Neha Alluri

Country of Origin: India

Degree: B.S., Economics and International Relations

Graduation Date: December 2015

Employer: Albright Stonebridge Group

Position: Intern

What do you do in your current position?

I work within the Business Development team at an international strategic advisory company and assist with marketing and communications, client proposals, and research.

How did you find your position?

Networking

Which career services did you find helpful at UW-Madison?

UW Economics Department networking events, DC Semester in International Affairs, and the UW-Madison LinkedIn Alumni Network.

Other than your degree, what skills or experience made you competitive in the US job market?

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You need to get out there and get noticed. There are more people than jobs in the US job market so networking extensively and reaching out to people is the only way to learn and make the most of opportunities. LinkedIn is an excellent resource and emails to people you never met also work.

What advice do you have for current international students?

Network, network, network - I cannot stress this enough! The opportunities that open up when you meet people are unbelievable. Make sure your resume and cover letters are tailored to a position even if you

are applying to multiple positions at the same company. Use keywords in job descriptions and tell a story. A company needs to know why you want to work for them over others and why you are suitable for a position. Avoid generic and vague cover letters.