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Additional Career Resources &

Tools

MIT Resources:

MIT's CareerBridge:

- All MIT Alumni have access to GECD-Career Services' Campus Career Management System called CareerBridge.
- Most jobs and internships posted are geared towards students, or soon to graduate students, and many are done in conjunction with on campus recruiting. However, the searchable database of employers can be a helpful tool for identifying companies, and educating yourself on what employers seek MIT talent. To access CareerBridge, log in to [CareerBridge](#). First time users will need to register and create an account. To see how to create an account, please [view these instructions](#).
- CareerBridge also allows users access to some free resources: Versatile PhD, Going Global, etc. Find these and others under the Premium Resources Tab

Versatile PhD:

A resource for PhD's, designed to help identify and explore non-academic careers

Going Global:

Access to international jobs and internships. Expert advice on resumes by country, work permits and visa requirements for work abroad.

MIT Institute for Career Transition

Founded by MIT-based scholars, the [Institute for Career Transitions \(ICT\)](#) is a non-profit organization whose mission is to generate effective strategies, offer practical support, and increase public understanding of the challenges facing the long term unemployed, white collar professionals. Learn about how you can [volunteer](#) your support for job seekers or how you can [sign up](#) to receive free support.

MIT VMS (Venture Mentoring Services)

[VMS](#) offers services to MIT students, alumni, faculty, and staff who have ideas which they would like to turn into businesses. The MIT connection must be the active "entrepreneur" of the venture. The entrepreneur & the venture must both be based in the Greater Boston Area.



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Martin Trust Entrepreneur Center

There are many opportunities for experienced entrepreneur Alumni to participate in the Centers areas of education, seminars & events and resources. The [Martin Trust Center](#) for MIT Entrepreneurship provides the knowledge, support, and connections needed for MIT students.

Online Resources:

O*NET: <http://www.onetcenter.org>

This website offers both a database of occupational information and career exploration assessment tools for exploring and searching occupations. The website is maintained under the direction of the U.S. Department of Labor. A great tool for reading about potential career options.

My IDP: Science Careers <http://myidp.sciencecareers.org/> (Free)

An individual development plan (IDP) helps you explore career possibilities, and set goals to follow the career path that fits you best.

- Exercises to help you examine your skills, interests, and values
- A list of 20 scientific career paths with a prediction of which ones best fit your skills and interests
- A tool for setting strategic goals for the coming year, with optional reminders to keep you on track
- Articles and resources to guide you through the process

Books & Workbooks

[The Pathfinder: How To Choose or Change Your Career For a Lifetime of Satisfaction](#)

by Nicholas Lore

[Do What You Are: Discover the Perfect Career for You Through the Secrets of Personality Type](#)

by Paul Tieger, Barbara Barron & Kelly Tieger

[What Color Is Your Parachute? 2014: A Practical Manual for Job-Hunters and Career-Changers](#)

by Richard N. Bolles

[Strengths Finder](#)

by Tom Rath

[Put Your Science To Work: The Take-Charge Career Guide for Scientists](#)

by Peter S. Fiske, Ph.D.

[Bounce: Mozart, Federer, Picasso, Beckham, and the Science of Success](#)

by Matthew Syed

[Help Them Grow or Watch Them Go](#)

by Beverly Kaye



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Third Party Resume Writers

National Resume Writers Association: <http://www.thenrwa.com/>

Professional Resume Writers: <http://parw.com/>

[How To Choose A Writer Who Fits Your Needs?](#)

Private Career Counselor or Career Coach

Boston-Area:

[Career Counselors Consortium Northeast:](#)

[JVS \(Jewish Vocational Services\)](#)

[Operation A.B.L.E.](#) (Ability Based on Long Experience) (Specializes in people aged 45 +)

[WIND](#) (weekly networking groups for professionals in transition)

[JOBQUEST](#) (Job Seeker Online Services)

Find one in your geographic area:

[National Career Development Association:](#)

[Association of Career Professionals International:](#)

[Services of the Career Counselor:](#)

[Client Expectations, Rights and Responsibilities](#)

Other Job Search Assistance

One-Stop Career Centers

The U.S. Department of Labor coordinates a network of One-Stop Career Centers throughout the country. These centers provide free or low-cost employment and career counseling services to job seekers.

Please see the following sites for more information:

<http://www.dol.gov/dol/topic/training/onestop.htm>

<http://www.careeronestop.org/>

<http://www.doleta.gov/usworkforce/onestop/onestopmap.cfm>



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Executive Search Firms

Executive search firms are hired by employers to help fill a position. Some search firms are generalists, and others specialize in particular industries or skill sets. Search firms can sometimes be a useful resource in combination with other independent job search strategies.

For more information about search firms, please see the following sites:

<http://www.rileyguide.com/firms.html>

The *Directory of Executive and Professional Recruiters*, by Kennedy Information (available online and through most public libraries & bookstores)

<http://www.recruiterredbook.com/>

Networking and Support Groups

The Riley Guide: <http://www.rileyguide.com/support.html>

If you have used specific resources or services that were helpful & may benefit other MIT Alumni, please email suggestions to: careerguidance@alum.mit.edu