CAREER PLANNING

THIS PAGE CONTAINS INFORMATION ON THE FOLLOWING:

- What Kind of Career Can I Get With a Degree in Economics?
- Career Search Resources
- Optional Practical Training (OPT) information for international students

WHAT KIND OF JOB CAN I GET WITH A DEGREE IN ECONOMICS?

One of the most common questions advisers receive is “What kind of job can I get with a degree in economics?” However, there is no simple answer! Our economics majors move on toward a wide variety of fields of interest and types of careers. Take a look at what our recent grads are doing:

FIELDS OF INTEREST:

- Finance and Banking
- Business
- Accounting
- International Affairs
- Government
- Consulting

TYPES OF CAREERS:

- Analyst, Russell Investments
- Financial analyst, Amazon
- Economic consultant
- Actuarial analyst
- Financial Research
- Teach for America
- Business consultant
- Business strategy
- Software developer
- US Army
- Sales

CAREER SEARCH RESOURCES

The Career & Internship Center in 134 Mary Gates Hall provides excellent information to help students find employment, and also assists students in career planning and in finding a career. Some of the services offered include:

- The Web Resume And Registration System
- View Job and Internship listings through Handshake
- Employer Panels
- List of Recruiters
- Workshops
- On-campus interviews

The UW Alumni Association has the Husky Career Network program to further help you with career
Some of the services offered include:

- Career Connections
- Job Boards
- Research Tools
- Career Assessments
- Career events and workshops

The Washington Occupational Information System contains valuable information including detailed profiles for all jobs in the State of Washington, online career assessments and resources, and information about various schools and programs.

The Economics Advising Office can also sign students up to their econjobs email list. Any career and internship information is sent to students via this list as well as to our blog. The Economics Undergraduate Board and the Department Alumni host various workshops, forums, and networking events throughout the year.

OPTIONAL PRACTICAL TRAINING (OPT) INFORMATION FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

International students wishing to work in the United States after graduation must apply for OPT.

You are eligible to apply for OPT if you meet the following criteria:

- You are currently in F-1 status.
- You have been enrolled in a full course of study for one academic year (three quarters, including final exams weeks) or will complete one academic year by the date the OPT approval begins.
- You have not exceeded 12 months of full-time Curricular Practical Training (CPT) authorization. (Part-time CPT does not affect OPT eligibility.)
- You do not need a job offer first; you can apply for OPT without a job offer.

For additional information, including how to apply for OPT, visit the International Student Services website.

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