

Advice from Recent Grads on their Job Search Experiences

Going out on the job market can be a scary undertaking. Many college students are apprehensive about starting as it's a new and unfamiliar experience that can be frustrating, mysterious and strange all at the same time. But if you make yourself work through that fear and the sometimes awkward, uncomfortable moments when you feel you are all alone in the world, the end result promises to be great. To help you get a better understanding of the process we asked some May 2013 graduates what advice and recommendations they have to make your experience a bit easier. Take a look at what they had to say.

*"I recommend you start looking for a job in December before graduation. Email your contacts and ask for 15 minutes via phone or face to face if possible, to ask for advice and questions about their experiences in the business world. The more connections you make in December, the better off you will be reaching out in May. And tell **everyone** you know that you are looking for a job. Reach out to any family and friends and let them know you will be on the job market shortly and are serious about locking down a position.*



Working with a recruiter was a good experience for me. I worked with a recruiter that was in my sorority at a different college. She gave me great interview and knowledgeable advice. She also set up multiple interviews for me, and monitored my progress for months prior to graduation. Then, once you get a job send all those people who helped you a thank you note.

It was truly surprising to me how many people were willing to talk to me about their experiences via informational interviews. Many of these people became my closest advocates, and provided invaluable advice. You just have to reach out."

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"In searching for a job you definitely have to be open for anything. Prior to conducting my job search, I interned at a variety of organizations in New Orleans and in California. My biggest surprise was definitely the timing and pace of the job search. I remember applying for a position at a company and never hearing back from them. I was never worried about the job search, but I did grow concerned a few times. Then, out of nowhere, I was contacted about a position at another company. Sometimes the job search can be very slow and other times it can be extremely fast paced and companies want you to fly out for a weekend to conduct an interview.



I also advise to be prepared for anything and to go wherever the job is at the moment. Don't be picky about location. I was always prepared for the possibility and knew I might need to relocate to a new city. For example, I never thought I would end up in Ann Arbor at the Google offices, but I love my new location and am enjoying my time here."

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