

# Tips on Finding Entry-Level Positions in the Nuclear Industry

## ➤ Internships & Co-Ops: Get Experience!

- ▲ Provide relevant work experience.
- ▲ Offer opportunities to build contacts for future positions.
- ▲ Provide references for long term career decisions.

## ➤ Networking is Key!

- ▲ Join professional societies at your local university or region: ANS, ASME, CNS, SNM, SWE or other professional industry organizations.
- ▲ Be an active member, not a passive member – go to the meetings, present technical papers, check out guest speakers, socials, etc.
- ▲ Career Fairs are great for upcoming grads.

## ➤ Start Your Job Search Early!

- ▲ Recognize that companies hire upcoming grads during certain times – offers are usually extended during the fall and winter; new hires begin during late spring or early summer.

## ➤ Use On-Campus Resources!

- ▲ A great resume helps open the door, and excellent interviewing skills will help you get the job.

## Remember These Tips:

- The nuclear industry is a specialized field, looking for talented young professionals to learn from experienced professionals (some of which will retire soon!).
- You are competing for a job and will have to work for it – companies will not just hand you a job without you proving your value.
- If at first you don't get responses to your resume, revise your strategy. Ask yourself:
  - ▲ Is your resume appropriate for the position and company?  
(Avoid mass-mailing of standard resumes – tailor them to the company and the position that you are applying for.)
  - ▲ How can you stand out to a hiring company?
  - ▲ What additional experience(s) will help you market yourself?
  - ▲ What can you learn from your classmates who were recently hired?
- Passion, willingness to learn, energy and drive will help you stand out in the interview – grades are not the sole factor in the hiring process!

## Web Search Tips

- Several companies, utilities and government agencies specify “entry-level” or “0-2 years experience” to identify excellent positions for new grads; look on their websites for these positions
- Be sure to adjust your resume and cover letter to the position’s description – how are you a “qualified candidate”?
- Sites to check out:
  - ▲ Company websites
  - ▲ Monster.com or hotjobs.com
  - ▲ Professional societies’ career center postings
    - ◆ ANS, ASME, NEI, SNM, SWE, etc.
    - ◆ [www.radwaste.net/psoc.htm](http://www.radwaste.net/psoc.htm) lists websites of several professional societies by country
  - ▲ University career center postings
  - ▲ Government Agencies: Local & Federal  
([www.usajobs.opm.gov](http://www.usajobs.opm.gov))

**Good Luck!**

