

What does the job market hold for the Class of 2007?

According to the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE), the job outlook is good for the Class of 2007.

"Employers have told us that they are very positive about their hiring plans for this year's graduates, and they report that they're seeing more competition for the best new graduates," says Andrea Koncz, employment information manager for NACE, which tracks job market trends for new grads.

"We're seeing a greater range of opportunities opening up for new college graduates," Koncz says. "And, employers in all sectors are projecting an increase in hiring. More than 20 percent of employers told us that they have raised or plan to raise their starting salaries to entice potential employees."

However, this does not mean you can just sit back and wait for employers to beat a path to your door. You must be both competitive and proactive in your job search.

Here are four actions you can take to increase your chances of getting a job offer:

- **Use the resources available to you through Career Services:** Start your job search here. Among the services your career center provides are: individual career counseling, resume development assistance, interview skills development, job seeking assistance, career fairs, online job postings, and on-campus interviews.
- **Research employers and their opportunities:** This may be the single biggest secret to job-search success! Research can give you a direction for your job search; it will provide you with solid information you can use in crafting your resume and interviewing; and it demonstrates to employers that you are interested in their opportunities and organizations. Surprisingly, many job seekers skimp on research or skip this important step completely. Employers say they can tell when a student hasn't bothered to investigate their organizations.

- **Network:** You'll gain an edge by building a network that can help you learn about organizations and their opportunities. Your network contacts may help you get your resume into the right hands or your foot in the door. In fact, many employers reward their current employees for referring candidates. And, your network can help you throughout your career.
- **Get relevant work experience.** Employers place a lot of emphasis on relevant work experience gained through full- or part-time employment, or volunteer work because they show that you can flourish in a work environment. Another way to demonstrate valued skills and qualities is to become active in student organizations. Among the groups you join should be one or more that is relevant to your major.

You can get additional advice on how to conduct an effective job search and connect with potential employers at Career Services

Register with Career Services Online!



Register now to start your job search!

Through Eagle Advantage, the Southern Miss online career center, you will be able to:

- Search job postings (part-time, internships, and full-time jobs)
- Upload a resume and participate in resume referrals to employers
- Sign-up for on-campus interviews
- Search the database of employers
- Search the database of mentors

To register and start your job search, click the "Create A Student/Alumni Account" link on our website at www.usm.edu/cs.

CAREER WEEK

Monday, September 25

8:00 – 12:00 **Resume Clinic & Career Services Information Tables**
 All Day Wall Street Journal Information Table
 12:00 – 12:30 **Resume Writing Strategies Seminar**

Joseph Greene Hall Lobby
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 Joseph Greene Hall 109

Tuesday, September 26

8:00 – 12:00 **Resume Clinic & Career Services Information Tables**
 All Day Wall Street Journal Information Table
 12:15 – 12:45 **Interviewing Skills Seminar**

Joseph Greene Hall Lobby
 Joseph Greene Hall Lobby
 Joseph Greene Hall 109

Wednesday, September 27

12:00 – 12:30 **Job Seeking Skills and How WSJ Can Help You**
 All Day Wall Street Journal Information Table
 4:00 – 4:30 **Networking and Attending a Career Fair Seminar**

Joseph Greene Hall 109
 Joseph Greene Hall Lobby
 McLemore Hall 125

Thursday, September 28

6:00 – 7:30 **ETIQUETTE DINNER** - \$20 fee includes 4-course meal
 (Must sign-up by Sept 21 in McLemore Hall Room 125)

Thad Cochran Center

Friday, September 29

9:00 – 1:00 **MOCK INTERVIEW DAY** (30-min interviews)
 (Sign-up for an interview time through Eagle Advantage by Sept 25)

McLemore Hall Room 125

SOUTHERN MISS CAREER FAIR

Wednesday, October 4, 2006

Thad Cochran Center
 12 noon – 4:00 p.m.

Don't miss this chance to meet with numerous employers to discuss full-time, internship, and co-op opportunities. Graduate School recruiters will also be discussing graduate programs.

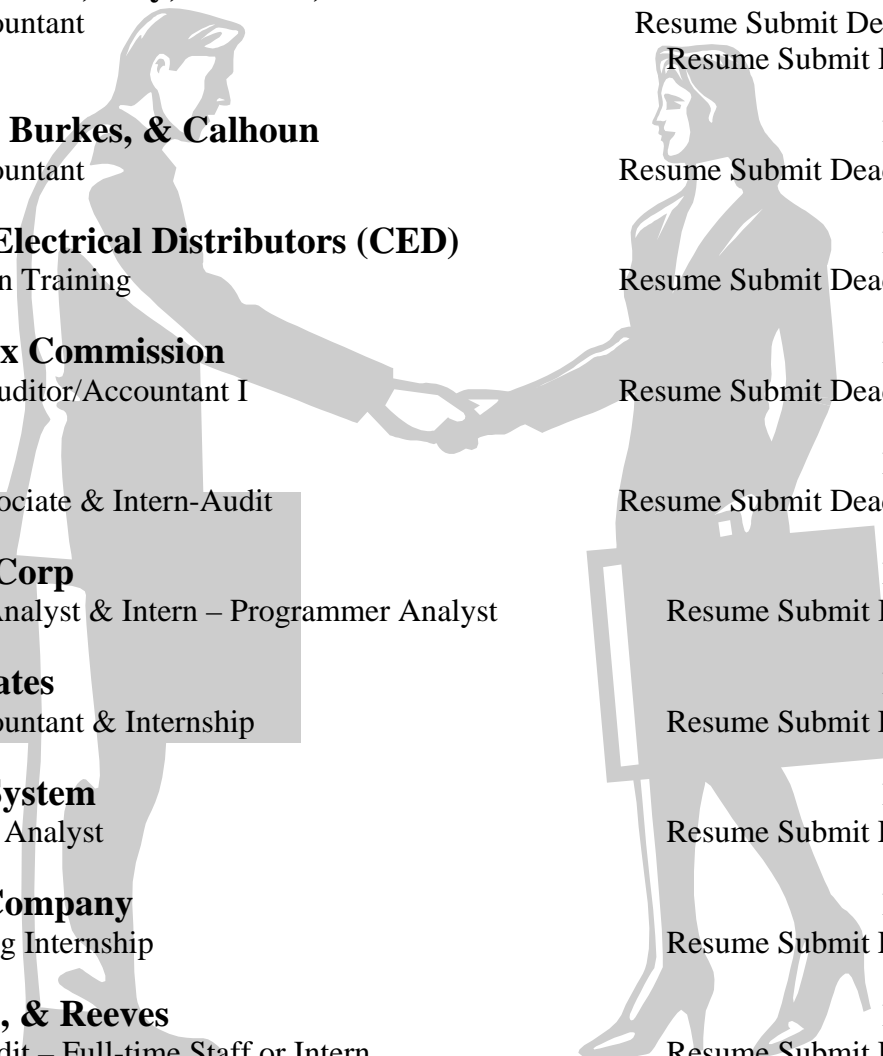
Need Help Writing A Resume?

Career Services is currently testing a new program designed to assist job seekers in creating a professional resume. OptimalResume is a free online step-by-step program that will help you construct a resume appropriate for your career or employment objective. The OptimalResume Stylist will provide you with a variety of format options ranging from pre-styled choices to custom designs. By the end of the program, you will have a professional resume in both Word and Flash format.

OptimalResume can be found on the Career Services website – www.usm.edu/cs. After you have created your resume, don't forget to upload it Eagle Advantage!

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS INTERVIEW SCHEDULES

On-campus interviews will be conducted in McLemore Hall Room 125



Horne LLP Associate and Intern Positions	Pre-Select Schedule Resume Submit Deadline: September 5
McArthur, Thames, Slay, & Dews, PLLC Staff Accountant Intern	Pre-Select Schedule Resume Submit Deadline: September 6 Resume Submit Deadline: October 8
Haddox, Reid, Burkes, & Calhoun Staff Accountant	Pre-Select Schedule Resume Submit Deadline: September 15
Consolidated Electrical Distributors (CED) Manager in Training	Pre-Select Schedule Resume Submit Deadline: September 20
Mississippi Tax Commission TC Tax Auditor/Accountant I	Pre-Select Schedule Resume Submit Deadline: September 28
KPMG Audit Associate & Intern-Audit	Pre-Select Schedule Resume Submit Deadline: September 29
Data-Tronics Corp Systems Analyst & Intern – Programmer Analyst	Pre-Select Schedule Resume Submit Deadline: October 1
Holt & Associates Staff Accountant & Internship	Pre-Select Schedule Resume Submit Deadline: October 1
ABF Freight System Economic Analyst	Pre-Select Schedule Resume Submit Deadline: October 1
Nicholson & Company Accounting Internship	Pre-Select Schedule Resume Submit Deadline: October 1
Smith, Turner, & Reeves Tax & Audit – Full-time Staff or Intern	Pre-Select Schedule Resume Submit Deadline: October 8
Target Corp. Executive Team Leader & Internships	Pre-Select Schedule Sign-up Deadline: October 16
Knight Transportation Area and Resource Manager	Pre-Select Schedule Resume Submit Deadline: October 16

Apply today through Eagle Advantage!

Be sure to login to Eagle Advantage on a regular basis for an up-to-date list of schedules.