

Finding a Job in a Time of Uncertainty

Top 5 Tips from Produce Industry Leaders

As a recent graduate, you might be wondering how to break into this uncertain job market. With the world seemingly turned upside down, focus on what you can control by responding to job postings and networking as well as being mindful of staying positive.

Here are some tips for building connections, finding work and jump starting your career path, even if you aren't starting where you had hoped. You never know, you might discover another path you're even more excited about.

1. Be Flexible

You might have to consider accepting an internship, temporary or contract work just to get your foot in the door. Even if a job is not your ideal job, there may be opportunities to develop skills that you can leverage later when applying for future jobs.

2. Continue to Reach Out and Network

Stay connected and build professional relationships in a social distancing world. Join professional interest and industry groups online and interact with similar professional social accounts to expand your network and improve your online profile. Connecting with professionals on different social media platforms is becoming a critical factor in hiring decisions.

3. Job Searching is not a Numbers Game

It isn't about how many resumes you send out. Concentrate on identifying your values, strengths, and focus on employers and roles that closely align with your values and skills. Then, continue to research the organization to create a tailored application to fit for each role, not just any job.

4. Keep Improving Your Skills

Continuing to learn and hone your skills while searching for a job demonstrates that you're adaptable and eager to grow.

5. Your Personal Brand and Standing Out

Emphasize what you can offer an organization and how you could contribute in the role you're applying for using the skills and qualities you bring to the table. Companies are most interested in what you can do for them and why they should choose you over other applicants.

Additional Resources

To assist you with your job search and interview preparation, visit the Resource Page at:

→ www.centerforgrowingtalent.org

- *Navigating Your Path to Success Resource Booklet*
- *Nailing that Video Conference Interview Video*