Top 10 Job Search Tips
GW International Students

1. Visit your career center
   Meet with your career coach to discuss your job search strategies

2. Practice English daily with native speakers to prepare for success in the U.S. workplace
   Employers rate “the ability to verbally communicate...” as a top skill required for new U.S. hires

3. Engage in GW student life to learn about American culture, including the workplace
   Join GW student organizations and engage in campus life to understand U.S. culture/workplace

4. Initiate career networking and employer research upon arrival in the U.S.
   Over 80% of Americans find employment through networking

5. Gain experience in the U.S. workplace by obtaining on or off campus student employment
   Learn about the realities of the U.S. workplace and employer expectations for employees

6. Determine your short/long term career and job search goals and assess your skills and strengths
   Create and practice a networking pitch to effectively communicate your talents

7. Brand and market yourself to targeted potential employers
   Attend alumni-student networking events to make employer contacts

8. Identify employers who have hired international students and seek your skills
   Identify information resources online through your career center

9. Understand and maintain the requirements of your visa
   Connect with International Services Office to research CPT and OPT for international students

10. Build relationships with others who support your professional goals
    Attend GW career programs and events to meet GW employers, students and staff

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