

CAREER SERVICES

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The university is committed to providing students with a comprehensive set of career exploration and professional development services, including assistance in identifying career and major interests, developing skills and experience through academically relevant work and experiential learning opportunities, preparing professional job/intern application materials, educating students on job search strategies, and preparing students for interviews. In addition to serving UI students and alumni, Career Services also provides assistance to academic departments and employers. Career Services provides University of Idaho students and alumni with services and resources that empower them as they make critical life decisions and pursue career success. We enhance classroom learning by facilitating career exploration, experiential learning opportunities, and access to future employers.

Career decision making and professional development services are available to UI students and alumni of all majors. In today's job market, well-educated job candidates with relevant work experience are highly desired. Career Advising Liaisons help students prepare for employment by providing career education through workshops, career classes, group presentations, and individual advising sessions. The Career Services office serves students at all stages of career development, from making decisions on their major and career interests to identifying and participating in experiential learning opportunities (internships, jobs, research experiences, and service-learning courses) to applying for professional careers upon graduation. A strong emphasis is placed upon the value of experiential learning. Students are encouraged to participate in a variety of activities to apply classroom theory in a real-life setting, clarify their educational and career goals, gain practical skills and experiences, and learn more about themselves, their community, and their future professions.

In addition to career guidance provided by Career Advising Liaisons, Career Services also sponsors numerous professional events that connect students with potential employers. Some of these events include on-campus interviews, career fairs, etiquette dinners, and networking nights. These events connect students with hundreds of employers seeking candidates for their full-time, internship, and summer employment opportunities as well as graduate and professional school opportunities.

Career Services also promotes civic engagement and hands-on learning through the Service Learning Center. By training faculty on the service-learning pedagogy and providing support for service-learning projects, a growing number of students experience a much deeper level of learning through participation in service projects within their courses.