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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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
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