

The passive job seeker vs. the proactive job seeker

There are two types of job/internship seekers out there: the passive and the proactive. The is a major difference between these two types of job seekers.

The *passive job seeker* goes online, applies to a bunch of job postings, then sits back and waits for a phone call or email from employers, with little success.

The *proactive job seeker* applies to those same job postings but does not stop there. **They will then follow up with the employer after applying to make sure that their resume was reviewed.**

Following up with the employer:

Company website: Some companies have staff listed on their website or have a general company phone number or email listed. Recruiters and HR Managers/Generalists are a good start.

LinkedIn: This is the best resource to find recruiters or HR professionals to follow up with. [Send customized invites](#). You can also [connect with UIC Alumni](#) who work at the company you have applied to. This is your network!

[Quick Videos: Make Recruiters Come to You](#)



“I just applied for the entry-level engineer”

Proactive job seeker

Internships, co-ops and jobs posted on [UICcareers](#)

- › **Bioengineering: 38**
- › **Chemical Engineering: 56**
- › **Civil Engineering: 70**
- › **Computer Engineering: 177**
- › **Computer Science: 267**
- › **Electrical Engineering: 111**
- › **Industrial Engineering: 67**
- › **Mechanical Engineering: 126**

Make sure your resume is updated and uploaded to [UICcareers](#)
Employers review profiles often
New to UICcareers? [Go here](#)

NETWORK FOR JOB REFERRALS!

87% of HR Departments identify entry-level candidates through **employee referrals**, followed by the company website (72%) and job fairs (53%).

[Society for Human Resource Management, Oct. 2016](#)

Upcoming Events

Turner Construction Info Session
Wednesday, November 2nd
1043 ERF 5:00 – 6:00
[Details: Internships & Jobs](#)

kCura Open House
Wednesday November 2nd
231 S. LaSalle St. 7th Floor
[Details and registration link](#)

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

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

Career Advice from the Experts

We have hand-selected recent articles with career development advice to help you prepare for your future career in engineering.

Featured articles this week: Following up with employers

- [3 tips for following up after submitting your resume](#)
- [How to follow up on an application: email template](#)
- [Job Seekers: How to follow up like you mean it](#)

Other Topics

Resume | Cover Letter | Internship/Job Search | Networking
LinkedIn | Preparing for a Career Fair | Interview Preparation
Following up with Companies | Salary & Job Offer Negotiation
General Career Development | Communication & Soft Skills

Engineering Career Center

816/818/820 – SEO

Walk-in Hours: M-F 10am - 4pm

Services Offered:

- Individual career counseling
- Resume and cover letter reviews
- Interview preparation
- Salary and job offer negotiation
- Internship & full-time job search strategies
- Career Fair preparation (Elevator speech)
- Professional etiquette
- Networking & LinkedIn tips
- Career related workshops

Now Hiring: Featured Employers

Companies with postings on UICcareers



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