

Career Strategies for International Students

Research Hiring Trends & Employers

- **Research Trends in H1-B sponsorship**—Utilize the [H1-B Employer Data Hub](#) from the Office of U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services to learn which organizations have successfully submitted requests to employ H1-B employees
- **Follow the #NowHiring hashtag on LinkedIn**—View updated posts, articles, and topics on current hiring trends by following the hashtag and staying up-to-date on what organizations are hiring.
- **Sort and prioritize job postings by most recent first**—Use filters for job postings to see the most recent postings (e.g. Past week, past 24 hours, etc.) to narrow your search for jobs that have likely already taken any accommodations in roles and responsibilities due to COVID-19 into consideration.

Resources for Your Job Search

Use the resources below to get help with creating your resume and cover letter, practicing interviewing, and improving your online professional profiles to stay competitive in your job search.

- View the [Wildcat Career Guide](#)—includes real student resume examples, a cover letter example, and how to write stronger bullet-points to describe your experience
- [Schedule an appointment](#) Peer Coach or Career Educator—get 1:1 help with how to create, format, and tailor your resume for specific opportunities.
 - Once logged in to Handshake using the link above, select “University of Arizona Career Advising”
 - Choose the option for “Career Advising With a Peer Coach” or “Career Advising With a Career Educator”
- Get help on-demand with [Virtual LifeLab](#)—Get career help without an appointment, Monday through Friday. See website for most up-to-date hours.
- Sign up for [Design Your Search](#)—Get access to job search tip sheets, tutorials, and videos on D2L and be paired with a Career Educator to get personalized help in your search.
- Are you a graduate student? Make an appointment with the Graduate College’s Ph.D. Career Counselor, Joel Muraco.
 - Once logged in to Handshake using the link above, select “Graduate College Career Advising”

Build Skills & Expand Your Network

- Complete a [Build the Skill program](#) module—demonstrate your ability to take initiative to build your professional skills in just 10-15 hours by signing up to complete an online module in one of three areas: Leadership, Collaboration, or Professional Communication.
- Join the [Bear Down Network](#)—Access an online network exclusive to UA alumni and professionals to get advice and build connections to move your career forward.

Templates for Sending Messages

Below are examples of templates you can use to send messages to recruiters, alumni, or anyone in your professional network. Be sure to replace the text inside the brackets ([example]) with information specific to you and your message!

Message to a Recruiter in Regards to a Specific Position:

Dear Mr. /Ms. [Recruiter Last Name],

My name is [Your Name] and I recently submitted my application for the position of [job title].

My skills in [a relevant skill from job description] and [a different relevant skill from the job description] would make me a great fit for the team at [organization name]. I am excited about the potential opportunity to contribute to [organization name]'s mission of [insert an example of the mission of the company] and look forward to discussing my fit for the position in an interview.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

Message to Request to Connect with a Recruiter on LinkedIn:

Make sure your profile is updated and reflects your current skills, experience, and career goals before connecting!

Dear Mr. /Ms. [Recruiter Last Name],

I found your profile when viewing positions in [industry] and wanted to connect because of [organization name]'s reputation as [something specific to the organization mission or reputation]. With a background in [your major/program of study] and experience in [example of relevant experience], I hope to connect to learn more about how I could contribute to the team at [organization name].

Thank you for your time,

[Your Name]

Message to Connect with University of Arizona Alumni:

Hi [Alumni First Name],

I came across your profile when using the Alumni Feature on the University of Arizona page—go Cats! I am currently a [Fr/Soph/Jr/Sr/Grad Student] studying [your major] and would love to learn more about your role as a [insert title] with [organization name]. Would you be open to allowing me to ask you a few questions about your experience?

Thank you for your time and Bear Down!

[Your Name]