



Ready Reference B-5 Where do I want to work?

“Once I get my degree, where can I go?”

Congratulations! You are just about to earn your Bachelor's degree from OSU and now you find yourself transitioning into the next phase of your life; finding a job. While searching for and starting your career may be a daunting task, there are ways that you can ease into this process.

For starters, as you begin to look into the different job opportunities that fit your major, follow these tips:

JOB SEARCH TIPS:

- Self-Assessment – What are you passionate about? What do you enjoy doing?
- Keep an open mind – You never know what opportunities are available.
- Reflect on your internships, research, or work experience – What did you like/not like?
- Be specific – What are you looking for from a job? Where do you want to be located?

Once you have a better understanding of why you want to pursue your career and the potential places that you would like to work, you can now analyze what each company and position has to offer. Do a deep dive into the inner-most workings of the companies that peaked your interest and think about the following:

WHAT TO CONSIDER WHEN APPLYING FOR A JOB:

- Location – What is your opinion on moving or travelling? How do you want your location to impact your job and lifestyle?
- Workplace – What is the atmosphere of your potential employer? What do you want it to be?
- Position – What does this position offer you? Do you think you will enjoy what you are doing?

Now that you understand what type of job you want and have narrowed down your list of where you want to work, it is time to start applying for your position. As you begin this process, it is vital that you use your resources around you in order to help you present your best self for that application and interview.

QUICK GUIDE TO APPLICATION PROCESS:

1. Determine where you want to work and what you need to complete your application.
2. After compiling your materials, make an appointment with Career Services to review your material.
3. Send in your application.
4. When you get your interview, schedule a mock interview so that you can practice prior to your job interview.

By asking yourself a few basic questions, you will help narrow down where you potentially want to work. With that said, keep an open mind as there are many opportunities outside of the common occupations and companies that people with your major traditionally work for, and these opportunities may interest you more!

Resources

OSU CAMPUS

Career Resource Center 360 SU 405-744-5253

Trained staff members are available to assist you with career exploration programs, basic career counseling, career assessments, salary and outlook information and much more.

CEAT Career Services 123 ES 405-744-3858

CEAT Career Services staff members are available to discuss your interests and explore the career opportunities available to you.

INTERNET

www.linkedin.com – Online Job Search and Professional Platform

<https://careerservices.okstate.edu/> – Companies interested in and connected with OSU

<https://www.indeed.com> – Online Job Search