

Application Tips for International Students

Oregon State University is proud to host international students from all over the world. To help international students in their career development, we list **job search practices customary to the United States** below. For all other international student needs such as CPT, OPT or visa status, contact the Office of International Services.

Résumé Guidelines

- For U.S. job applications, most private organizations and nonprofits require a concise one-to-two-page 'résumé'—or summary of your skills, education and work experience. While in many countries the term curriculum vitae (CV) means a concise professional summary, in the U.S. CV refers specifically to a lengthy academically-focused résumé used to apply for scientific and educational positions.
- It is not standard practice to include a picture or personal information (marital status, religion, gender) in a U.S. résumé. Only include contact information. U.S. employers are not allowed to make hiring decisions based on personal information.
- If necessary, use peers, instructors, advisors and the Writing Center to help you understand language or cultural differences relevant to U.S. applications.
- Use **VMock** to edit and review your résumé.
- Use **StandOut** to practice interviewing skills via interactive video. StandOut will give you a 'comprehensibility score' to help you assess your English language skills.

Working Abroad

- Use **GoinGlobal** to research country-specific job markets and application guidelines. Also review the H1B visa application database if you want to work in the U.S. after graduation.
- Visit the OSU Office of Global Opportunities for advice on studying, researching or interning abroad.

Tips

- Check employers' international hiring guidelines before applying.
- Visit the Career Development Center to better understand or improve your résumé according to U.S. customs.
- Verify that you are acting within the regulations for your visa.
- Schedule a mock interview with your college's career advisor or use the online StandOut tool to ensure you are prepared and confident before meeting the employer.