

# INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS STUDYING ABROAD FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

# How can I continue to search for a job or internship while I am abroad?

Applying for jobs overseas is not that different from applying for jobs from campus to work in another city.

- Identify companies where you want to work
- Locate alumni, friends, etc. inside the companies and reach out to them
- Target your resume and application materials to the position
- Apply and follow up!

While you are waiting for a response, practice interview questions that are typical for that industry and company and be sure to follow up if you don't hear anything. Contact the Career Center and one of our coaches will be happy to help you prepare.

#### How can I explore opportunities in the country I am visiting?

Making connections with industry professionals in the country that you are living in is very important. Start by utilizing your resources to make connections and ask about opportunities to explore in your desired career field.

- Research Vanderbilt alumni on <u>VUconnect</u> to determine if any live in the country where you are studying. If so, reach out to them and let them know you are abroad.
- To locate alumni living in your country through <u>LinkedIn</u>, type Vanderbilt University in the search box, select Alumni from the dropdown menu, and search the Where They Live section or type your country in the search box.

#### Do employers consider interviewing students who are abroad?

The majority of companies do, but there are some exceptions. For ones who don't, see if you can connect to people you know inside the company through VUconnect, LinkedIn, family, student organizations, faculty, etc.

## What do I do if I am invited to interview while I am abroad?

First, make sure your Skype ID is entered correctly in your <u>Doreways</u> account. Reach out and let the Career Center's Employer Relations Team know that you are abroad. Then, sign-up for an interview timeslot on DoreWays and our team will work with the employer to set up a Skype or phone interview. Email recruiting@vanderbilt.edu for assistance.

If the interview is not through campus recruiting, you will need to contact the company's recruiter. Remember the time difference of your country when contacting them.

### Is there someone at the Career Center I can talk with while I am abroad?

All of our coaches are available by phone, Skype and email throughout the year to answer your questions and help you explore and pursue opportunities. To schedule an appointment while abroad, email the Career Center at <a href="mailto:careercenter@vanderbilt.edu">careercenter@vanderbilt.edu</a>.

Please contact our office with any questions. We are here to support you. Enjoy your experience!