

CAREER RESOURCES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

career.vt.edu/job-search/search-tools/career-resources-for-international-students.html

Campus Resources

CAREER AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

career.vt.edu

Meet with the liaison to your college or meet with Steven White, the liaison to the Cranwell International Center, to discuss your career journey!

CRANWELL INTERNATIONAL CENTER

international.vt.edu

The Cranwell staff can provide you with information on Optional Practical Training (OPT), Curricular Practical Training (CPT), and Academic Training. They can also provide you with all immigration information you need as you prepare to enter the world of work!

INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE STUDENT SERVICES

[graduateschool.vt.edu/
international-students.html](https://graduateschool.vt.edu/international-students.html)

IGSS staff can offer immigration information, as well as Optional Practical Training (OPT) and Curricular Practical Training (CPT) information to graduate students.

Online Resources

GOINGGLOBAL

[vt.joinhandshake.com "Resources"](https://vt.joinhandshake.com/Resources)

Information on H-1B visas, an employer directory, and an international job/internship search engine. GoinGlobal also has guides for 40 countries and 47 US cities, including resources and advice for searching in the US and abroad.

U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES

uscis.gov

USCIS is a government website with updated information about all visas, including F-1 and J-1. Information on CPT, OPT (and OPT Stem Extension), Academic Training, and H-1B visas can be found on this website.

H1BASE

h1base.com

Information on H-1B, H4, H2B, TN1, E3, and J1 visas, as well as green cards/permanent residency. Articles with job search and visa tips.

MY VISA JOBS

myvisajobs.com

H-1B visa database, job search engine, E-Verify database, and prevailing wage resource.

JOB SEARCH TIPS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

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KNOW YOUR WORK AUTHORIZATION OPTIONS

Speak with your immigration advisor in Cranwell International Center or International Graduate Student Services to find out work options you have based on your visa status.

GROW AND USE YOUR NETWORK

Make connections with people in your field and across campus and create a free LinkedIn profile to start building your network.

PREPARE A U.S. STYLE RESUME AND COVER LETTER

Resumes and cover letters differ in each country. Visit Career and Professional Development to create your own winning resume and cover letter.

DEVELOP YOUR INTERVIEW SKILLS

Complete a mock interview with a career advisor to learn how to best sell yourself to an employer. Your advisor can help you learn the American business communication style and attire, too.

FIND COMPANIES THAT HIRE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Career and Professional Development has resources that can show you companies that have hired international students in the past.

GET INVOLVED AND GET EXPERIENCE

In addition to a strong academic background, employers want to see that students have work-related experience. Getting involved on campus and in the community can make you a more competitive candidate.

BE CAREER READY

Employers are looking for candidates that have developed career-related skills, such as communication, leadership, and teamwork. Being an international student gives you unique talents and experiences. Meet with a career advisor who can show you how to sell this to an employer.

PREPARE A BACK UP PLAN

Have a back-up plan prepared in case you aren't able to secure a position in the United States.