

Searching for student jobs

The Coronavirus pandemic has generated a difficult situation for all of us but is particularly challenging for those students who have lost their student jobs or struggle to find a new position.

At the **International Career Service** of the Frankfurt University of Applied Sciences we want to help you and support you during these tough times offering you counseling and giving you advice regarding the **job searching** and **application process**.

Here are some of our general **suggestions** on how and where to find a job:

1) Activate your academic network:

- Keep an eye on the **UAS job portal**, where you can find interesting job and internship offers in your study field : <https://www.frankfurt-university.de/de/forschung/career-services/jobportal/>
- You should also check the **International Office and other department's** websites (e.g. for student assistant jobs) as well as the notice boards ("**Schwarze Bretter**") of your department.
- Ask your **fellow working students** and **professors** for recommendations! You can also contact the **Internship Coordinators**.

2) Job offers online:

- Have a look at the big job search websites:

<https://de.indeed.com/>

<https://www.stepstone.de/>

Or check regional sites or websites for special branches such as

<https://www.frankfurter-jobanzeiger.de/>

<https://jobs.meinestadt.de/frankfurt-am-main>

<https://www.jobvector.de/> (for engineers, information/ medical or natural scientists)

- Job portals like **Studentenwerk.de** and **Jobmensa.de** occasionally post vacancies for students and trainees. Sometimes worth a look!

<https://stellenmarkt.studentenwerkfrankfurt.de/>

<https://www.jobmensa.de/studentenjobs/frankfurt>

- On the **Facebook group "Jobs in Frankfurt am Main"** or the **app Zenjob** you can regularly get job updates and apply easily from your Smartphone.
- Creating a professional profile at **LinkedIn** or **Xing** gives you access to many valuable vacancies, allowing you to expand your network at the same time.

<https://www.xing.com/>

<https://www.linkedin.com/>

- Alternative channels to find a position could be **Backinjob** (<http://www.backinjob.de/aushilfen/>), www.betreut.de, **Newspapers** and **Newsletters**, or websites such as <https://goodjobs.eu/de/HeldInnengesucht> with a great campaign to fill positions that are urgently needed.

3) **Be proactive and creative!**

- Ask within your **private network (friends and family)**: through contacts and recommendations you can access more easily to the job market.
- Are you interested in working for a specific company? Then there is no need to wait for them to announce a vacancy. With an **initiative application** you can introduce yourself to the company and present your special skills and competences.
- Working as a **freelancer** could also be a good option, especially during COVID-19 times. Jobs as **programmer** or **translator** can be often performed online. On the other side, **private lessons** for pupils are highly demanded since schools are currently closed.
- **Private individuals** may be looking for someone for activities such as **babysitting**, **private lessons for kids** or just for **everyday help**. You can find this kind of offers at **Ebay-Kleinanzeigen** or **notices at the supermarket**. Alternatively, you could post your own offer proposing your services.
- **Volunteer** jobs are quite popular in Germany. That could be a first step for you to gain experience and make some useful job contacts for the future.

4) **To cover urgent financial needs:**

- Despite that the pandemic has generally reduced the number of job vacancies, there are still some branches where staff is needed. You will probably not find your dream job here but at least will be able to pay your rent. **Vaccination centers, nursing homes for the elderly, supermarkets (discounters like Aldi/ Lidl), bakeries, drugstores, the logistic sector, food delivery services** and **call centers** could be options for you to apply.
- Lastly, if you are going through financial difficulties, the **German Government** is also offering **aids** to students who have lost their jobs or whose income is not enough to cover their expenses. The **KfW-Credits** for students could be an alternative too.

You can find more information about that at <https://www.bmbf.de/de/wissenswertes-zur-ueberbrueckungshilfe-fuer-studierende-11509.html>

Good luck and all the best for you!

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