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**Job Search of International Students  
- MCB GSA Career Week -**

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The Career Center

## What I can't cover today

- VISA questions : NIW and other visa options other than H1B
  - Please attend immigration attorney events posted on Handshake and/or consult with immigration attorneys who are more experienced in helping people from your home country

# Frequently Made Mistakes

- Apply online and Wait...
- Never ever used LinkedIn
- Understand somewhat the value of networking and then send emails/LinkedIn messages asking if the person can help your job search – no response in many cases!



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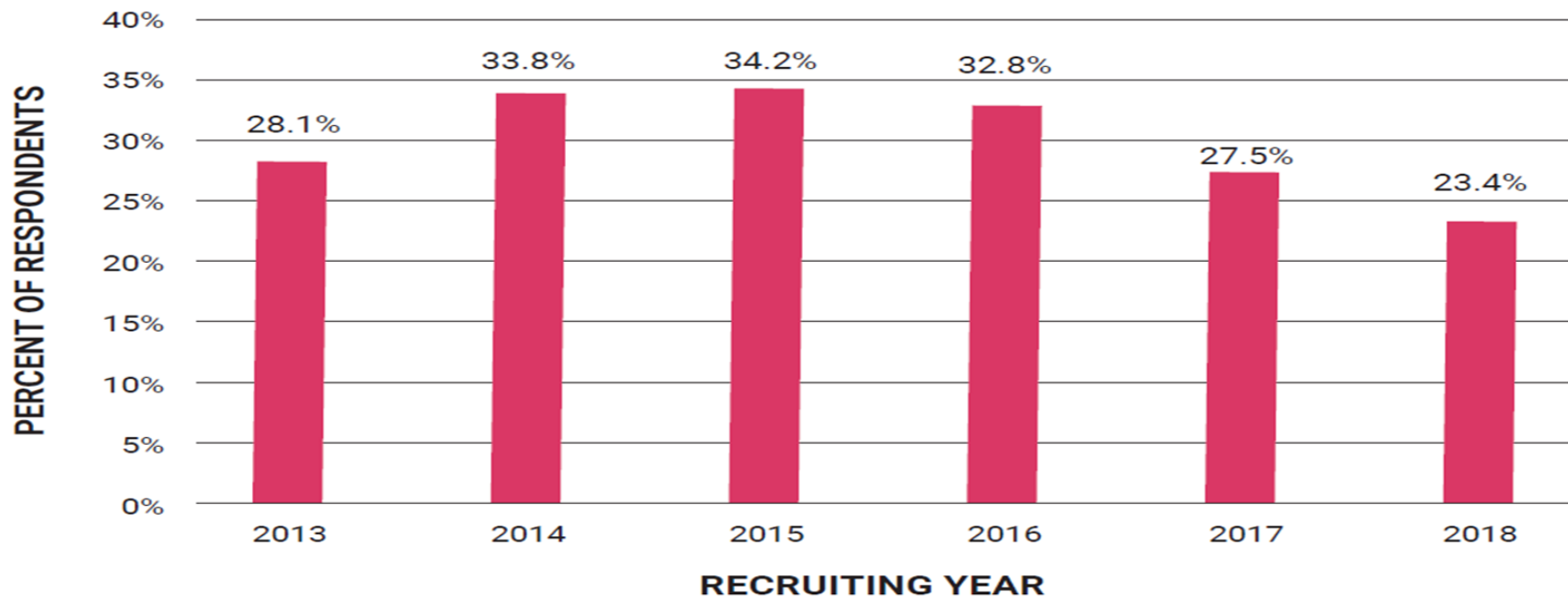
## What We Should Know

- Still many employers consider hiring international job seekers who have good hard and soft skills pertinent to the positions!
- Many employers don't hire international job seekers only after reviewing their resumes. They tend to trust more referrals from employees and/or industry professionals.
- So, networking may be painful for most of people but it is more necessary for international students!

# Where to Start from: International Friendliness

- Set a search strategy that aligns with your professional goals and employers' "international-friendliness"

## International Student Hiring Plans



# International Friendly Companies on the Career Center's international student page

## Work Authorization

International student employment in the U.S.

### F-1 Students



Curricular Practical Training (CPT) is work authorization for F-1 students during the program of study. It is granted to students who are enrolled in a course which requires or strongly recommends work experience. The course must be a part of the established curriculum. Optional Practical Training (OPT) is granted to F-1 students after completion of all required coursework. Employment must be related to the field of study and degree level.

International Student and Scholars Services (ISSS) holds workshops and provides individual advising about F-1 work authorization.

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#### Recommended

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<a href="#"> Companies Hiring Undergraduates for CPT and OPT</a>	32.21 KB
<a href="#"> Companies Hiring Graduate Students for CPT and OPT</a>	70.21 KB


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# Myvisajobs.com

- The best site to track the trends of their H1B and Green Card sponsorships
- Keep in mind most companies can hire you and sponsor your visa as long as you are an outstanding candidate!
- 2018 H1B Visa Reports
  - Top 100 H1B Visa sponsors
  - Top H1B Visa sponsors by state, city, occupation, industry, job title and Green Card country of citizenship



# LinkedIn Alumni Data

 University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
Career Insights Change university 

Attended  Start year: 1900 to End year: 2018

🔍 Search alumni by title, keyword or company

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2,707 alumni

Cell/Cellular and Molecular Biology  biology [Clear all](#)

Where they live + Add



2,636 · United States



1,255 · Greater Chicago Area



341 · Urbana-Champaign, Illinois Area

Where they work + Add



154 · University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign



39 · Carle Foundation Hospital



29 · University of Illinois at Chicago

What they do




687 · Healthcare Services



679 · Research



346 · Education

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# US Job Search Resources

## Full time jobs/internships

- Simplyhired.com
- Indeed.com
- LinkedIn Jobs



what

job title, keywords or company name

where

city, state or zip code

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# Job Titles and Tasks

- O\*Net Online (onetonline.org)
- LinkedIn profiles



The screenshot shows the O\*NET OnLine website. At the top left is the 'o-net' logo. To its right is the text 'O\*NET OnLine'. On the far right is a search icon. Below the logo and text is a navigation bar with four links: 'Help', 'Find Occupations', 'Advanced Search', and 'Crosswalks'. The main content area features a large banner with a construction crane silhouette against a sunset sky. The banner text reads: 'Build your future with O\*NET OnLine. Welcome to your tool for career exploration and job analysis! O\*NET OnLine has detailed descriptions of the world of work for use by job seekers, workforce development and HR professionals, students, researchers, and more!'. A blue button with a right-pointing arrow and the text 'What is O\*NET?' is located at the bottom right of the banner. Below the banner is a search bar with a key icon on the left, the text 'Occupation Search', and a search input field. The input field contains the text 'Keyword or O\*NET-SOC Code:'. A search icon is on the right side of the input field.

# Global Job Search Resources

## Full time jobs

- Goinglobal country guides
- Indeed.com country website
- Monster International

<http://www.monster.com/geo/siteselection/>



## Internships

- AIESEC
- Ihipo.com
- Idealist.org (NGO jobs)
- Local job sites



## **Suggestion 1: Myvisajobs.com-driven Way**

1. Identify INTL friendly companies through Myvisajobs.com job title or occupation search function
2. Identify and connect with people who are working for those companies
3. Refer to those people in your job cover letters, elevator pitches and career fair talks with recruiters

*\* Utilize the Uniworld DB to identify companies who came from your country or the US companies who are operating in your country (<https://www.uniworldbp.com/search.php>)*

## Suggestion 2: LinkedIn-driven Way

1. Identify companies where people have similar backgrounds by using the LinkedIn industry and keyword search
2. Check the employment trend of these companies through Myvisajobs.com
3. Connect with these people – reach out, do an informational interview, and find out if jobs are coming out
4. Refer to those people in your job cover letters, elevator pitches and career fair talks with recruiters

