

THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND FOR A JOB SEARCH

One of the major college education goals is to land a satisfactory job in which you can use your knowledge and skills to fulfill your professional and personal dreams. As such, the job search process is critically important to becoming an independent and productive citizen.

The job market and personal aspirations can vary a great deal. It is almost impossible to generalize any specific meaningful tips. However, there are several things you can do to make your job search process more effective.

General Preparation

- ❖ Take necessary course work in the general field that you are interested in and that fits well with your knowledge and skills
- ❖ Obtain internship experience related to the field of your interest, if possible
- ❖ Obtain research experience if feasible
- ❖ Build up transferrable skills -- broad knowledge base, critical thinking and communication skills (interpersonal, writing, etc.)
- ❖ Search for opportunities
- ❖ Submit applications online or reach out for any network opportunities (alumni, family and friends...)
- ❖ Get the support materials ready if required (recommendation letters, resumes, etc.)

Application Preparation

- ❖ Visit the University career center (<http://www.salisbury.edu/careerservices/>) to obtain info on internships, job openings, resume writing, job interview tips
- ❖ Speak to professors, particularly in your track, for possible advice and letters of support
- ❖ View department bulletin boards on geography and earth sciences job/career opportunities
- ❖ Visit professional websites: www.aag.org/careers and <https://www.agiweb.org/workforce/>
- ❖ Get on some social network sites: LinkedIn, Facebook etc.
- ❖ Get motivated -- it may take longer to get a job during tough economic conditions
- ❖ Be flexible -- take on any job, even if not directly related to the field. It may lead to other opportunities