



# Finding Jobs in DC

## Advice from a Recent Alum

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### **Workshop your resume.**

Poli sci students might find it difficult to describe/quantify their work as undergrads, but it can be done. BYU's Poli Sci department is first class and requires its students to become excellent writers, researchers, and analysts.

### **Work as a research assistant.**

Work for free if you have to. Begin building a professional network and skill sets.

### **Talk to EVERYONE.**

Including relatives of people at the desired jobs, and anyone in the office.

LinkedIn is a good platform for that. If you can find BYU alumni or people with whom you have mutual friends, that is gold. Ask them if their companies are hiring in the near future and how to differentiate yourself as a candidate. I found my current job by talking to a counselor in my stake presidency.

### **Save templated cover letters and resumes.**

I think I sent out about 27 applications this summer. I used nearly identical cover letters/resumes but also tailored others to the employer.

### **Learn some technical skills.**

Admittedly there is some personal bias in this one— but learn some technical skills. R, Stata, Tableau, and my background in statistical analysis (familiarity with cleaning data, running regressions, and interpreting regression outputs, etc.) made me stand out over most poli sci majors who focus solely on their writing. The world is data driven and political science at BYU is an excellent opportunity to become more technical in relevant ways.