

# Strategic Job Search: International

**Presentation will begin shortly.**

UNIVERSITY of **HOUSTON** | CAREER SERVICES



# Agenda

- Learning and understanding the system
- Tools for effective Job search
- Tips, techniques and strategies
- Leveraging your skills and qualifications
- Resources

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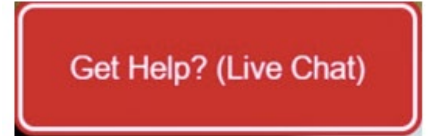




# University Career Services: Virtual Services



- **Virtual Chats** – visit [www.uh.edu/ucs](http://www.uh.edu/ucs) →
  - Monday-Tuesday: 10-11:30am
  - Wednesday-Thursday: 2-3:30pm
- **Virtual Drop-ins** – visit <http://bit.ly/SpringDrop-ins>
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- **Career Counseling Appointments** - Schedule in Cougar Pathway
- **Workshops & Events** – RSVP in Cougar Pathway



# Cougar Pathway

## **Students can:**

- Login to Cougar Pathway through AccessUH
- Schedule a career counseling appointment
- Search and apply for on-campus jobs, internships, and full-time jobs
- Upload and get resume, CV or cover letter virtually reviewed
- Schedule on-campus interviews
- RSVP or sign up for workshops, employer meet and greets and career





# Post Graduation Decision

## ***Remain in the U.S.***

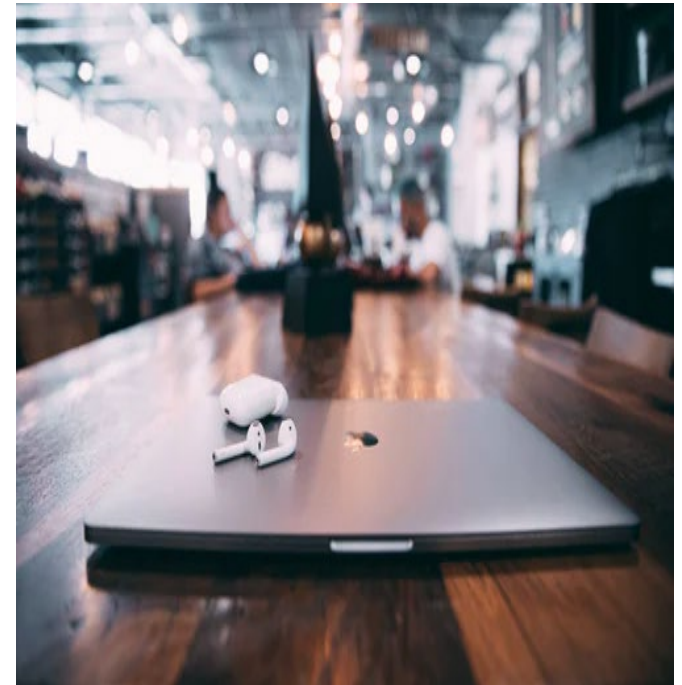
- Begin OPT
- Continue in F-1 status by beginning another degree or enrolling for a more advanced degree program
- Apply for a change in visa status, commonly...H-1B
- Seek full time employment with sponsorship

## ***Graduate and leave the U.S.***

- Move to another country
- Return to home country and achieve success with American education

# Working in the U.S.

- Learn types and guidelines for obtaining a work permit
- Career information and options
- Build a network/contacts pool
- Learn digital technology




# Working in the U.S.


- Understand the employment and hiring process and how it applies to you
- Know what is acceptable and not acceptable in the US work place
- Be willing to learn and be culturally sensitive
- Start your job search early (6 months - 1 year) prior to graduation
- Get involved in the community i.e. Volunteer
- Research, research, research

# Tools for effective Job Search

- Strategic Resume, CV's and cover letters
- Interviewing skills
- Research global companies
- **Virtual Networking**
- Verbal and non verbal communication skills
- Target companies for job leads



Accomplishments



Career Goals



Education



Experience



# Tips, Techniques and Strategy

- Be flexible and open to explore options
- Professional Dressing and grooming matters
- Practice the new skills you learn (soft skills)
- Know when/how to reveal your immigration status
- Have a plan B

# Strategy

- Utilize the resources and services of UCS
- Engage with recruiters on LinkedIn
- Every students' situation is different, focus on yourself
- Network with alumni who have been through the process
- Get involved
- Find a professional or personal mentor
- You are an asset to a companies diverse workplace needs

# Types of Communication

- Phone
- Email/mail
- In person (Limited, future unknown)
- Zoom. MS Teams, WebEx, Skype etc.
- Text/group me/WhatsApp
- Social media
- Professional networking platforms (LinkedIn)
- None



# Leverage your Skills and Education

- Identify unique skills
- Use your past experience as a marketing tool
- Use your transferable skills
- Market the fact that you are different and have something new to offer
- Understand and use your strengths

# Resources

- Social media for networking i.e. LinkedIn
- [www.myvisajobs.com](http://www.myvisajobs.com)
- [www.uniworldonline.com](http://www.uniworldonline.com) (directories of American companies operating in foreign countries and foreign companies operating in the US)
- [www.usvisanews.com](http://www.usvisanews.com)
- [www.immihelp.com](http://www.immihelp.com) (search for companies who have sponsored H1-B visa candidates)



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