

Here are a few tips to help you identify job scams:



Remember, if the opportunity seems “too good to be true,” it’s probably a scam.

- **No experience is needed:** the job is so simple that your 8-year-old nephew could do it. You don’t need any specific skill set, education or experience.
- They want you to **start ASAP** (today if possible) and you **must respond immediately** (they don’t want you to think about how foolish this offer is or do any research on them).
- They are so impressed with you that **no interview is needed** (really, what have you done that is so impressive?☺).
- They **received your contact information from our office or from someone in our office** (our office does not give out students’ contact information).
- You look at their website and there is **no place for customers or potential customers** to inquire about products and services offered. What company doesn’t promote its products or services?
- The email is from a Gmail or Yahoo account and **not a business URL**. Instead of an employer’s domain name, scammers often use a company’s actual name embedded in a generic URL.
- They **don’t list a single company they have done work for/with** but yet they claim to work with Fortune 500 companies or they are the current leader in the market in their geographic area.
- **Job postings that ask you to advance/wire money to begin employment**, no legitimate employer asks you for money in order for them to hire you.
- You will be **processing payments:** There is no legitimate job that requires people to receive money, keep a portion as a commission and send the rest on. Think about it!
- **Accepting packages for pay:** they send you packages and you repackage and then send them on to the intended receiver. Most likely the goods have been stolen and you are now a partner in the crime/fraud.
- Job postings that ask you to **send personal information** (social security number, DOB, etc.) in order to apply.
- Urgent wording, impersonal messages, or frequent use of improper grammar.