Search Sites and Terms

Where to Search

**Within Willamette**
- The Community Service Learning [Database](#), [Calendar](#) and [Newsletter](#) applications to lead a trip typically due toward the middle of Fall semester.
- **JobCat**—a job search engine with opportunities geared toward Willamette students.
- The Sustainable Careers Newsletter—these opportunities will also be posted on JobCat or the CSL database, but subscribe to the newsletter so you don’t miss them!
- **Switchboard**—a Craigslist-style site primarily for Willamette students and alumni, but also contains some opportunities from outside employers. You can ask for what opportunities people have heard of, ask if anyone would like to be interviewed, or just look for job opportunities others have posted.
- For networking: WU related Facebook and LinkedIn groups and pages. Look for Willamette Alumni groups, or groups and pages linked to your major, minor, or graduation year. If you don’t fit the description perfectly, you can usually still join these groups or connect with them in other ways because Bearcats like helping each other.
- For alumni: [EverTrue](#) phone app

**External**
- **Certified Benefit Corporations**—B Corps (yes, you pronounce the “p” in this case) are businesses that aren’t joined at the hip with profit for shareholders. Instead their success can be measured by how much they benefit the communities and ecosystems.
- **Oregon Non-Profits**
- State Government agencies and programs, and not just the obviously environmentally focused ones. If you’re interested in environmental health, for instance, both the Department of Environmental Quality and the Oregon Health Authority could have good opportunities for you. If you’re interested in urban sustainability, try finding something relating to transportation or urban planning.
- **Business Journals**—[Portland Business Journal](#)
- **Idealist**—similar system to JobCat, but with more results because these employers don’t necessarily have a connection to Willamette.
- **Eco.org**—a lot of search options helps you find opportunities that suit your experience level, interests, and locations.
- **Grace Communications Foundation partners** include law schools and nonprofit organizations in sustainable agriculture, energy and water quality fields. These connections could be good career options or sources of informational interviewees.
- Best for mid-level or higher jobs, but some entry level opportunities, and good specificity for environmental sustainability: [GreenBiz](#), [Green Dream Jobs](#)
- Farther from Oregon: [Global Impact Investing Network](#), [JustMeans](#)―national and global job listings, news, and events from businesses practicing corporate social responsibility.

For specific fields
- **Water protection**:
  - [Jobs in water protection](#)—tips from Ecocentric on getting jobs in water protection in both hard science and people-oriented ways. Ecocentric is a blog from Grace
Communications Foundation, which seeks to promote sustainable food production and discuss interactions between food, energy, and water.

- **Energy:**
  - Spark Clean Energy--get started now on your ideas for improving energy efficiency through classes and grants for innovative ideas. Spark also has several types of internships for students across the country.
  - Tips from Ecocentric
- **Sustainable food:**
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- **The sciences:**
  - While you’re an undergrad, try research and undergrad programs with REU, NASA, and NSF described on Pathways to Science website.
  - Pathways to Science also has financial support, fellowship, and graduate programs for STEM disciplines.

**Corporate Sustainability and Social Responsibility**

If you have a particular company in mind or are interested in making corporations more sustainable, you can read their reports and get a sense of their reporting history on the Global Reporting Initiative website. Keep in mind that “adherence level” refers to completeness of reporting, not to actual environmental or social impacts.

**Communicating about Climate Change and Science**

The National Council for Science and the Environment is one place to look for a broad range of information, programs, conferences, and more relating to environmental knowledge and policy with the goal of “improving the scientific basis for environmental decisionmaking.” They also have internships available and are granting free registration for their Food-Water-Energy Nexus Conference to volunteers.

**What to Search**

Some of these terms could be used to describe the desired characteristics of the applicant. For instance, “energy” might show up in the job description for position unrelated to the energy industry. Some search engines allow you to select where they’re searching, so try unselecting “description.” However, keeping the search open can lead you to positions at organizations who have values relating to the search term.

Some of the more specialized terms won’t produce results on JobCat, but don’t give up on them! Other job search engines might have what you’re looking for.

**Most Topics**

*(best in combination with other terms)*

Education
Outreach
Research
Community engagement
Communication
Waste reduction

**Benefiting Communities**
(Social) justice
Food scarcity/assistance
Welfare
(Public) Transportation
Community (building/resources/engagement)
Environmental justice
Water/air quality/pollution/monitoring
Environmental/health/nutrition/science education
Resilience
Environmental Social Governance

**Benefiting Plants, Animals, and Ecosystems**
Restoration/ecosystem
Wildlife/plants/forests
Water/soil/air quality/pollution/monitoring
Natural resources

**Addressing Climate Change**
(Renewable) energy
Energy innovation
Energy efficiency
Natural resources
Resilience

“Greening” the Economy
Corporate social responsibility
Environmental/sustainability consulting
Natural resources