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Navigating the non-academic job market

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EXPLORE WHAT'S OUT THERE

- 1. <u>Start early</u> --- there are so many possibilities!
- 2. Find out what previous grads are up to
- 3.Use LinkedIn, Indeed, Reach Hire, government websites, university websites, etc.
- 4.Search job sites using key titles, skills, and softwares

IMPORTANCE OF NETWORKING

- Think of it as simply talking to people about your work and interests
- → <u>Start early</u> this networking is not necessarily about finding a job, but often pays off down the line
- Don't hesitate to reach out to people in jobs you're interested in

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"There may not be an "ideal" full-time permanent position right away, but short-term contracts can help to build skills that eventually land you a stable position."

WRITING A RESUME AND COVER LETTER

While resumes show what you've done, cover letters make the connection between what you've done and what you've gained from those experiences.

- Break down the work you've done into relevant skills: research, planning, communication, ability to synthesize information, etc.
- Think about the terminology used in the job ad; your cover letter and resume should mirror this language
- Always seek feedback on your documents

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