

Tips and Resources for International Students Seeking Employment in the US or Abroad

Tips

1. **Temporary Employment Services** Check with temporary employment services; students with technical degrees, graduate or professional degrees and previous work experience may find short-term assignments that could count toward the practical training option.
2. **US Companies doing business in your home country** Look for companies that have a presence in your home country. These companies are sometimes willing to provide employment for international students to work in the US for a year and then return to their home country to continue working at that company.
3. **Former international students who have started US businesses** Seek information either through your career services office or the alumni association at your current or previous university to identify former international students who may have started businesses in the US. These persons may be more willing than others to consider hiring an international student.
4. **US or Canadian government websites** Use the US and Canadian government web sites to learn about professions that allow Canadian citizens easier access to US jobs (due to NAFTA). This site will allow you to assess which careers are currently in demand in the US. Conversely, the Canadian government has identified specific career fields in demand in Canada, and have implemented programs to attract international students with US university degrees to immigrate to Canada.
5. **Use your language skills** International students have found success acquiring jobs using their language skills (e.g., ESL positions) on the coasts, especially on the East Coast of the US.
6. **Look for internet job fairs** Check the internet for information on virtual job fairs targeting international students studying in the US.
7. **US Chamber of Commerce branch in your home city** Find out if a branch of the US Chamber of Commerce exists in a major city of your home country. International Chambers of Commerce exist to promote local or national economic development in many countries throughout the world. They can be a valuable source of information on companies operating in a particular country.
8. **Look for alumni of your home country law school** Check your current or former university's alumni office for information on joining international alumni groups for the purpose of networking and taking advantage of career services for alumni.
9. **Work on your personal network** Maintain your existing networks among friends and family abroad and try to develop further networking ties in your home country. If you graduated/attended a university in your home country prior to coming to the US, your classmates could be a valuable source of potential employment information both inside and outside of the US.

There is no single resource to assist international students with US employment, however below; you will find a list of resources that may provide assistance in locating opportunities and to take advantage of your practical training option in the US.

Resources

Some sites may require a subscription. Some sites require a student to obtain a username/password from the CPDC the office is a subscriber to the service.

<http://uscis.gov> (information on regulations related to international students and working in the US)

www.h1bsponsors.com/ (links h-1b seekers and employers)

www.h1visajobs.com/ (online database of American employers offering H-1B jobs to international professionals; information on H-1B visas)

www.jobweb.com/Resources/Library/International/US_Employment_81_01.htm (articles on challenges for international students seeking jobs in the US; resume and interviewing tips; international employment links)

www.ciee.org/ (Council on International Education Exchange; short term via sponsor)

www.aipt.org/prog_index.htm (Association for International Practical Training;

www.aipt.org/prog_index.htm for global training services; J-1 visa sponsor)

www.intlcareers.org/Orderform.html (information on ordering the publication "Career Planning Guide for International Students"; guide offers information on career planning, resume and letter writing, interviewing, resources, immigration issues, working in the U.S.)

www.intlcareers.org/non-us.html (article on revealing your international student status to employers)

www.istudentcity.com/career/career_tips_basic.asp (resume, interview, and job seeking tips for international students)

www.virginia.edu/career/handouts/International%20Students.doc (information and resources on employment in the U.S)

www.internationalstudent.com/ (resume posting site; job search information; jobs)

www.jobweb.com/Research/jgenlst.htm (job listing site)

www.jerryeden.com/ijc/index.html (International Jobs Centers including positions in the U.S.)

www.weatherhead.cwru.edu/cs/cslc/studcareer/companiesoffering.htm (companies offering paid internships to international students)

www.twc.edu/INTERNSHIPS/Areas/International.htm (Internships for international students with the Washington Center)

www.bilingual-jobs.com/ (connects bilingual career professionals to employers worldwide)

www.campuscareercenter.com (job listings; information on the job search process)

www.jobsourcenet.com/ (jobs database with links to international jobs resources)

www.imex.com/imex/about.html (focuses on international trade;

www.imex.com/usa/companylist.html - lists IMEX members who do business in the US)

www.biomedscientistjobs.com/ (science careers job database)

www.careerconferences.com/ (job fairs including an MBA Fair that foreign nationals can attend)

[www.careerbuilder.com/index.htm?](http://www.careerbuilder.com/index.htm) (general jobs database)

<http://www.nafsa.org/> NAFSA: Association of International Educators

<http://exchanges.state.gov/education/fulbright> Fulbright Program

<http://www.iae.org/> IIE: Institute of International Education