International Students

Resources for the U.S. Job Search

How do I Find Information About U.S. Employers that will Hire International Students?

Although you may be eligible for internship by Curricular Practical Training (CPT), or full-time jobs by Optional Practical Training (OPT), these are only short-term work authorizations. To work long-term in the United States, it is likely you will need a H-1B sponsorship from an employer. Please contact the International Students and Scholars Office (ISSO, www.isso.cornell.edu) for more specific information about work authorization based on your particular visa status. The following online resources can help you identify potential internship or job opportunities in the US:

**Myvisajobs.com** ([www.myvisajobs.com](http://www.myvisajobs.com))

Founded in 2006 by immigrants, this site is considered the largest information portal for foreign workers seeking employment opportunities in United States. You can track the trends of H1B Visa and Green Card sponsorships by employers, industry, job title, and occupations from its annual reports for H1B Visa and Green Card.

**Handshake** ([www.cornell.joinhandshake.com](http://www.cornell.joinhandshake.com))

This web-based system includes job and internship postings (including on-campus recruiting), employer contacts, alumni mentor contacts, and campus events. You can find which employers sponsor work authorization for the international students through advanced search. Although this is a valuable resource in your job search, please consider Handshake as just one type of job search resources—not the only job search resource.

**Going Global**

This site has a H1B Visa database providing visa application listings for employers seeking to hire international professionals in the US from 2009. You can identify employers historically hired international talent based on occupation, job title, company name, and industry (you must log in with a Cornell IP address since it requires a subscription or via the CCS website, www.career.cornell.edu).

**Uniworld** ([www.uniworldonline.com](http://www.uniworldonline.com))

It may be easier to find career opportunities with employers that have branches both in the U.S. and in your home country. This site contains the information about multinational companies.

What Additional Career Resources are Available?

**CCS International Student Website**

Cornell Career Services (CCS) maintains a section dedicated to international students. In this section, you can find various resources customized for international students’ career and professional development. Don’t forget to subscribe to our bi-weekly e-newsletter, **CU INTL Career. Visit** [www.career.cornell.edu](http://www.career.cornell.edu) → Students → International Students.

**CCS Link Library**

The CCS Link Library contains various links that provide information about fellowships, internships, and resources detailing employer information and job opportunities. Don’t forget to visit your own college/school career office as it has a career website with more discipline-specific career guidance. Some colleges have alumni databases for their affiliated students. Visit [www.career.cornell.edu](http://www.career.cornell.edu) → Resources → Link Library.

**CCS Media Library**

You cannot attend any career workshop? Don’t worry! CCS Media Library provides audio and video recordings of previous presentations. Topics include interviewing skills, launching a job or internship search, career paths, networking, and more. Visit [www.career.cornell.edu](http://www.career.cornell.edu) → Resources → Media Programs.

**On-Campus Career Libraries**

Barnes Hall hosts a career library open to all Cornell students. Resources include books, journals, and test preparation materials. Several college/school career offices have libraries containing additional information that pertains to disciplines within the college or school. You may conduct an online search of all career library resources through **CCS career library database** (Visit [www.career.cornell.edu](http://www.career.cornell.edu) → Resources → Search Career Libraries).

**OptimalResumeTM** ([www.cornell.optimalresume.com](http://www.cornell.optimalresume.com))

Once you create an account, this site provides sample resumes and cover letters as well as templates to help you create your resume and cover letter. It also provides job descriptions and typical skills by linking to **O*Net**, a database of occupational information in the U.S. In addition, you can practice your interviewing skills through the Optimal Interview tool.
**On-Campus Career Events**

Programs are held year-round and include the campus-wide Career Fair held every September, panel discussions, job-search workshops, fellowship information sessions, alumni networking opportunities, and skill-specific workshops such as networking and interviewing skills. All career events or workshops are advertised on the [CCS Event Calendar](https://career.cornell.edu/Events/Calendar) and find out events or workshops that interest you today!

**What Kind of Career Assistance Can I Get from Cornell’s Career Offices?**

Cornell has career offices located across campus that can help you:
- Identify your skills, interests, and values
- Explore potential career options that build on your skills or interests
- Provide various professional development and job search resources
- Develop a job search strategy that aligns your experiences and professional goals
- Find internship and job opportunities
- Prepare internship or job application materials
- Practice for interviews
- Negotiate job offers

**Where Do I Go to Get Help?**

Students can visit their own college/school career office or the university-wide office located in Barnes Hall. If you would like to make an individual appointment with a career advisor for assistance in your career exploration and job search, please go to the office or call the office.

If you are an **undergraduate student**, contact the career office in your college/school.

If you are a **PhD/MS graduate student** seeking careers outside of academia, or a **Professional Master’s student**, [click here](https://career.cornell.edu/Graduate-Students/Assistance-with-Your-Career) or visit [www.career.cornell.edu](http://www.career.cornell.edu) → Graduate Students → Assistance with Your Career to find the appropriate career office to assist you.

If you are a **Postdoc scholar** seeking job search assistance, please visit the office of Postdoctoral Studies.

**How Do I Contact My Career Office?**

**University-Wide**
103 and 210 Barnes Hall
607/255-5296

**College of Agriculture and Life Sciences**
140 Roberts Hall
607/255-2257

**College of Architecture, Art, and Planning**
B1 W. Sibley Hall
607/254-3583

**College of Arts and Sciences**
172 Goldwin Smith
607/255-4166

**College of Engineering**
201 Carpenter Hall
607/255-5006

**College of Human Ecology**
172 Martha Van Rensselaer Hall
607/255-2988

**College of Veterinary Medicine**
S2 009 Schurman Hall
607/253-3700

**Cornell Institute for Public Affairs (CIPA)**
190 Caldwell Hall
607/255-5587

**ILR School**
201 Ives Hall
607/255-7816

**Law School**
144 Myron Taylor Hall
607/255-5873

**SCJ College of Business**
**Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management**
B63 Warren Hall
607/255-7323

**SCJ College of Business**
**School of Hotel Administration**
180 Statler Hall
607/255-6376

**SCJ College of Business**
**Graduate School of Management**
202 Sage Hall
607/255-4888