

CHALLENGES FACED IN FINDING A JOB

1. LIMITED EXPERIENCE

Most under graduate students have less experience to professional work experience which makes it hard for us to compete with more experienced candidates in the same field but this can be solved through seeking out internships, engaging in part time related jobs, engaging in volunteer work so as to build my experience and be able to compete with other experienced employees.

2. LACK OF NETWORKING

Without a strong professional network its always hard for us students to find jobs or secure referrals which are often crucial in getting a job but I was encouraged to start attending industry events, seek out mentors who provide job related guidance and advice on career decisions.

3.EMPLOYER PREFERENCES

Some employers prefer hiring candidates who have already graduated believing that they know more that us who haven't graduated yet making it difficult for us to get jobs but this can be solved through packaging your cv well and following up on job job after applying to show the employer that you have interest in the job.

4. COMPETITION FROM MORE EXPERIENCED CANDIDATES

Employers often see experienced candidates as less risky because they have already proven themselves in similar roles, they bring wealth of knowledge, require less training and also have a larger professional network.

5.LIMITED AVAILABILITY OF RELEVANT INTERNSHIP

Relevant internships and part time opportunities related to my field are scarce Making it difficult for us students to gain necessary experience before graduation but through networking with professional people through work shops. Career guidance events this help you connect with people who refer you to big companies for internship which helps in gaining experience.

The job search process can indeed feel like a journey full of challenges. Whether it's navigating a competitive market, addressing gaps in your skills, or managing the uncertainty of finding the right fit, it's important to remember that setbacks are part of the process—not the end of it.

Every application, interview, and networking opportunity is a step forward. Take time to reflect on what you've learned from each experience, and use it to refine your approach. Enhance your skills where needed, adapt your strategies, and most importantly, don't lose sight of your end goal.

Consider seeking out mentorship, joining professional groups, and staying updated on industry trends to stay competitive. Building relationships and continuing to develop yourself professionally are key in a job search—sometimes the right connection can open a door you never knew was available.

At the same time, self-care is crucial during this period. The job search can be emotionally draining, so it's important to balance your efforts with activities that rejuvenate you mentally and physically.

Keep in mind that persistence and adaptability are often the difference-makers. By remaining open to new opportunities and learning from every step along the way, you're setting yourself up for success.

Always remember finding the right job isn't about immediate success; it's about long-term growth. Every challenge is an opportunity, and every setback is a setup for a future breakthrough.

As I end my newsletter i would love to express my sincere gratitude to UECD for giving me an opportunity to study and complete university and be able grow my career through their support, love, advice, mentorship, and guidance will forever be great full.

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