

UI To Hold Student Job Fair Aug. 29

University of Iowa students interested in campus employment for the Fall 2008 semester are invited to attend a Student Job Fair from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Aug. 29, in the Main Lounge of the Iowa Memorial Union.

The fair, sponsored by the University of Iowa Office of Student Financial Aid, will feature a number of university employers and off-campus employers who qualify for work-study support based on their government or nonprofit status. A list of the employers attending the fair will appear in *The Daily Iowan* on Wednesday, Aug. 27. These employers will offer on-campus, part-time hourly positions and work-study positions at both-on campus and a limited number of eligible non-profit off-campus sites. More than 1,500 students attended the 2007 fair, and many received job offers or interviews that day. More than 30 employers offering over 400 job opportunities attended the 2007 event.

Students with work-study awards should not experience any difficulty finding jobs, and the job fair is a great place to start the job search, according to Cindy Seyfer, associate director of the UI Office of Student Financial Aid. In addition, students who were not awarded work-study will find great opportunities at the fair since many of the employers in attendance will hire students under both the part-time hourly (non-work-study) and the work-study programs, she added.

“Many benefits exist for students who are able to balance the demands of employment and academics,” said Seyfer. “These benefits include paying for educational expenses without incurring loan debt and gaining valuable work experience to enhance resumes.”

In addition, employment on the university campus offers a variety of unique benefits including flexible work hours, convenient locations often near classes or places of residence, the opportunity to work with mentors in a career field and competitive wages, Seyfer said. Off-campus non-profit agencies offer a variety of benefits including the opportunity to work in an agency whose mission is to benefit community members.

Seyfer said that the fair is an excellent opportunity for students interested in working to find out about the variety of jobs available on the university campus and at qualified off-campus work-study sites. Staff from the Office of Student Financial Aid will be available to answer questions regarding employment options, verify work-study eligibility and explain the payroll process.

For more information about the fair, or about part-time or work-study job opportunities, contact the student employment area of the Office of Student Financial Aid at 319-335-1460. Students can visit the financial aid web site to view job listings for university and community work-study and non-work-study jobs. Jobnet, the web based advertisement system, is updated daily and can be accessed at the following web address <http://www.uiowa.edu/financial-aid/jobnet/>

The Student Job Fair is one of a series of activities held in conjunction with “Welcome Week 2008.” This annual event is designed to welcome new students and help them become acquainted with the campus, as well as to welcome returning students.