

On-campus employment

What you need to know about getting a job as an international student

Working on campus allows you to earn money to support your studies as well as expand your campus community and your skills.

63,000 jobs available each year on campus

Search and apply for part-time jobs before you arrive

Work up to 20 hours per week (40 hours per week during vacation and breaks)

Can I get paid work on campus as an international student?

Yes. As an international student at University of Oregon, working on campus for a limited number of hours is permitted. Thousands of students work on UO's campus. On-campus employers offer flexibility to work around your class schedule.

As early as your first term, finding a part-time job on the University of Oregon campus can be a great option. On-campus jobs help you gain new skills, make connections, and add valuable work and career readiness to your resume.

What types of jobs are available on campus?

Examples of student worker part-time positions include:

- barista
- career services office assistant
- community assistant for university housing
- craft studio supervisor
- dining services worker
- food server
- graphic and communications assistant
- information services consultant
- library student assistant
- recreation center front-desk assistant
- social media content creator
- student fitness staff
- theatre scenery carpenter
- Undergraduate research assistant
- UO student tour guide

How much do students get paid?

Students are employed in a wide range of roles, which require different levels of skill or experience that have different pay ranges. The average wage student workers receive is **\$12.80–\$15 per hour**.

How many hours can international students work on campus?

Session	Maximum number of hours (immigration regulation)	Number of weeks in the session
Fall, Winter and Spring term	20 hours per week	10 per term
Vacation term (summer)	40 hours per week	12
Breaks between terms	40 hours per week	1 to 3 weeks

Each week during the academic term, you can work **up to 20 hours**. During breaks, you can work up to 40 hours.

- you may not average the 20 hours between multiple weeks. For example, working 18 hours one week and 22 hours in another week is not permitted.
- If you have more than one employer, the maximum applies to the combined total hours worked in all jobs.
- You may not average more than 25 hours per week across a rolling 12-month period.

Please keep track of your hours so that you do not put your immigration status at risk. Working more than 20 hours per week, even by one hour, is a violation of your F-1 immigration status.

Am I eligible to work on campus?

F-1 visa students need to be enrolled full-time to be eligible to get Student Employment. For undergraduate students this is 12 credit hours. Once you have secured a job, your employer will need to sign a Social Security Verification form. Bring it to ISSS for help obtaining a Social Security Number (SSN): <https://iss.s.uoregon.edu/node/182>

How likely am I to get a job on campus?

On-campus employment is not guaranteed, and there is a competitive application process for many roles, but there are lots of student jobs available on campus. You can enhance your eligibility for on-campus jobs by applying for an international work-study award: <https://iss.s.uoregon.edu/intl-work-study-award>. This award grants up to \$4,500 per year to eligible international students with financial need, to give them a jump start with on-campus employment (UO is one of the few US public universities to offer this funding). The award pays part of your wages making you more attractive to employers.

How soon can I apply for an on-campus job?

You can apply for a job at any point after getting your Duck ID, even before you arrive at UO to start your studies. It is a good idea to plan ahead, especially for jobs starting in fall term, since some roles are filled before or soon after the start of each academic year. Many fall jobs are posted in Handshake during spring and summer and may be filled before the term even starts, so check Handshake early and often. However, there are still openings for jobs open on campus throughout the year.

How soon can I start working?

As an F-1 visa holder in the U.S. you are only eligible to work on campus while completing degree requirements at UO. Incoming students may start working in an hourly position up to 30 days prior to the program start listed on their I-20, as soon as they are registered full-time for the term and complete the processes for on-campus employment.

Where can students work?

Students can be employed by any University of Oregon department, venue, facility or service, and also by on-campus commercial firms which provide direct student services, such as the bookstore.

When am I not allowed to work?

- Employment must not interfere with full-time study: don't work during the hours you are scheduled to be in class.
- You are not allowed to work past your I-20 program end date.

How can I find and apply for an on-campus job?

You may apply for student employment positions throughout the year. New jobs are posted daily. Search for on-campus jobs through the Handshake portal at <https://uoregon.joinhandshake.com/login>

- Use your Duck ID to log in at uoregon.joinhandshake.com then follow the prompts to activate your Handshake account
- Fill out your profile so Handshake can personalize its recommendations to fit your needs.
- Click Jobs on the left navigation menu - this will take you to the jobs search page.
- Click the white button All filters.
- Within the pop-up, locate the section titled Job Type, then click On-campus.
- Click the blue button Show results to review all jobs designated as on-campus jobs at UO
- You can further customize your search on the Jobs page by filtering on criteria such as part-time positions, or "work-study" if you'd like to utilize work-study funds.
- Check the box of the Job you are interested in and click "Apply to job(s)" button.
- Read the instructions then complete the application questions
- Complete or Upload your resume/contact Information, references as required
- Submit Application and allow approximately 2 weeks to receive a response.

Where can I hear student experiences of on-campus jobs?

Watch this video about international students getting jobs at UO: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VsxB525MsfQ>

Read about student experiences of on-campus jobs: <https://news.uoregon.edu/student-jobs>

Tips for finding part-time work at UO: <https://career.uoregon.edu/resources/blog/finding-part-time-work-and-experiences-fall-0>