

Job Search

Before you begin, consider the following:

- Take the time to visit relevant student support services available to you at UFV:
 - Complete a <u>career assessment with a Counsellor</u> for career counselling.
 - Book a Career Coaching appointment to receive feedback on your job applications.
 - Meet with an <u>Academic/Peer Advisor</u> to align your career interest and academic studies.
 - Need accessibility/accommodation support? Visit <u>Centre for Accessibility Services</u>.
- Start reading on the types of positions and work you may pursue in the future.
- Reflect on your values and identify strengths and weaknesses to focus on where to upskill.
- Review your course syllabus/materials and draw connections to job descriptions.

Starting your Job Search:

Stay involved and stay up to date with current industry trends – Sign up for company/industry/journals/news for newsletters and participate in professional associations, attend industry events, and career fairs.

Research organizations in your field – Learn more about their vision, mission, and values.

Gain volunteer experience – Engaging in community experience with local organizations or with professional associations to grow your network when giving back and helping others.

Create and maintain a LinkedIn profile – Employers often look on LinkedIn for interested candidates. You can also begin expanding your LinkedIn network by starting with your closest social circle; from your friends, peers, professors, and even staff at UFV!

Observe job postings – Pay attention to keywords and qualifications you may not have incorporated into your resume already. Consider focusing on upskilling or gaining experience through special events. You may be eligible to have your experience funded through the <u>Student Experience Fund</u>.

Practice your interview – Take the time to review common interview questions and look up what the STAR method means! The more you practice, the more confident you are in your response.

Always apply on companies' websites – If you see a job posted on a third-party job board such as Indeed, do not forget to check if that job posting is still active on the actual company's website.

Discover your NOC code – Visit <u>WorkBC Career Profiles</u> and look up a job title. Note the NOC number (National Occupation Classification) can provide you with labour market statistics, related careers, job titles, and even top 10 relevant workplace skills.

Update your resume – Continuously revise your resume throughout your job search process. If you find that you are not hearing back, then it's time to do a check in with our Career Coach!



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Networking can take on many forms!

Job postings account for only a fraction available job that is posted online. This leaves most jobs to be advertised by word of mouth or revealed through a "hidden job market" from referrals. Expand your network by talking to friends, family, acquaintances, faculty, staff, peers, and colleagues. You never no who could lead you to a new opportunity just by starting an in-person or virtual coffee chat.

Be sure to watch out for employment and job scams!

Learn how to avoid them. If you are unsure if it is a scam, please contact <u>careercoaching@ufv.ca</u> to receive confirmation. For more information see <u>Job and Employment Scams</u> and also <u>the Little Black</u> Book of Scams 2nd Edition.

Suggested online job search websites

UFV CareerLink

ufv-csm.symplicity.com/students/

General job search sites

Western Canada Job Board Indeed Networking and Search Engine for Jobs Talent Egg Job Postings

Workopolis
Career Builder

Canada's Top 100 Employers

Monster Simply Hired Wow Jobs CareerJet Glassdoor www.bcjobs.ca
www.indeed.com
www.linkedIn.com
www.talentegg.ca
www.jobpostings.ca
www.workopolis.com
www.careerbuilder.ca
www.eluta.ca
www.monster.ca
www.simplyhired.ca
www.wowjobs.ca
http://www.glassdoor.com

Government job search sites

Government of Canada Job Search
Youth Digital Gateway
Job postings in BC
BC Provincial Government Job search
Municipal postings within Canada
Fraser Valley Local Government
Human Resources for the BC Public Service

www.jobs.gc.ca
youth-jeunesse.service.canada.ca
www.workbc.ca
www.jobbank.gc.ca
www.civicjobs.ca
www.fvlgjobs.ca
www2.gov.bc.ca/myhr

Questions? Book an appointment with a Career Coach online at www.ufv.ca/jobs