

# Beyond the job boards: Reaching out to your network

It's fairly simple to fill out online job applications and hope that companies get back to you. Even following up on applications does not always produce favorable results for everyone.

**Related:** [5 reasons why job boards aren't as effective anymore](#)

There are more effective ways to uncover potential internship and job opportunities and one of the best ways to do this is by reaching out to your network. Your network includes your family, friends, neighbors, co-

workers, classmates, professors; you probably get the hint here. Anyone who you have a relationship with is part of your network!

## Build your network. Work your network.

So you may know someone who already works at a company in which you have interest in working for. Additionally, employee referrals are a preferred source of recruiting for most

companies searching for new hires.

**Related:** [7 things you should know about employee referrals](#)

Also, companies will usually ask for internal employee referrals before posting an internship or job opening, giving you better odds at landing an interview and a potential job offer.

So this is your opportunity to reach out to your network and see what job opportunities may be out there that you were not even aware of!

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## NETWORK FOR JOB REFERRALS

**76%** of job seekers ranked employee referrals as being of high to extremely high importance during their job search.

[US News, Oct. 2015](#)

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Monday, November 14th  
SCE Tower: Room 302 @ 4-6 PM  
[Event details](#)

**Professional Attire Fashion Show**  
Wednesday, November 16th  
SCE - Cardinal Room: 329  
[Event Details](#)

**Government Career Fair**  
Friday, November 18th  
SCE – 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
[Details & List of Employers](#)

**Bioengineering Industry Day**  
Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup> @ 1:30  
UIC Innovation Center (by SSB)  
[Required Registration Link](#)

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