

Job Search Reflection Activity:

Questions to Get You Started

1. What do you want out of a job, internship, educational program, and/or career?

2. Search Factors:
 - a. **Location** – list a few locations (city, state, county) where you want to live/work? (Resource: *GoinGlobal*)

 - b. **Wage / Standard of Living** (Resource: MIT's *Living Wage Calculator*)

Needs budget (considering the location's cost of living)

Wants budget

 - c. **Career / Job Fulfillment Gradient**
What have you enjoyed about your past volunteering or work experiences?

What tasks or types of things do you especially enjoy or need within your day-to-day life?
(Ex. hobbies, travel, family time, vacation, working with people, making money, always having new things to work on, access to arts and music, being near my family, having access to quality medical care, etc.)

What are your work environment preferences?
(Ex. indoors/outdoors, mostly/little desk work, working with people/solo, regularly have new tasks/routine tasks, more listening/talking, initiating work/being assigned work, working on 'big picture' projects/task-oriented projects, working for a for-profit/non-profit organization, position security, ability to earn wage increases, opportunity to move up into leadership roles, work-day flexibility or ability to work remotely, etc.)

 - d. **List 3 Workplace Values or aspects you'd want in your workplace's culture:**
 - i.
 - ii.
 - iii.

3. **Career Exploration & Informational Interview prep:**
 - a. What industries interest you? (*Education, Research, Healthcare, Sales, Public Service, Arts, Entrepreneurship, etc.*)

 - b. What companies or organizations interest you? (Resource: *LinkedIn & Handshake*)

 - c. What job titles, career paths, or types of positions interest you? (Resource: *Occupational Outlook Handbook*)

 - d. Who do you know that works in these industries / fields / positions? (Resources: *Your Personal Network & LinkedIn*)