Virtual Fair Frequently Asked Questions

What is a virtual fair?
A virtual career fair (sometimes called an online job fair) is a scheduled online event that enables employers and job seekers to meet in a virtual environment and use chat rooms, teleconferencing, webcasts, webinars, or email to exchange information about job openings.
Learn more about the online application used for the Gies Virtual Fair.

What are the benefits of a virtual fair?
- A designated profile page for each employer to showcases the organization’s unique brand.
- An exclusive individual chat room that allows each organization for real-time engagement in groups and personalized one-to-one interactions.
- Multiple recruiters can attend chat sessions simultaneously.
- Tools to conduct video/audio broadcasts or screencast presentations to multiple attendees simultaneously (optional feature – not required).
- Multi-recruiter access to search résumés, preselect from, and capture résumés of registered candidates (option to create résumé books).
- Unlimited job postings.

How do I communicate in a virtual environment?
- Text chat box
- Video
- Pre-recorded videos

When is the fair?
The event will take place September 17 & 18.
- Day 1: Full-Time Jobs (September 17)
- Day 2: Internship Opportunities (September 18)
How do companies register for the event?
Registrations are being managed via Careereco web page. Registrations will not be managed through Handshake.

How many company representatives can participate?
- Each company will be allowed one booth. Each booth will allow you to have multiple rooms within your booth to help you organize your student participants.
- To make the event effective and efficient, we suggest no more than 5 representatives at a time.
- Companies can switch representatives throughout the live chat time.

What student populations will attend this fair?
- Primary focus is Gies Business students.
- All university majors are welcome.
- We serve all students enrolled in classes at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Should I still hold an information session?
This is up to your company.
- This event is geared toward specific jobs each company has available, and an information session could be useful for your company branding.
- Information sessions will allow students to come prepared with specific questions.

How will day-after interviews be managed?
- Day-after interviews will not be held directly after the event at Gies Career Services.
- Interviews will be scheduled virtually at the company’s convenience.
- Interviews can still be scheduled via Handshake. That way you can still collect résumés and utilize Handshake’s schedule templates.
- You may utilize your own interviewing platform.

Still have questions?
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