



Career E-minder

Social Networking and Your Job Search

Using social networking web pages such as MySpace and Facebook can be a great way to keep in touch with your friends. You can post blogs, pictures, surveys, and comments detailing all aspects of your life. But did you know that potential employers may be viewing your web page? According to an article on Careerbuilder.com a recent study by the executive search firm ExecuNet found that "77 percent of recruiters run searches of candidates on the Web to screen applicants; 35 percent of these same recruiters say they've eliminated a candidate based on the information they uncovered." Even if your page is posted as private that does not always ensure it will be safe from unwanted eyes, especially when your "friends" list contains hundreds of names you do not necessarily know well or at all. While not all employers will search candidates online, it is a growing trend.

Here are some important tips to keep your image protected:

1. Be Careful: Do not post anything on your site or your "friends" site you wouldn't want a possible employer to view.
2. Be Discreet: Know who your "friends" are. Look for features that allow you to approve all comments before they are posted on your page.
3. Be Prepared: Check your profile comments regularly and remove anything that could harm your career prospects. Be prepared to explain online gossip that may have made its way to your page.

Be Aware: Check out your friends' pages often, especially in the pictures section. Read the captions. Make sure there is nothing that could portray you in a negative way.

Article Link: <http://www.careerbuilder.com/JobSeeker/careerbytes/CBArticle.aspx?articleID=533&cbRecursionCnt=1&cbsid=4a98c57d58074776b28b3754cd99ccc1-236962304-J2-5>

Announcements and Events

Wed 7/11/2007 1:00p

- CoOp/Internship Info Session

Thurs 7/19/2007 1:00p

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Position of the Week

Job ID: 4085

Position: Student Contractor

Organization: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Position Type: Full-time

Wage: \$14.88/hour

Job Description: One or more recent graduates (received degree within the last 24 months) with a B.S. or equivalent degree in biology, chemistry, ecology, environmental science, marine biology, zoology or related field to provide services under a contractual agreement to assist in understanding the physical, chemical, and biological dynamics of coastal wetlands and estuaries, to determine ecological condition, evaluate rates and causes of declining systems, and/or predict future conditions under various alternative water quality scenarios. For more detailed information regarding the Gulf Ecology Division, visit its home page at <http://www.epa.gov/ged/>.

How to Apply:

Interested parties must provide a one- or two-page resume or statement of qualifications including (1) student's full legal name; (2) mailing address; (3) telephone number; (4) email address (if any), (5) date of birth; (6) Social Security Number; (7) place of birth; (8) citizenship or, if not a US citizen, immigration/VISA status; (9) education, including description of relevant classes; (10) date(s) of college degree(s); (11) work or volunteer experience related to the scientific field; and (12) laboratory work experience (if applicable to these services).

See JasonQuest for full instructions. Search for the job id.

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