Getting ready for the Job Search
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Overview

• Learning and understanding the system
• Tools for effective Job search
• Tips, techniques and strategies
• Leveraging your skills and qualifications
• Resources
How can UCS serve students?

• Review **Resumes, Cover Letters & Personal Statements**
• Monthly workshops for **Professional/Career development**
• Cougar Pathway (Various job postings)
• Host **Career Fairs, Info Sessions & Career Events**
• Offer **1:1 Career Counseling (Drop-ins + Scheduled)**
• Conduct **Vocational Assessments for Career Exploration**
Post Graduation Decisions

- **Remain in the U.S.**
  - Begin OPT, or engage in a global job search
  - 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 (be compliant)
  - 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
Action items for remaining in the US

• Types and guidelines for obtaining a work permit

• Career information and options

• Build a professional network/contacts pool
Working in the US

• Understand the employment and hiring process and how it applies to you

• Networking is an essential part of the workplace

• 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
Tips, Techniques and Strategy

- English Language matters
- Be flexible and open to change
- Professional Dressing and grooming
- Practice the new skills you learn
- 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 student’s 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 company’s diverse workplace needs
Types of communication

- Phone
- Email/mail
- In person
- Skype
- Text/group text/WhatsApp
- Social media
- None
Leverage your Skills and Qualifications

- 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)
Thank You!