

NEW GRAD SURVIVAL GUIDE

top 10 ways to be successful post-graduation

Now that you have celebrated earning your degree and the dust has settled, you're probably wondering, "What's next?" Post-graduation can be a confusing time for many reasons, particularly when thinking about the next-steps you should take toward meeting and exceeding your career goals. Continue reading for some helpful tips to help you prepare for your job search process.

10. GET ORGANIZED!

Making a plan and staying organized can help ease a lot of stress during a job search. Find a way to track the jobs you are applying to and where you are with the application process.



9. DO YOUR RESEARCH

Be knowledgeable about the positions or companies you are interested in, realistic salaries based on your education and experience, and what the opportunities are like in your community.

8. MARKET YOURSELF

Update your resume and have it reviewed. Learn how to develop a cover letter. Consider developing a LinkedIn profile to enhance your online presence.



7. DON'T KEEP YOUR SEARCH A SECRET

Use your network, and have them work for you. Seek informational interviews with companies you're interested in, or where you already have connections.

6. KNOW YOUR NEEDS

Be aware of your personal finances and determine whether you can wait for the "dream job" or if you need to take one sooner that will allow you to develop transferrable skills.



5. VOLUNTEER

Get involved, gain experience, and build your resume. Volunteering can be a flexible way to start gaining experience while making connections in your local community.



4. NETWORK BEFORE YOU NEED TO

Start building connections before you need them and continue developing those relationships long after your job search.

3. SET GOALS

Identify where you are and where you want to be in your career development process. Set short and long term goals as well as action items to complete in order to accomplish each goal.

2. KNOW YOUR STRENGTHS

Get to know yourself. Be able to comfortably identify and speak to your strengths in an interview. Career Services offers a self-assessment to help you.



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