

JOB & INTERNSHIP SEARCHING IN UNCERTAIN TIMES

As countries around the world begin to open their economies, hope has been given to the rest of the world as hiring has significantly improved in these countries. In the U.S. remote job postings rose by 30%. For many, the jobs they first get out of school is not the job they necessarily retire in. Acknowledging this can cut down the stress of having to figure out your future during a time of uncertainty. Take one step at a time knowing there is no wrong 'first step', just decide what is a good step for now. Most of the world has never experienced a pandemic like this, so there will be more demand in the coming future of innovation for every industry and field of study, which can create new opportunities.

MAKE CRITICAL DECISIONS



- Over the next 3 months, 6 months, 1 year, what does a victory look like to me?
- What are the needs of my industry?
- How do my career values relate to my industry or employer of interest?
- What specifically from my background (projects, internships, jobs, volunteering) makes me qualified for this field?
- What training can I take advantage of while job searching?

ENGAGE IN SOCIAL DISTANCE NETWORKING



- Personalize your invitation to connect on LinkedIn. **Grow your network!**
- Follow up: If you are still in the hiring process, **reiterate your interest** in the position by sending an email to the hiring manager.
- **Rekindle relationships!** Share an article, comment on a post and keep in touch with past connections through LinkedIn.
- Build new relationships by requesting an **informational interview** to learn more about the professional, industry, or company.
- Support other people by **sharing your skills** with your community. Be responsive to the immediate needs of your network.

A MARKETABLE PERSON IS IN DEMAND



- Bring your **energy and personality** to your application process, interviews, and follow ups! Use your resources.
- Individualize your resume and cover letter to each position. **Reframe your skills to meet their demand!**
- **Master** your virtual interview.
 - Review the job description and prepare questions in advance.
 - Keep your space and appearance tidy and clean.
 - Limit distractions and test your technology.
- Turn your employment gap into a gain through **skill development** such as LinkedIn Learning. Be honest about your gaps in the interview!

RESOURCES

Build your skills through professional development.



LinkedIn Learning
Volunteer in Your Community
Professional Associations
Part-Time Jobs
Mentorships

Through CU Denver:

- Big Interview
- The Job Search Studio
- Leadership Series
- Career Counseling Appointments
- Internship Advising Appointments