

# Finding your next role

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#### Introduction





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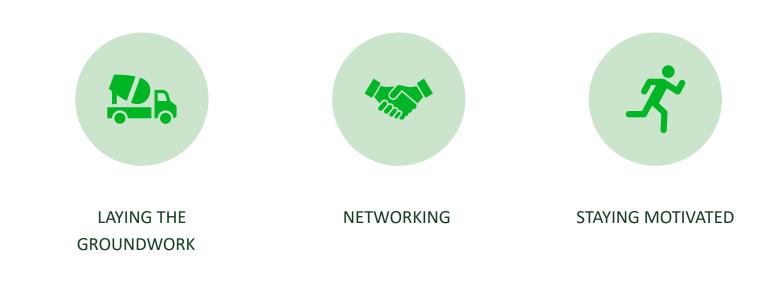


RESEARCH & NETWORKING

RESUME & SOCIAL MEDIA VIRTUAL INTERVIEWING

#### **Research and networking**





### Laying the groundwork





Where to start? Look at formal (meetups/groups) and informal (social circle) networking opportunities/Immigration Serving Organizations

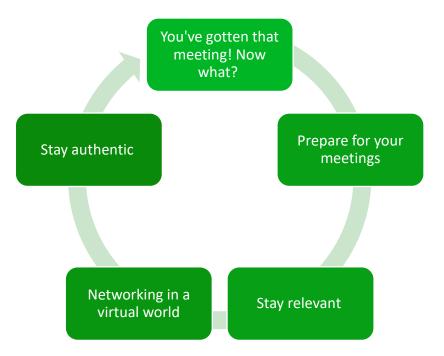
Stay relevant and set expectations; target events related to your interests and people in those spaces.

Make sure your LinkedIn® is updated and detailed.

Elevator pitch

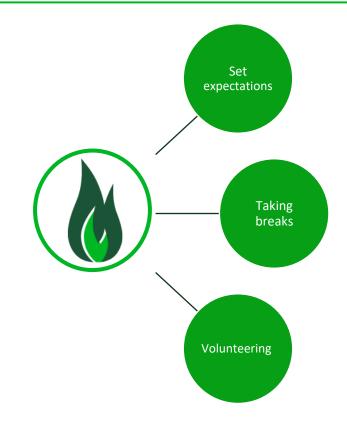
# Networking





# **Staying motivated**





## **Online personal brands**





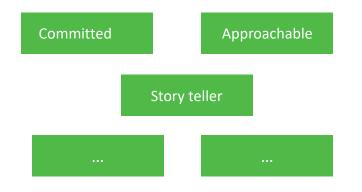
#### What is it?

Creating it on LinkedIn ®



# Personal brand - What is it?

What words would you use to describe yourself?



# **Building your profile**

Use your words and incorporate them in your profile (You don't have to use all).

The "About me" section should describe what you do, what projects you worked on, your strengths and what you would like to do.

Remember this is a snapshot of your resume.



#### **Best practices**



- Avoid adding designations in your name
- Choose a photo that's professional and welcoming
- Put your current role in your headline or get creative and come up with an engaging tagline
- Customize your LinkedIn<sup>®</sup> professional networking services URL
- Add a banner to make it more professional
- Turn your summary into a professional story
- Optimize your location
- Build your network



# **Building your network**

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Stay optimistic

Be prepared for setbacks: Not everyone is willing to help and not every recruiter responds to their messages (or they may take some time)

Follow up

Also remember to reach out to people in the team: Connect with people beyond the recruiter or hiring manager



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- Clean layout and easy to read
- Two pages max
- Highlight your skills, a good summary outlining who you are and what you are looking for
- Think about the specific job you're applying to and speak to the job requirements
- Avoid spelling and grammatical errors
- Remove irrelevant or outdated experience
- State your most important points first and include big achievements
- Quantify as much as possible
- Credentials
- \* Pet peeves?



Note: Everyone has their own opinions, even recruiters. What I believe may be different from a recruiter at another institution.

#### **Virtual interview**





A **virtual interview** is an interview that takes place remotely, sometimes over the phone, but often using technology like video conferencing and other online communication platforms. Virtual interviews are often conducted much the same way as face-to-face interviews. That said, virtual communication requires special considerations and adjustments due to the limited ability to read body language and facial expressions.

#### Interviewing





DELIVER







Research
Be prepared to speak to your background and experiences
Prepare a list of questions
Practice at home
Dress to impress
Prepare your interviewing space

#### Deliver



Keep background clean and tidy

Limit distractions

Build rapport

Be your authentic self

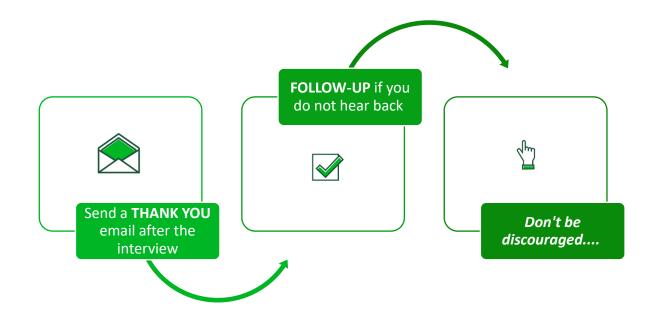
Avoid common mistakes

Make your career objectives clear



## Follow-up







# **Questions?**