

# **Career Center Overview**

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#### **Overview**

- **1**. Career Center events and services
- 2. Resumes
- 3. Job/Internship Searching 101
- 4. Job offers & CPT





# **Career Advising Appointments**

#### **Available In-person and Virtual/online**

- Resume reviews
- Cover letter reviews
- Job/Internship search
- Interview prep
- Evaluating offers
- Career decision-making
- Enroll in Internship Success Practicum for CPT
- LinkedIn Profile Review





## Handshake virtual platform



- Schedule appointments
- Search for on-campus jobs, part-time jobs, full-time jobs, internships, co-ops, research
- Learn about events and programs

\*Upload your resume \*Apply to positions- resume approval not required







- An online tool to help you prepare and improve interview skills
  - Review video lessons
  - Browse question library
  - Practice with the mock interview tool
- Email your video recording for feedback- <u>interviews@umbc.edu</u>
- Access at- <u>my.umbc.edu/go/biginterview</u>





### **Retrievers Connect**

#### retrieversconnect.umbc.edu

- Search for alumni by major, industry, campus organization, UMBC scholar program, company, and more
- Access support network, career advice, and resources
- Easy to register with UMBC ID or LinkedIn







#### **Career Center Events**

- Large Career Fairs (Fall & Spring)
- Employer Information Sessions & Panels
- On the Road (off campus employer visits)
- Workshops

#### Research the company ahead of time!





## **Find All Career Events Here**





#### **MyUMBC Group**



careers.umbc.edu



## Fall 2022 Upcoming Events

**Resume Rescue** 

Tuesday, September 13th - 10:00 AM -4:00 PM Math/Psych - 2nd floor Monday, September 19th - 10:00 AM- 4:00 PM Online

Catch up with the Career Center Chartwells & CEI Event Center will be present Wednesday, August 31st - 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM Commons Mainstreet

Catch up with the Career Center Chartwells & CEI Event Center will be present Thursday, September 1st - 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM Commons Mainstreet Fall Career & Internship Fair Wednesday, September 21st - 11:30 AM -3:30 PM RAC

Inside Scoop: Careers in Data Science Monday, September 26th - 12:00 PM- 1:00 PM University Center 310

Diversity Recruitment Event Thursday, October 20th - 5:00 PM- 8:00 PM University Center 310





## **Resumes: The First Step**

- Resumes are used for applying to any industry job in the United States
- Resume focuses on relevant industry experience
- Curriculum Vitae (CV) emphasizes scholarly achievement
  - CV is more comprehensive/longer than a resume (3 6 pages vs. 2-pages maximum for resume)





#### **Resume Differences**

#### NON-U.S. RESUME:

 May include personal information such as marital status, religion, age

#### May include a photo

May include a list of hobbies

#### **U.S. RESUME:**

 Focuses on information that relates to the position, NOT personal details

NO photo

 Hobbies not listed (unless related to position)





#### **Resume Differences**

#### **TECHNICAL** resume:

- Emphasizes technical projects & courses
- Emphasizes a long list of technical skills
- Includes industry jargon and acronyms

#### **ON-CAMPUS JOB resume:**

- Emphasizes administrative & customer service skills
- May emphasize volunteering and activities that demonstrate these skills
- Easily understood by nontechnical people





### How to Write Your Stand-Out Resume

#### Watch this session to further learn how to craft your resume

Micro Session: How to Write a Stand-out Resume

#### Study the Career Guide:

<u>https://careers2.umbc.edu/tools/guide.pdf</u> (tech resume page 30)

#### Resume Review Options:

- Drop-ins In-person Mon-Fri 2-4 pm (15 min)
- Virtual & In-person Appointments via Handshake (30 & 60 minute)
- Request a review via email <u>resumereviews@umbc.edu</u>





## **On-Campus Jobs**

## Where to Look/Apply

- Handshake
- Specific department website/MyUMBC Groups
- Cautions
  - Differences with the resume- use non technical resume
  - Follow all instructions
  - Do you qualify?





## Sample Resources for Finding an Internship or Job

- Handshake
  - Use the Filters
  - Don't apply to every position
  - Customize your resume/ cover letter
- H-1B database in GoinGlobal
- myvisajobs.com
- LinkedIn





# **Communication with Employers: While Applying**

- Ensure all written documents are proofread and grammatically correct
- Set up a local phone number with an active voicemail. Don't let your voicemail box fill up!
- Respond promptly to any requests for more information from employers
- Schedule an appointment with the Career Center for tips and practice prior to any interviews





## **Other Examples of Professional Communication**

- When to follow-up:
  - After meeting someone at a Career Fair/Networking event send a professional email and/or connect on LinkedIn
  - After an interview ALWAYS send a thank-you email





# **Accepting an Offer**

- Once you accept an offer, you are under contract with the organization and should immediately withdraw any pending applications with other organizations.
  - This means no more interviewing
  - Applies even if your start date is not for several months

#### The Deal is Done!





## **Detecting Fraudulent Offers**

#### Three Red Flags:

- A company reaches out to you to offer you a position that you haven't applied for OR invites you to apply for a position without any previous contact/connection.
  - The latter could be legitimate but requires further investigation such as what you see below.
- The email address for the recruiter does not match the domain of the company website.
- A company is requiring you to put money forward for anything.

More on the Career Center website here: <u>https://careers.umbc.edu/fraud/</u>





#### **CPT & The Intern Success Practicum**

- Required for paid off-campus positions
- Register for the Intern Success Practicum (PRAC) using the online form in Handshake
  - FREE zero-credit, pass/fail course which accompanies a student's internship/co-op or research experience designed to develop professional competencies
- Must include an offer letter with your dates of employment
- Your registration will be processed within <u>5 business days</u>

\*It's okay to negotiate your start date\*





# Where have F-1 students worked previously?

- Amazon
- Amtrak
- Aptagen, LLC
- Bosch
- Cisco Systems
- BGE (an Exelon Company)
- Goldman Sachs
- Google
- IBM
- Intel Corporation
- PayPal







#### UMBC Upcoming Engagement Opportunity

#### UMBC's Fall Career & Internship Fair is On-Site Wednesday, September 21, 2022, 11:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. UMBC RAC Arena



## **Questions?**





