Technology Career Fair Report

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Introduction

In an effort to find a job for post-graduation, I attended USF's technology career fair in person. The technology career fair was similar to the previous career fair I attended. It was also located in the Marshall Student Center. This time I was more prepared, already having some printed copies of my resume, as well as a business card with a QR code that links to my website. I received my name tag at the check-in station and confirmed my presence with the QR sign in code.

Fair Preparation

I once again prepared for the career fair by creating a list of tables I was interested in visiting. Companies listed their names and table locations on the attendance list on handshake, so I used this list to create a map and order of tables to visit. I tried to visit more tables at this fair than the previous one, as I figured there would be more companies offering technology related jobs.

Fair Experience

The fair was held in the ballroom again with equally as many companies and students looking for jobs. I checked my prepared map and list to figure out where to go. There were lines at most of the tables, but some of the tables had no line. I waited in line for the companies I was most interested in, but I went up to many of the tables without a line just to check them out. Many of the government agencies such as the air force, nsa, military, etc were offering cybersecurity and other technology related jobs, but I would prefer to work for a private company. Most of the companies offering jobs also required

in person work and a move which did not interest me. I gave my resume to many recruiters with a few remote opportunities standing out to me as the best fit.

Expectations

I had some expectations for the technology career fair. I expected there would be more technology job opportunities than the previous job fair which turned out to be true. I also expected many of these positions to be remote positions, but I discovered most of the job opportunities required in person work and relocation to another city or state. I thought the technology field would have more opportunity to work remotely than other fields, but the status quo seems to be working in person for many of these positions. I asked the recruiters if relocating for in person work was negotiable, but all of them said it was non-negotiable. The few jobs that were listed as remote had no expectation of in person work at any point, so they did not require relocation.

Final Thoughts

The technology career fair was an interesting experience that taught me more about the current job market along with the expectations of employers. Although I am not interested in relocating or working in person, it seems many opportunities present at USF are requiring this. I enjoyed my experience speaking to the recruiters and learning more about these jobs as well as what is negotiable.