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 - SUCCESSWORKS
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-1optional-practical-training-opt/
OPT calculator (used to determine the dates you can apply for OPT based on your planned graduation):

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/