

Job & Internship Search Strategies for International Students

SEARCH STRATEGIES INSIDE THE U.S.

- Use [Handshake](#) and LinkedIn
- [Target employers who have sponsored for H1B before](#)
- Network ([how do I network?](#))
- Attend [Career Fair Prep Night](#), Mon September 27, 2021
- Participate in networking and events such as career fairs
 - [Fall Career & Internship Fair \(Virtual\)](#) - September 28, 2021
 - [Fall Career & Internship Fair \(In-Person\)](#) - September 29 & 30, 2021
 - [Science, Health & Research Fair](#) - October 6, 2021

SEARCH STRATEGIES OUTSIDE THE U.S.

- Get familiar with local job boards
- Network with UW alumni using LinkedIn or [Badger Bridge](#)
- Understand country-specific differences
 - Use [GoinGlobal](#) to review job searching resources for roles outside the U.S.

BEFORE THE CAREER FAIR

[See the upcoming Career Fairs in Handshake](#)

Review career fair prep & job search strategy workshops

- [Career Fair Prep for International Students](#) This is a previous, recorded workshop given during Fall 2020. Check it out to learn more about how to prepare for the upcoming virtual career fairs.
- [Job & Internship Search Strategies for International Students](#) This is a recorded session from Spring 2021 focusing on job & internship search strategies as well as work authorization.

Research the employers

- [Tips on navigating the Career Fairs](#)

Update your resume

- [SuccessWorks Resume Module in Canvas](#)
- [Same Day Advising](#) for L&S students

Prepare your elevator pitch/speech

- [Elevator pitch/speech resource](#)

DURING THE CAREER FAIR

Test your tech

- [Virtual Interview Tips](#)

Prep your pitch

- [Elevator Pitch Tips](#)

Ask good questions

- [Informational Interviewing Guide](#)

AFTER THE CAREER FAIR

Follow up with employers

- [Thank You Note/Next Steps Tips](#)

Be ready for an interview

- [Preparing for an interview](#)

Come in for advising!

- L&S [SuccessWorks advising](#) (15 min advising or 30 min advising)
- [Other UW-Madison Career Services Offices](#)

NETWORKING

Networking is simply making connections with other people and sharing information. That's it! Networking happens in a lot of ways – at structured events, through scheduled meetings, via LinkedIn, and spontaneously when you meet someone in class or at a student org meeting.

- [SuccessWorks Networking Resources](#)

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES - SUCESSWORKS

L&S students can [make an Appointment](#) (30 minute advising or 15 same day advising)

OPPORTUNITIES - OTHER CAREER CENTERS

If you are not within L&S, connect with your career office in your school/college.

[Wisconsin School of Business Career Advising](#)

[School of Human Ecology Career Development](#)

[College of Engineering Career Services](#)

[College of Agriculture and Life Sciences](#)

OPTIONAL PRACTICAL TRAINING (OPT) LINKS

ISS website about OPT employment information:

<https://iss.wisc.edu/employment/f1-employment/f-1-optional-practical-training-opt/>

OPT calculator (used to determine the dates you can apply for OPT based on your planned graduation):

https://d3dhrbkwcpstav.cloudfront.net/wp-content/uploads/sites/174/2018/10/OPT-Date-Calculator_Web.xlsx

OPT STEM EXTENSION LINKS

USCIS website for STEM eligibility:

<https://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/stem-opt-hub/eligible-cip-codes-for-the-stem-opt-extension>

ISS website about STEM OPT application process:

<https://iss.wisc.edu/employment/f1-employment/f-1-opt-stem-extension/>

OTHER HELPFUL LINKS FROM ISS

Curricular Practical Training Information:

<https://iss.wisc.edu/employment/f1-employment/f-1-curricular-practical-training-cpt/>

Academic Training Information: <https://iss.wisc.edu/employment/j1-employment/>

Information for employers who are interested in hiring international students:

<https://iss.wisc.edu/employment/employing-an-international-student/>