Job boards can be beneficial during the job search to research both companies of interest and posted job opportunities. However, keep in mind that 70-80% of positions that are available are not advertised anywhere. Networking is critical in landing a job. Referrals and internal candidates are the leading hiring trends.

- **Wildcat CareerLink** - UK Career Center’s online job database exclusively for UK students & alumni
- **The Chronicle of Higher Ed**
- **www.indeed.com**
- **www.simplyhired.com**
- **www.snagajob.com**
- **www.ideal.org** - Related to the nonprofit sector
- **www.higheredjobs.com** - Leading source for jobs and career information in academia
- **www.kentucky.gov/employment** - Kentucky Government employment
- **AARP Foundation WorkSearch Information Network**
- **LinkUp** - Job openings are indexed from company websites, not from 'pay-to-post' job boards
- **From Combat Boots To Cowboy Boots (And Other Career Services For New Veterans)**
- **www.odesk.com** - Contract work opportunities
- **www.guru.com** - Freelance and Online Projects
- **http://www.freelancer.com/** - Online Projects
- **UK Jobs** - Staff, Faculty, Student, Temporary (STEPS)
- **LinkedIn** - Job board, but also check Group discussion boards from your target industry
- **LinkedIn demo by David Schattner** (Job Club participant)

Before diving into a new career or organization, research potential occupations and target companies. Determining a “good fit” can support career satisfaction.

- **Occupational Outlook Handbook** - Provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics
- **O*NET** - Nation’s primary source of occupational information
- **Hoovers** - Provides you with basic directory and financial information about 15,000 large companies, including links to their web pages
- **Thomas Net** - Connects to a comprehensive directory of American manufacturers, arranged by product
- **Careers-in-Business** - Designed to help you find satisfying jobs in the business world
- **Vault** - Well known for Company Search Engine and its insider reports on thousands of companies
- **Fortune Magazine** - 100 Best Companies to Work For 2014
- **Guidestar** - Provides a searchable directory of nonprofit organizations
- **2014 Kentucky Directory of Business & Industry** - Geographic Guide listing facilities by location with 10 or more employees
- **LinkedIn** - Over 3 million companies have LinkedIn Company Pages

### SALARY

The following websites are a great place to start when researching salary information. When discussing salary with an employer, always present a range rather than specific dollar amount.

- **National Association of Colleges & Employers (NACE) Salary Calculator**
- [www.salary.com](http://www.salary.com)
- [www.glassdoor.com](http://www.glassdoor.com)
- [www.payscale.com](http://www.payscale.com)
- CNN's Cost of Living Calculator

### GRADUATE SCHOOL

The best source of information on a graduate program will come from the school itself. Check out the program's website, ask for program materials to be sent to you, and talk with faculty, current students, and alumni (LinkedIn is a good source for locating alumni of a particular graduate school – [www.linkedin.com/alumni](http://www.linkedin.com/alumni)). Additionally, many professional associations have information on their websites related to relevant graduate programs.

- [www.GradSchools.com](http://www.GradSchools.com)
- **US News & World Report Rankings**
- [www.Petersons.com](http://www.Petersons.com)
- [www.GradView.com](http://www.GradView.com)
- [www.GradSource.com](http://www.GradSource.com)
- CareerOneStop: Training and Education Center
- [UKNews.com Education – Graduate School](http://UKNews.com)
CAREER EXPLORATION

- [http://lifereimagined.aarp.org/how-it-works/](http://lifereimagined.aarp.org/how-it-works/) - Calling Card Gifts Exercise
- [Work Reimagined](http://lifereimagined.aarp.org/how-it-works/) - Dedicated to helping experienced professionals connect to more satisfying careers.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- [CareerCat Blog](http://lifereimagined.aarp.org/how-it-works/) - UK Alumni Career Services blog (*An exclusive UK Alumni Association member benefit)
- [job-hunt](http://lifereimagined.aarp.org/how-it-works/) - Job Search Information, Expert Advice, and Links to 18,375 Employers & Job Search Resources
- [WorkOptions.com](http://lifereimagined.aarp.org/how-it-works/) - To equip and empower you to ASK for the flexible work options you want to achieve the work-life balance you need
- [CareerFirm Articles](http://lifereimagined.aarp.org/how-it-works/)
- [Quintessential Careers](http://lifereimagined.aarp.org/how-it-works/)
- [CareerOneStop](http://lifereimagined.aarp.org/how-it-works/)
- [Career Articles & Guides](http://lifereimagined.aarp.org/how-it-works/)
- [CandidCareer.com](http://lifereimagined.aarp.org/how-it-works/) - Offers information video interviews on a wide variety of careers
- [Next Avenue](http://lifereimagined.aarp.org/how-it-works/) - Blog with articles, videos and resources designed to help you with every aspect of your career including reinvention, entrepreneurship, the job search and encore careers
- [The Wall Street Journal](http://lifereimagined.aarp.org/how-it-works/)

** Visit web sites of professional associations in your target field/industry. These sites often contain links to on-brand employers, job postings, and networking events.

ON THE BOOKSHELF

- [15 Indispensable Career and Job-Search books](http://lifereimagined.aarp.org/how-it-works/) (Quintessential Careers)
- [9 Business Books That Will Change Your Life](http://lifereimagined.aarp.org/how-it-works/) (February, 2013)
- [Expert Resumes – Wendy Enelow and Louise Kursmark](http://lifereimagined.aarp.org/how-it-works/) (Expert Resume Series)