Getting Ready for the Faculty Job Search?

Going on the Market? Time to Get Started on those Applications

Faculty job postings for Fall 2020 will start appearing in just a few short weeks, so it’s a good idea to get started this summer. Learn more about how to use the next few weeks to set yourself up for job search success. Here are some tips to get started.

Register for the Year’s Retreat and Learn Lessons from Past Years

Wednesday, July 31, 12:30 - 5 p.m., Levi's Faculty Center, third floor

Register by July 24

Going on the faculty job market soon? Join us for valuable advice from our Career Development staff and from faculty who have served on search committees at a range of institutions. You’ll learn how to be strategic about your search, how to craft application documents that stand out, and more. This special afternoon seminar includes presentations, hands-on activities, and a panel that will get you ready to apply for faculty jobs this fall.

Curious what sorts of things you’ll learn at the retreat? Every year is unique, but check out lessons learned from our 2016 program.

Feeling Isolated in Your Job Search?

Lessons From a Grad Student Job Search Support Group

In my role at the Graduate College of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where I regularly lead group programs focused on career exploration for graduate students, I am constantly struck by how much students benefit from spontaneous group discussion. Seeing how the dynamic, unexpected element of open dialogue can reveal new insights, I grew eager to develop a program for students to engage with peers about the job search in this sustained and collaborative way.

So this spring, I started the first-ever job search support group for graduate students at the University of Illinois. Over four weeks, around 12 master's and Ph.D. students from across disciplines came together for weekly, 90-minute meetings focused on one component of the job search: assessing fit from a job ad, crafting application materials, interviewing strategies, networking, and so forth. I planned for the sessions to be highly interactive, with most of the time designated for participants to tell stories, ask questions and reflect on their job search experiences together.

Read more.

Where Are They Now?: Faculty Jobs

Even with a career in academia, individual career paths can differ greatly. In our Where Are They Now? series, we’ve interviewed dozens of recent Grad College alums to learn how they got where they are. Here are some who have chosen to stay in academia:

- Marlies Fernandez, PhD in RST, 2015; Assistant Professor at Clemson University
- Michael Santanta, PhD in Math, 2016; Assistant Professor at Grand Valley State University
- Michelle Voss, PhD in Psychology, 2011; Assistant Professor at University of Iowa
- Adam Brandt, PhD in Animal Sciences, 2014; Assistant Professor at St. Norbert College

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