

Conducting an International Job Search

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Do what you can from here

Although some elements of the job search (e.g., interviewing) are difficult to do from the U.S., it is possible to make a lot of progress on your job search online. Research the organizations, companies, and opportunities that interest you by searching online, looking at classifieds in foreign newspapers, and connecting with professional associations. It is highly advantageous to enter the job search with a good sense of what might be available to you. Other strategies to consider include:

- **Seeking work with an American company that has interests abroad**
By gaining employment in a domestic company, you can build your reputation from within, then request a transfer abroad.
- **Connecting with a foreign company with operations in the U.S.**
There are plenty of international organizations with branches throughout the U.S. Think about how your skills and knowledge can be assets to them.
- **Leverage your Hamline connections**
Before you head overseas, use Piper Connect or LinkedIn to identify Hamline graduates living and working where you are targeting your search. Their on-the-ground knowledge is irreplaceable.

Consider teaching English

English is swiftly becoming the language of business, and there are many opportunities in a variety of countries for current college students and recent graduates to gain experience and exposure through teaching. It may be your ticket to other opportunities, which are much more accessible once you are living in that country. Teaching positions can be found in public or private schools, consulting firms, and corporations. Do your research to know what they offer their employees, and make sure you're dealing with a reputable employer.

Recognize the value of an internship

Internships can give you more than just on-the-job training. If you have the ability (financially, etc.) to take one on, you'll gain valuable cultural knowledge that can guide you in your future professional endeavors. Also, some countries are particularly eager to work with current American students.

Websites to check out

- www.monster.com/geo
- www.escapeartist.com
- www.overseasjobs.com
- <http://bit.ly/HUInternationalJobs>

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