

# The job search is on: Summer edition

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The end of the school year is quickly approaching, and with the warm weather comes the prospect of jobs.

If you've put off searching for a job, don't worry. It's never too late to begin your search, whether you are looking for internships, a job post-graduation or just some extra cash. Here are some tips and resources to help your summer job search go smoothly.

## Resources

- Career Development Center
- Career Development Center's on-line resources (<http://www.hope.edu/offices/career-development/>)
- Indeed.com
- Monster.com
- Jobstop.com
- LinkedIn.com
- Professors

## Summer job

These are the lifeguard, ice-cream shop, movie theater jobs. However, there's nothing wrong with jumping into something for the summer. After all, it isn't your career. Look for something that suits the hours you want to keep. Around Hope's campus, a lot of students go away to camp and serve as counselors. However, if you want the "camp" experience and are not willing to give up your whole summer, you can always go for the YMCA day camps or an equivalent. If you don't want to work with kids, then luckily there are tons of "odds and ends" jobs, no matter where you are. If you have a place you really enjoyed working, then stick with it. However, if you really want to experiment with working around in different areas, now is the time to try being a barista or go for that lifeguard certification. If all you are looking for is something to make some extra cash, look for something that allows you to take road trips and visit your roommates or take vacations with your family. After all, you only get to enjoy the summer months as a student for so long!

## "Adult" job

If you are graduating in May and not going on to grad school (or even if you are and are just taking a gap year), this job search is the most daunting. If you want to get something lined up for right after college, then you might want to really get serious about searching. Indeed.com and jobstop.com are great places to start. However, making sure that your LinkedIn profile is up-to-date and professional looking can go a long way. A lot of jobs allow you to apply directly through LinkedIn, and often times recruiters will go through profiles if you have yours on the "public" setting. This is especially helpful for someone that is looking to start employment after the summer months; you are essentially job "searching" without actively doing so. You never know what could happen. With finding a job after college, having an updated and clean, relevant resume is also a great next step. Cut those items like your freshman year note-taking job and high school involvement with the National Honor Society. Add the experiences that relate to the job you are looking for, and make sure you know your experience well enough to talk about it in different contexts. It is always impressive in a job interview when you can relate your time as a camp counselor with something like editing (i.e. time management). Talk to your professors, parents and mentors and find out what their job search looked like. Don't be afraid of getting stuck in a job, either. If all you need is a first job to really get on your feet, go for it. The goals and careers from this point forward are really up to you.

## Internships

Just because a class doesn't require you to take an internship, that doesn't mean you should completely rule them out. Internships are great opportunity to get experience in a field or job that might interest you. Not only that, they also allow you to sample a wide variety of interests. Although a lot of internships do not pay you, you make up for the lack of pay with networking. You never know when a summer job might turn into an opportunity for work after graduation.

## Volunteering

A big part of getting a job over the summer is to make money. Most of us are poor college students, therefore looking for a volunteer position may not be ideal. However, now is the time to accept positions or volunteer because odds are you are not completely supporting yourself. A lot of people end up going home for the summer anyway, which means that housing and food is essentially taken care of. Volunteering is a great thing to put on a resume. You could easily add volunteering on the weekends at church to your schedule if you still wanted to get a summer job to make some money.