

Alumni Survival Guide

ASU Career
Services
Arizona State University

Graduating is just the beginning. This Alumni Survival Guide is here to help you navigate life after college with confidence. Below, you will find practical tips, essential resources and insights as you transition into the next chapter. Whether you're searching for your first job, building your professional network or managing life's changes, this guide will be your go-to resource to thrive as a new graduate.

Top Career Tips for New Alumni

Update Your Resume and LinkedIn

Highlight your degree, projects, internships and leadership experiences. Keep your LinkedIn profile current to attract recruiters.

Keep Learning

Continue developing skills relevant to your field through online courses, workshops or certifications. Look at resources like Forage, LinkedIn Learning or Coursera to keep advancing your skills.

Practice Interviewing

Prepare for behavioral and technical questions. Use the STAR method (Situation, Task, Action, Result) to structure your answers.

Stay Organized

Create a job application tracker to manage deadlines, contacts and follow-ups efficiently.

Tailor Every Application

Customize your resume and cover letter for each job. Use keywords from the job posting to pass automated screenings.

Activate Your Alumni Network

Reach out to alumni in your field for informational interviews. Ask about their career journeys and advice for breaking in.

See [upcoming events](#) to stay connected with alumni.

AI and the Job Hunt

Is AI okay to use for job hunting? Yes, but there are specific strategies to try if you want to be effective and ethical, check them out [here](#).

Resources

ASU Career Services

ASU Career Services is here for you after graduation. You still have access to our online resources, appointments and events.

Job Search Platforms

- [Handshake](#)
 - [LinkedIn Jobs](#)
 - [Indeed](#)
 - [Industry-specific job boards](#)
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Share your Story

Do you have a career-related experience you'd like to share? We're looking for Sun Devils with inspiring stories to highlight and celebrate.

Forks Forward

Are you looking for more guidance and tips for moving forward after your degree? Join us for our Forks Forward series each semester or watch recordings of previous sessions!

ASU Alumni Association

There are more than 650,000 alumni all around the world. Meet other Sun Devils, just like you, wherever you are!

Final Note

Remember, your first job doesn't define your entire career. Be open to opportunities, keep growing your skills and connections and trust in your abilities as you build your future.