



# 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

