

Idealist.org Road Map

IDEALIST.ORG

Nonprofit job postings

<http://www.idealists.org> (Look on the right side of the screen and click on “Jobs”)

This is what we’re known for. At any one time, there are 2,500 to 3,000 jobs, domestic and international, waiting for hungry job seekers. And with our network of over 42,000 organizations growing by the week, it’s a great one-stop shopping place for graduating seniors.

Nonprofit internship postings

<http://www.idealists.org> (Look on the right side of the screen and click on “Internships”)

Internships are a great way for students to get some really solid experience to add to their resumes. These postings are often part of structured programs that provide good supervision and great professional development opportunities.

Nonprofit volunteer opportunities

<http://www.idealists.org> (Look on the right side of the screen and click on “Volunteer Opportunities”)

A plethora of opportunities await users in this segment of the site. This is a great way to find local organizations that can serve as Bonner sites and as weekend work sites for campus service organizations.

Nonprofit-oriented or -affiliated events

<http://www.idealists.org> (Look on the right side of the screen and click on “Events”)

This is, potentially, the most underutilized and most interesting aspect of the site (in my opinion). This is a great place to find local events where nonprofit professionals will be in abundance. Pointing students toward these events is a great way to help them connect with folks in the sector.

Nonprofit career fairs

<http://www.idealists.org> (Look on the left side of the screen and click on the appropriate fair)

All things “career fair” are here! These fairs take place in the fall and the spring at campuses across the country. They’re a great way for younger students to make some connections and get practice in networking before that last year. And, of course, older students are always welcome to come explore what’s available in the sector.

Idealist Career Center

<http://www.idealists.org/career.html>

This center includes a plethora of resources for those new and experienced job seekers. These guides, lists, and ideas have been developed by Idealist staff members and friendly consultants.

- **Starting Your Job Search:** <http://www.idealists.org/firstjob.html>
This section provides an introduction to the types of jobs available in this field, advice on how to go about determining where to fit into the nonprofit world and tips for finding work in the sector.
- **Resume Writing:** <http://www.idealists.org/career/resumewriting.html>
Everything that you wanted to know (and some things you didn’t) about writing a resume for a job in the nonprofit sector.
- **Fellowships in Public Service:** <http://www.idealists.org/career/fellowship.html>
This page contains descriptions and contact information for a variety of nonprofit and public policy fellowships, though they are primarily U.S.-based.
- **Salary Surveys:** <http://www.idealists.org/career/salarysurvey.html>
How much money should we expect to make out of college at a nonprofit? This is probably the single most frequent question we receive – and the hardest to answer effectively. This page gives some detailed information on how job description and organization play into this question.

- **One-Year Service Opportunities in the U.S.:** <http://www.idealists.org/career/oneyearservice.html>
Far from just publicizing the usual suspects, this section of the site gives a great view of the year of service landscape in the U.S.

My Idealist

<http://www.idealists.org> (Look in top left corner!)

This is the most incredible feature of Idealist.org (in my humble opinion). While many job seekers spend an hour or so a day looking for jobs on Idealist, smart job seekers subscribe to My Idealist and are emailed job, internship, and volunteer opportunities that match a profile that they create for themselves. Less time is spent on the Internet and more time is spent making connections that count!

IDEALISTONCAMPUS.ORG

A program of Idealist, Idealist On Campus offers resources, events, educational tools, networking opportunities, and other programs that support students and campuses in strengthening communities through service, activism, and civic engagement. As an international, online network with a track record of success, we strive to connect and amplify the great work already being done on campuses and in communities around the world. In addition to providing useful tools and resources, we connect people to one another both online and in person and support those working to build a better world through local actions and larger cooperative efforts.

Student Career Center

<http://www.idealistoncampus.org/ioc/learn/scc/index.html>

This career center is similar to the one on the main Idealist site, but includes some resources specifically geared toward students, including:

- **Idealist Career Days:** <http://www.idealistoncampus.org/ioc/attend/ICD/index.html>
With a relatively flexible format, these workshops on nonprofit and socially responsible careers help students explore nonprofit and socially responsible career options. Workshops can be arranged for anywhere from two to six hours and typically include interactive exercises presented in workshop format, and can be enhanced with a few panel discussions led by professionals in the local nonprofit community and alums from the host school.
- **Additional Career Resources:** <http://www.idealistoncampus.org/ioc/learn/scc/resources.html>
This feature of the website includes handouts that we distribute at most workshops, ranging from “What Are Nonprofit Jobs?” to “Student Loan Information.”
- **Beyond Nonprofit Careers:** <http://www.idealistoncampus.org/ioc/learn/scc/beyond.html>
We realize that the nonprofit sector is not the only way for students to do good work after graduation; in fact, we hope that students find ways to align the values with their vocation outside of working for a nonprofit! Here you will find the beginnings of our “Socially Responsible Life” curriculum.

Civic Engagement Curriculum

<http://www.idealistoncampus.org/ioc/learn/curriculum/index.html>

The COOL Civic Engagement Curriculum is designed to provide campus administrators and students with training in the essential tools and strategies needed to enact social change in communities and on campuses around the nation.

Trainings and Campus Visits

<http://www.idealistoncampus.org/ioc/learn/trainings.html>

Our staff is available for trainings on the nonprofit sector and on topics in the civic engagement curriculum. Focused on students and/or professional staff, we will work with you to develop customized training sessions that meet your students’ needs.