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# 5 Things to Do During the Job Fair

## Tips and Tricks for Surviving the Job Fair

### 5 THINGS TO REMEMBER DURING THE JOB FAIR

A job fair is a great place to gather information about potential employers and make contacts that can lead to your first job. A job fair can also provide valuable experience in selling yourself to employers – especially if you are typically shy. The more experience you get talking about your skills, the more confidence you will have for when it really matters.

Here is some advice on how to make the most of your time!

#### 1. Arrive early and get your bearings

Review the map to determine where each company is located. Check for any last-minute additions. Determine a plan for which company will speak to first, which company you will speak to second, and so on.

#### 2. Make a good first impression

You will only get one chance! Treat each interaction as if you are speaking with your future employer – you might be! It is very important to be courteous and polite to your fellow job fair attendees too.

#### 3. Jot down notes

Take a pen and notepaper to take notes about what you learn at each table. You might speak with several companies and these notes will help you remember everything after you leave the fair. Write your notes after you walk away from the recruiter – maintain that eye contact and take advantage of the time you have face-to-face.

#### 4. Always stay positive

It can get overwhelming or exhausting to attend a job fair. Sometimes interactions with employers don't go exactly the way you hoped. Do your best to stay positive about yourself, your skills and the opportunities available.

#### 5. Wear your nametag

Write your name and major legibly on the nametag provided. If your handwriting isn't great, ask someone else to write it. Wear the nametag on your right lapel so it is easily visible. This gives the recruiters another way to connect with you (and makes your job a little easier).