GW International Students
Spring 2018 Career Programs

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS: U.S. JOB SEARCH SUCCESS
Wednesday, January 24 / Marvin Center 309 / 2:00-4:00pm
Understand the U.S. job market and increase your competitiveness by learning job search strategies for success. Specialized international student job search resources will be reviewed and participants will craft and practice their professional introduction to employers.
Program followed by ASK*

WRITING U.S. RESUMES & COVER LETTERS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
Tuesday, January 30 / 2:00PM-3:30pm / Marvin Center 307
Learn how to write a professional resume and cover letter to succeed in the U.S. job market. Review standard resume formats, identify appropriate information to include, and write draft descriptions of your past experiences to demonstrate your top skills to potential employers.
Program followed by ASK*

CURRICULAR PRACTICAL TRAINING (CPT) & THE INTERNSHIP SEARCH
Tuesday, February 13 / 11:00am–12:30pm / Marvin Center 302
For international students in CCAS & SEAS: Learn how to implement an intern or job search and how to apply for CPT work authorization in the U.S. Co-sponsored with the International Services Office.

OPTIONAL PRACTICAL TRAINING (OPT) & THE JOB SEARCH
Thursday, February 15 / 11:00am-12:30pm / Marvin Center 302
For international students in CCAS & SEAS: Identify strategies for a successful job search in the U.S. and how to apply for OPT work authorization. Co-sponsored with the International Services Office.

INTERVIEWING IN THE U.S. FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
Thursday, February 22 / 2:00-3:30pm / Marvin Center 302
Understand the U.S. interview process and identify interview formats, questions, and communication strategies. Develop and practice your greeting, handshake, and responses to questions in this interactive workshop designed to build your interview skills.
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ALL ABOUT NETWORKING FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
Monday, February 27 / 2:00-3:30pm / Marvin Center 302
Learn about the #1 U.S. job search strategy: networking! Clarify your top skills and talents and practice networking with fellow students to enhance your job search and career success.
Program followed by ASK*

GW’s 4th ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL STUDENT-ALUMNI NETWORKING NIGHT
Thursday, March 1 / 6:30-8:30pm / Marvin Center Grand Ballroom
Attend this special event for international students to network with alumni who attended GW as international students, and are now employed in the U.S. and abroad. Learn from alumni who successfully managed a U.S/ home country job search about strategies and opportunities to build your professional future. Co-sponsored with Career Services Council, International Student Community, International Student Office, and Office of Alumni Relations.

COMMUNICATION AND CULTURE in the U.S. WORKPLACE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
Tuesday, March 6 / 2:00PM-3:30pm / Marvin Center 302
Develop effective communication skills to succeed in the U.S. workplace. Identify cultural expectations and discuss typical interactions you may encounter in U.S. internships and jobs.
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*ASK for International Students: International students are encouraged to meet with the presenter and other students immediately following the program to ask questions and clarify information.

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TOP 10 JOB SEARCH TIPS

GW INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

1. **VISIT YOUR CAREER CENTER**
   - Meet with your career coach to discuss your job search strategies

2. **PRACTICE ENGLISH DAILY WITH NATIVE SPEAKERS**
   - To prepare for success in the U.S. workplace
   - Employers rate “the ability to verbally communicate...” as a top skill required for new U.S. hires

3. **ENGAGE IN GW STUDENT LIFE**
   - To learn about American culture, including the workplace
   - Join GW student organizations and engage in campus life to understand U.S. culture/workplace

4. **INITIATE CAREER NETWORKING AND EMPLOYER RESEARCH UPON ARRIVE IN THE U.S.**
   - Over 80% of Americans find employment through networking

5. **GAIN EXPERIENCE IN THE U.S. WORKPLACE**
   - By obtaining on or off campus student employment
   - Learn about the realities of the U.S. workplace and employer expectation for employees

6. **DETERMINE YOUR SHORT/LONG TERM CAREER AND JOB SEARCH GOALS**
   - And assess your skills and strengths
   - Create and practice a networking pitch to effectively communicate your talents

7. **BRAND AND MARKET YOURSELF TO TARGETED POTENTIAL EMPLOYERS**
   - Attend alumni-student networking events to make employer contacts

8. **IDENTIFY EMPLOYERS WHO HAVE HIRED INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AND SEEK YOUR SKILLS**
   - Identify information resources online through your career center

9. **UNDERSTAND AND MAINTAIN THE REQUIREMENTS OF YOUR VISA**
   - Connect with International Services Office to Research CPT and OPT for international students

10. **BUILD RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHERS**
    - Who support your professional goals
    - Attend GW career programs and events to meet GW employers, students and staff

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