

Get Prepared For a Strategic Job Search

Presentation will begin shortly.

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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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UCS Fall Virtual Services

Get Help? (Live Chat)



- Virtual Chats: 15 minute Drop-In Hours
 - *Every Monday - Friday 10am-12pm and 1pm-4pm*
- 30 min **Career Counseling Appointments** are virtual; Schedule on Cougar Pathway
- Workshops & Events are virtual
 - RSVP is required to receive MS Teams access code

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 fairs



Post Graduation Decision

Remain in the U.S.

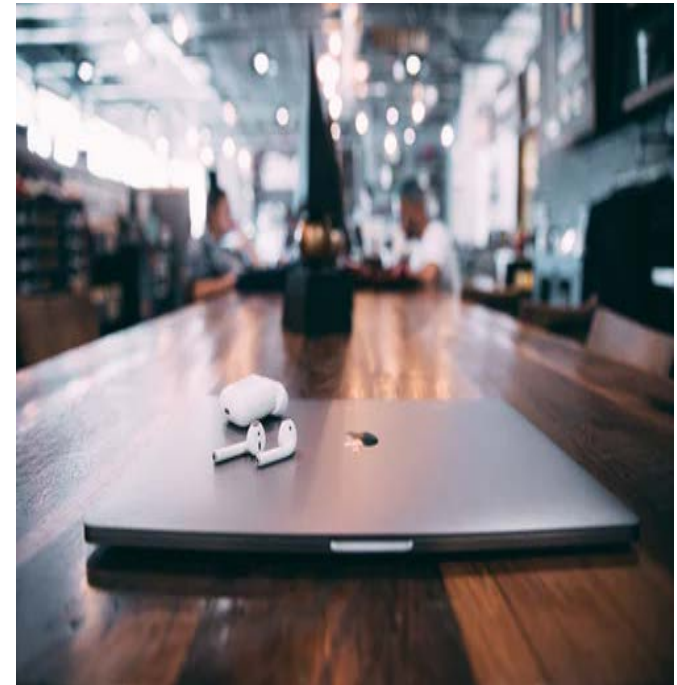
- Begin OPT
- Continue in F-1 status by beginning another degree or enrolling for a more advanced degree program
- Apply for a change in visa status, commonly...H-1B
- Seek full time employment with sponsorship

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



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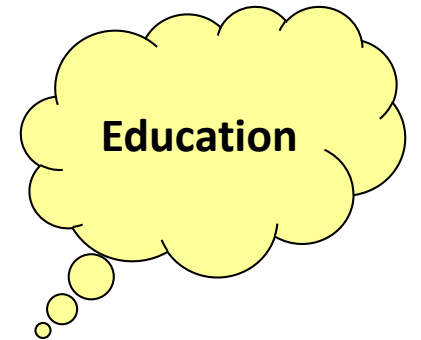
- Understand the employment and hiring process and how it applies to you
- Know what is acceptable and not acceptable in the US work place
- Be willing to learn and be culturally sensitive
- Start your job search early (6 months - 1 year) prior to graduation
- Get involved in the community i.e. Volunteer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

Tools for effective Job Search

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



Accomplishments



Education



Career Goals



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
- www.uniworldonline.com (directories of American companies operating in foreign countries and foreign companies operating in the US)
- www.usvisanews.com
- www.immihelp.com (search for companies who have sponsored H1-B visa candidates)



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