

1-Page Resource Handout for International Students

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NOTE: If you work with or serve international students for their career development, NCDA ISSC recommends you join our community. NCDA members receive various [benefits](#) including a 40+-page comprehensive resource guide for international student career development, “[NCDA ISSCs Resources for Partnering with International Students \(2020 edition\)](#).” Please note that this 1-Page Resource Handout for students is a part of the full guide for career advisors who work with international students.

The 40+-page guide contains:

1. Resources for Student Advising & Counseling

This section includes resources for career professionals to support career development of international students, specifically focused on students within the college/university setting.

- Multicultural Counseling
- Supporting Successful Transitions
- Building Career Services: Centers & Programs
- Job & Internship Search

2. Resources for Employer & Alumni Relations

This section focuses on the importance of engaging employers and alumni to support international students’ career development, illustrated with sample resources, initiatives, and programs.

- Resources and Websites
- Sample Programs and Initiatives

3. U.S. Employers’ Guide to Hiring International Students

This section provides a quick reference guide with an overview of work authorization options for international students seeking employment in the United States.

4. Appendix: Summary of Survey Reports

As a part of the ISSC, the research team developed research reports based on empirical research on career development needs, interests, and challenges of international students in U.S. higher education. The reports also propose best practices to support this student population.

Additional Resource from ISSC: [International Student Career Development Professionals LinkedIn Group](#) is a virtual forum to support and promote interaction among a network of career development professionals serving international students in higher education.

Transitional Resources

US cultural and employment norms may be quite different as an international student transitioning to the US. The following resources provide various information on cultural norms, educational requirements, obtaining visas, and transition information.

- Foreign-born.com
- [International Student](#)
- [National Association for College Admission Counseling: College Counseling for International Students](#)
- “Crossing customs: International students write on US college life and culture” by Jay Davis & Andrew Garrod (Book)
- “Succeeding as an international student in the US and Canada” by C. Lipson & A.E. Goodman (Book)
- From Departing to Achieving: Keys to Success for International Students in U.S Colleges and Universities” by Ye He, Bryant L. Hutson, Michael J. Elliott, and Jennifer L. Bloom (Book)

Visa Information

As you search for jobs or internships, it is important to understand the processes to employment associated with your visa. Employers may have false assumptions about visa limitations, costs, or processes, and it is important to be able to provide accurate information to potential employers. The following resources provide visa information.

- [US Department of Labor](#)
- [H1 Base Website](#)

Job & Internship Search (US, Home Country & Global)

A job or internship takes a combination of numerous resources and strategies. The following resources provide a variety of lists of potential sponsoring employers, occupational outlooks, and job opportunities. Utilize these resources as you build your job search strategy and create a target employers list.

- [MyVisaJobs.com](#)
- [GoinGlobal](#)
- [ICAway.com](#)
- [Inside Higher Ed: Job Tips for International Students](#)
- “Power Ties: The International Student’s Guide to Finding a Job in the United States” by Dan Beaudry (Book)
- “3 Steps to Your Job in the USA: International Student Edition” by S. Steinfeld & H. Yinping (Book)
- “The International Advantage: Get Noticed. Get Hired.” by Marcelo C. Barros (Book)
- <http://www.dreambridgepartners.com/international-student-resources>
- <https://www.vault.com/blogs/international-students-careers>

Education Resources

The following resources are helpful when exploring continuing education options, institutions, and processes.

- [Education USA](#)
- [Institute for International Education](#)
- “International Student Handbook 2013: All-new 26th Edition” by The College Board (Book)

Resources for Career Changers and PhDs:

- “Switchers: How Smart Professionals Change Careers and Seize Success” by Dr. Dawn Graham (Book)
- [Cheeky Scientist - Industry Training For Post-Academia PhDs](#)
- [Switchup.org](#) - free and comprehensive resource for tech bootcamps and programs