SECTION 3
CAREER DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES AT MSU

Job searching in the U.S as international students can be overwhelming. But you are not alone. We have Career Advisors, Immigration Advisors and all the resources available right here on campus to help you. Find out where to find support and who can help you along the way.

How to prepare for a Career Advising appointment
MSU Career Services Network
Office for International Students and Scholars
Resources and materials
Learn about the MSU Career Services Network with support all across campus, and find the career advisor that is right for you and your interests. Career Services has advisors in every college on campus. Visit: https://careernetwork.msu.edu/services-locations/where-we-are.html

What do Career Advisors do?
Career advisors are specialists that help you explore your interests and the resources on campus, prepare for internships, interviews, and the job search process. They help with resume and cover letter creation, practice interviews, and search strategies. They can also connect you with organizations and opportunities to get ready for life after MSU. Typical career advising topics include:

- Major & Career Exploration (http://whatcanidowiththismajor.com/info.html)
- Getting Involved in Campus Activities
- Resume & Cover Letter Writing
- Job and Internship Search Strategies
- Interview Preparation and Practice Interviews
- Graduate School Options and Application Preparation
- Professional Portfolio Development
- Job Offer Evaluation & Decision-Making
- Navigating Handshake and other online tools
- Professional Networking and Using LinkedIn
- Career Fair Preparation

Online tools source: https://msucareertools.campuscareerinnovations.com

Make an appointment with a Career Advisor through Handshake.
Create your Handshake Account by visiting careernetwork.msu.edu. Handshake is MSU’s system for career advising, career events, and thousands of jobs and internships, just for MSU students.

Log into Handshake, complete your profile, and then click on the “Appointments” tab on the left-hand side of the page. Select your college or “all majors”, then choose the topic you would like. Many colleges offer “drop-in hours”, where students can come in without an appointment, as well as the main Career Advising main hub in the Student Services Building.

What should I bring to my career advising appointment?
What you bring depends on what you hope to gain from your appointment.

Are you looking for a job on campus? Would you like to learn more about the kinds of careers available with your major? Do you need your resume reviewed? Do you need help finding an internship? If you have documents you would like reviewed, bring along paper copies. If you have a specific job you'd like to apply to, bring a print out of the job description, or bring the link. You could also bring a list of questions you have or goals you hope to achieve during your appointment.

When should I see my Career Advisor? At least once a year, and at key times when you need support in your career development. Whether it be thinking about how adding a minor or major might change your career trajectory, wondering how to incorporate new experiences on to your resume or how to talk about them in interviews, preparing for career fairs, or where to find the kind of internships that will prepare you for life after MSU.
International Student Employment Guide
This is the guide you are looking at right now! This guide includes all the basics for international students, employers, and Career Advisors about international student employment.

Career Path for International Students Video
Refer to Career Path for International Students video found on The Office for International Students and Scholars’ YouTube page. It is a great way to get you started! https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zTwFHzagRio&t=63s

Career Passport
MSU’s Career Services Network has developed award-winning career guides to help students—from freshmen to seniors—prepare for life after college. Click the links below to see guides for the most popular topics, or go to http://careernetwork.msu.edu/.

Career Services International Student Webpage
This page offers career tips and links for international students, as well as information on the companies where our international graduates work -- both in the U.S. and around the world.

OTHER RESOURCES

MyVisaJobs
Reports for H1B Visas and Visa Sponsor Profiles
www.myvisajobs.com/

GoinGlobal
Provides information on employers who have petitioned for H-1B visas as well as cultural and networking information.
www.goinglobal.com/

Global Talent Retention Initiative of Michigan
Prepares international students for the U.S. job market and connects them with the region’s top employers to help fill unmet talent needs through mentorship and training programs.
www.migtri.org/

American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA)
Offers a “find a lawyer” option.
www.aila.org/

United States Citizenship & Immigration Service (USCIS)
Check out the “Services and Benefits” Section
www.uscis.gov

InternationalStudent.com
Check out the “Job Search” section.
www.internationalstudent.com

Note: OISS does not specifically endorse the resources listed above, but rather provides them for educational purposes.
MSU Career Services

The Career Services Network (CSN) offers resources and programs to build your resume writing and interviewing skills, one-on-one career advising, career workshops and fairs, and connections to jobs and internships.

In addition to the main career advising hub in the Student Services Building, there is at least one career advisor -- or an entire career office -- in every college on campus. [link to CSNmap]

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CareerServices@csp.msu.edu
http://careernetwork.msu.edu/
Mon-Fri: 8:00am - 5:00pm

Office for International Students & Scholars (OISS)

OISS can explain your U.S. work authorization options, assist you with the proper documentation, and give you tips on how to talk to employers about your immigration status.

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Walk-In Advising Hours: Monday-Friday, 1-3pm