



# Government Job Search Basics

Government—whether at the local, state, or federal level—is an exciting place to work. Public service work appeals to people with all types of interests, including environmental law, civil rights, gun control, voting rights, anti-corruption law, international law, domestic violence, economic development, animal rights, consumer protection, education, family law, health, housing, labor and employment, and tax law.

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## Review Resources to Generate Ideas

The PI/PS Office's specialized job search tools will help you understand the range of public service opportunities.

- [The Arizona Guide Government Honors and Internship Handbook](#) compiles federal, state, and local government internships. (password: publicservice)
- [USAJOBS.GOV](#) lists thousands of federal government jobs and internships.
- [PSJD.org](#) includes government jobs and employer profiles.  
*TIP: Sign up for job alerts.*
- [Symplicity](#) houses jobs AND evaluations of internship employers by past students. (Select My Account → Evaluations → Search.)
- [The New York Public Interest Index](#) lists NYC-area employers by subject. Government employers have their own section but are also included under each subject.

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## Meet with Alex Hogan, director of government programs

After brainstorming employers and practice areas of interest, make an appointment with Alex. Alex can add to your list and cover issues unique to government hiring, such as citizenship requirements and background checks.

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## Apply!

As you draft your application materials, use our Public Interest Job Search Toolkit as your guide. Work with your PI/PS adviser and/or submit materials to the [1L Resume and Cover Letter Review Portal](#) (find it on the job search tools page). The Toolkit also includes [sample resumes and cover letters!](#)