Resources & Tips for International Students: Job & Internship Search

- Meet with your Career Advisor regularly to set goals, create a plan, review your efforts, gain additional feedback and insight and monitor your activities. You can schedule an appointment with your Career Advisor HERE.
- Learn off-campus work authorization and employment visa options. As a student you need to able to
 articulate your work authorization options as not all U.S. employers are experienced in hiring
 international candidates. To learn more about employment options such as CPT or OPT, check out the
 International Student and Scholar Services page. If you have detailed questions, meet with the ISS
 Advisor Ryan Monahan at rmonahan@rwu.edu or discuss your concerns with your Career Advisor.
- Develop communication and interpersonal skills. It is important for you to understand the cultural/ behavioral expectations in the U.S. as well as improve your English skills. Employers will expect you to communicate with your colleagues effectively.
 - o For support with written communication, you can visit the Writing Center at RWU.
 - To practice your interviewing and verbal communication skills, log into Big Interview by going to rwu.biginterview.com, click register, enter '1956' for the organization code, and create your account. From there, you can access all of Big Interview's lessons/instructional content.
- Learn more about cultural/behavioral expectations in the U.S. and typical American interview etiquette. Start with this overview of what to expect in an American job interview.
- Research international employee friendly employers by using multiple job search resources
 - Myvisajobs.com
 - USCIS H-1B Employer Data Hub
 - Zippia H-1B Visa Jobs From Visa-Friendly Employers
 - o Handshake
 - View the <u>Filtering Employers by Work Authorization on Handshake Guide</u> to find employers that are Visa-Friendly, do not require a visa, and/or accept OPT/CPT.
- Pursue multiple versions of your future by exploring your options and applying for positions in the U.S. and your home country.
- Get involved in extracurricular opportunities and activities on campus. Joining a club or organization
 will allow you to gain valuable experiences to be added to your resume for jobs or internships. <u>Click</u>
 <u>here</u> for a list of clubs at organizations at RWU.
- To build your work experience, you can also get a job on campus. View on campus employment opportunities <u>HERE</u>.
- For information about when & how to reveal your status, check out our guide: When and How to Reveal Your Status to an Employer.