

Out-of-State Job Search

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Start saving money now - moving is expensive!
- Even if you don't care where you move to, narrow your search down to a handful of locations where you can concentrate your efforts.
- Create a list of target employers (around 10).
- If you are struggling to get hired full-time, consider applying for an internship instead
- Be prepared to explain why you are moving.
- Offer to pay your own relocation expenses. This is often the reason employers look locally.

RESEARCH AND NETWORKING

- Identify people to network with in each company you are targeting (hint: informational interviews work great here!)
- Check with the UA Alumni Association to see if there is anyone you can reach out to in your area of interest.
- Conduct research about the city, including cost of living research and visiting the Chamber of Commerce website.
- Reach out to career centers at local universities.
- Attend conferences in your industry.
- Utilize LinkedIn to fully leverage your network.
- If possible, travel to your moving location ahead of time and use Meetup or Eventbrite to meet new people.

RESUME AND COVER LETTER

- Leave off your out-of-state address. Instead, either 'borrow' a friend's local address or mention that you will be moving locally on a specific date.
- Provide a specific moving date in your resume and your cover letter. It makes you seem more serious about your move.