ideas

- Brainstorm with your people
- Ask your network for advice
- Do your research



Thought Question #3

Identify one person in your life (friend, coworker, family, etc.) who you could brainstorm with.



Testing: *Evaluating your options*

- Narrow down your ideas
- Avoid the wrong paths
- Ignite your enthusiasm for the right path




Strategies for Testing a career path

- Talk with practitioners
- Attend events & conferences
- Do a Test Project
- Arrange a consulting gig

Make a plan!



A close-up photograph of two people shaking hands over a wooden desk. The person on the left is wearing a blue and white checkered shirt, and the person on the right is wearing a light-colored long-sleeved shirt. The desk is cluttered with papers, a laptop, and a red alarm clock. The background is softly blurred, showing a window with light streaming in. A semi-transparent grey banner is overlaid across the middle of the image, containing the text.

Now you're ready to **Launch!**



The logo for Teach For America, with "TEACH" in blue, "FOR" in red, and "AMERICA" in blue, all in a bold, sans-serif font.

TEACHFORAMERICA

Alumni Career Design Fellowship

Starts February 10, 2024

missioncollaborative.com/tfafellowship

◆ Thank you!



A post-event Email will be sent
on **October, 29th** with the event
recording and resources.

◆ Thank You!



We'd Love Your Feedback. Please take a moment to complete the brief survey. Your responses will help us evaluate and design programming to continue to support and develop our network. **All survey responses are anonymous.**

Thank You For Joining Tonight's Event

For even more ways to connect with TFA's alumni network, explore the wealth of resources, events, and more on our online platform:

[TFA Alumni Hub](#).



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