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May I work on campus?

If you are an F-1 student, you may work up to 20 hours a week while school is in session. You may work up to 40 hours a week when school is not in session or during an annual vacation approved by the Language and Culture Center (LCC).

How can I find jobs?

- Visit employers and ask for job information.
- Log in to your AccessUH account at accessuh.uh.edu and search jobs via the Cougar Pathway app. 

Where can I find help?

Visit University Career Services for services including:

- Career counseling
- On-campus interviews
- Vocational assessments
- Internship services
- Career fairs
- Career workshops
- Mock interviews

May I work off campus?

If you are an F-1 student enrolled in the LCC, you may not work off campus unless you have received permission from the Department of Homeland Security to do so.

May I get a Social Security number?

If you are an international student, you must have received a job offer before you may apply for a Social Security number. Once you have a job, prepare all items below and apply for a Social Security number and card at the Social Security Administration (SSA). According to SSA, all documents must be either originals or copies certified by the issuing agency. The SSA cannot accept photocopies or notarized copies of documents. Refer to *Resources* for further information.

- Application for Social Security Card, available at ssa.gov
- Birth certificate or passport
- Form I-20, Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant (F-1) Student Status, if you are an F-1 student
- Form I-94, Arrival/Departure Record, or admission stamp in an unexpired foreign passport.
- A letter from a Designated School Official in the LCC, which does all of the following:
 - identifies you
 - confirms your current school status
 - identifies your employer and the type of work you are, or will be, doing
- Evidence of employment, such as a letter from your employer, describing all of the following:
 - your job
 - your employment start date
 - the number of hours you are, or will be, working
 - your supervisor's name and telephone number

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Resources


- International Students and Social Security Numbers (in multiples languages): ssa.gov/pubs
- New or Replacement Social Security Numbers: ssa.gov/ssnumber

Contact

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