

**Job Search Reflection Activity:**  
*Questions to Get You Started*

1. What do I 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 or outside, desk work or not sitting at a desk all day, working with people or working solo, always having new things to work on or sticking to routine tasks/duties, position security, ability to earn wage increases, opportunity to move up into leadership roles, ability to leave when my family member is ill, not clocking-in every day, more listening or more talking, initiating work or reacting to work that is needed, working on "bigger picture" projects or more task-oriented work, working at a for-profit or a not-for profit, 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*)