Tips & Tricks

Scholarship Opportunity | Due February 16th
If you are currently employed by UCSD (departmental) work over 25 hours a week, you may qualify for a Scholarship Opportunity due February 16th. For more information and to apply, go to: studentwork.ucsd.edu/scholarship

Get Work-Study?

What is Work-Study?
Work-Study is a type of financial aid that the government funds for work-study. The Federal Work-Study Office awards work-study to eligible students as part of their Federal financial package. Work-Study allows able-bodied students to earn money for personal and educational expenses while remaining eligible for other financial aid.

Who qualifies for Work-Study?
- You qualify if you are a full-time student
- Eligible U.S. citizenship, permanent resident or undergraduate student
- Must need financial aid

You may earn up to half of your financial aid award through college work-study.

Questions or comments? E-mail work-study@ucsd.edu.

Alumni Spotlight

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Q: What's one thing you wish you knew as an undergrad?
A: You're going to do a lot of grunt work. You're going to go into an entry level job that pays next to nothing and you do almost everything and that's okay. That is how you build your experience. But don't work to the point where you have no personal life. Take care of yourself and don't become discouraged until you scheduled an appointment with the student employment office.

Q: How did your experience as an undergrad at UCSD help you find your first position after graduation?
A: As an undergrad I was mainly focused on academia but I knew I had to gain some real world experience. So I explored the career services center and I was advised to apply to UCSD career services center as a student employment analyst and the non part-time office work experience, and that's how I found my first position.

Q: What advice do you have for students? What about students about to graduate?
A: Always remember UCSD as your second family. You can always come back here when you're working and be a volunteer or a mentor, you can talk to the counselors at the career services center. I encourage you to get involved. As an undergrad I didn't utilize the career services center as much as I could have. I wish I knew that I could reference back to it, whenever I got a call back.

Q: What mistakes did you make during the job search and how did you fix them?
A: I would just write down a bunch of job numbers without really reading the posting or really reviewing the emails I sent out. I learned to read the postings carefully and the emails carefully, mine and the employee's. I used to just send my email and copy my award information to the job interview. If you already work on campus, notify the timekeeper about your current student employment. If you are currently employed on campus, need assistance, guidance or need help resolving conflict with-...