

Every year, the Career Center surveys new UW alumni. Below are some quotes from 2011-2012 undergraduate & graduate level alumni regarding how they found their jobs. If you need help finding a job, let us know!

### **Internships & Jobs:**

- "The distinguishing factor that separates those of my peers with engineering positions and those that don't seems to be internships."
- "I was lucky enough to have connections from past internships that led me to my current position."
- "Doing internships through my dept. gave me the familiarity to be a frontrunner when the position came up."
- "Making the most of my teaching internship was the single most important part of my job search. Getting to know the principal and teachers at my school was sooo important in keeping my name active as principals were filling positions over the summer."
- "I started working in my current department at the University of Washington as a work-study participant. It is because of work-study that I am still here today, as a permanent employee."

### **Networking:**

- "The reason I got the job I did was because of people I knew and connections I had."
- "Networking with peers and mentors helped me get this job."
- "I obtained this job by way of alumni networking connections."
- "My department's mentor program was very, very helpful to my career search and networking."
- "Working on a real project with a professor helped me build contacts, which in turn was helpful in my job hunt."
- "My success in finding a position relied entirely on personal networking."

### **Utilizing Departmental Resources:**

- "My department adviser was the biggest help in achieving my current job."
- "The job I had begun as a paid internship that I found out about from my departmental majors listserv."
- "I found my job through reaching out to faculty in my department."
- "I got my job because a manager contacted my advisor and asked to get interested applicants directly."
- "I got my current job through an internship I found out about via my advisor."

### **Career Fairs:**

- "Career fairs were likely the best outlet that I used."
- "Career fairs were instrumental in getting internships and my fulltime position."
- "I went to a career fair, gave a company my resume, and got a phone interview a few months later."
- "Being plugged into the network and getting experience networking through Career Center events and job fairs definitely honed the skills that ended up connecting me with my current opportunity."

### **HuskyJobs & On-Campus Interviews:**

- "HuskyJobs was a really great help for finding internships."
- "HuskyJobs rocks!"
- "HuskyJobs was the sole reason I found my job. Applying to jobs through company sites or recruiters did not work nearly as well as HuskyJobs."
- "I found my job after college on HuskyJobs! AND I was contacted by another employer who came across my resume on HuskyJobs!"
- "The on-campus interview program is awesome, that is how I got my internship."

### **Internet:**

- "I landed an internship totally on my own by applying online."