GW International Students
Fall 2017 Career Programs

U.S. Job Search Success for International Students
Wednesday, September 6
2:00-4:00pm
4:00-5:00pm Meet with the presenter if you have questions.
Marvin Center Room 309
Understand the U.S. job market and increase your competitiveness by learning top job-search strategies for success. Specialized international student job-search resources will be reviewed and participants will craft and practice their professional introduction to potential employers.

Writing US Resumes & Cover Letters for International Students
Thursday, September 7
2:00-3:30pm
3:30-4:30pm Meet with the presenter if you have questions.
Marvin Center Room 307
Learn how to write a professional resume and cover letter to succeed in the U.S. job market. Review standard resume formats, identify information to include, and write draft descriptions of your past experiences and accomplishments to demonstrate your skills.

International Students: Prepare for the Career Fair
Tuesday, September 12
2:00-3:30pm
3:30-4:30pm Meet with the presenter if you have questions.
Marvin Center Room 309
Prepare for the Fall Career & Internship Fair on September 13. Understand the U.S. job market to increase your competitiveness by learning top U.S. search strategies. Specialized international student resources will be reviewed and participants will write and practice a professional introduction to employers.

Curricular Practical Training (CPT) & the Internship Search
Tuesday, October 3, 11:00am–12:30pm
Marvin Center Room 307
Learn about the internship and job search and how to apply for Curricular Practical Training (CPT) work authorization in the United States. Co-sponsored with the International Services Office.

Optional Practical Training (OPT) & the Job Search
Thursday, October 5, 11:00am–12:30pm
Marvin Center Room 309
Identify strategies for a successful job search in the United States and learn how to apply for Optional Practical Training (OPT) work authorization. Co-sponsored with the International Services Office.

All About Networking for International Students
Thursday, October 12
2:00-3:30pm
3:30-4:30pm Meet with the presenter if you have questions.
Marvin Center Room 307
Learn about the #1 U.S. job search strategy: networking! Identify strategies to develop your verbal communication skills to promote yourself to potential U.S. employers. Clarify your top skills and practice networking to enhance your job search and career success.

How to Interview in the U.S. for International Students
Monday, October 16
2:00–3:30pm
3:30-4:30pm Meet with the presenter if you have questions.
Marvin Center Room 309
Understand the U.S. interview experience and identify interview formats, and communication strategies. Practice your interview greeting and handshake, and review responses to employees questions from employers in this interactive workshop designed to build your interview confidence.

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The George Washington University serves all GW students and alumni through a comprehensive centralized career center and specialized school-based career centers that provide career and employment resources, connections and individualized career services. The GW Center for Career Services’ programs are open to all GW undergraduate and graduate students.

The GW Center for Career Services provides individualized career services and resources for

- Undergraduate, degree-seeking students and alumni, and international exchange students from from Columbian College of Arts and Sciences, including School of Media & Public Affairs; Elliott School of International Affairs, School of Engineering and Applied Science; School of Medicine and Health Sciences; School of Nursing and the Milken Institute School of Public Health.

- Graduate, degree-seeking students and alumni, and international exchange students from Columbian College of Arts and Sciences, including School of Media & Public Affairs; School of Medicine and Health Sciences; and School of Nursing

Specialized, school-based, career services are available from the center in your school. Contact your school for more information

- College of Professional Studies: cps.gwu.edu/career-services
- Elliott School of International Affairs, Graduate Career Center: elliott.gwu.edu/career-development
- Graduate School of Education and Human Development: gsehd.gwu.edu/students#career-services
- Graduate School of Political Management: gspm.gwu.edu/career-resources
- GW Law School: www.law.gwu.edu/careers
- School of Business, Fowler Career Center: business.gwu.edu/careercenter
- School of Engineering and Applied Science Graduate Career Center: seas.gwu.edu/recruiting-career-services
- Milken Institute School of Public Health: sphhs.gwu.edu/services/career-center
- Trachtenberg School of Public Policy and Public Administration: tspppa.gwu.edu/career-advancement
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 arrival 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 expectations 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 though 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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