

SUTA Seattle Chapter's Monthly Event



Career Boost Workshop: Elevate Your Job Search with Expert Tips for New Grads & Entry-level Pros!

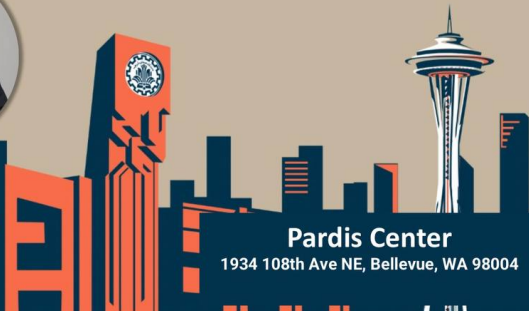


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Thursday Feb 22nd, 2024

6:30 PM – 8 PM



Pardis Center

1934 108th Ave NE, Bellevue, WA 98004

Event Agenda

Time	Section	Duration
6:30-7:00	Networking Session	30 min
7:00	Event Start	-
7:20	LinkedIn and CVs (Resources)	20 min
7:55	Networking & Interview (Strategies)	35 min
8:30	1-1 Resume Review & Networking Session	30 min

- **First Impressions Matter:** Managers spend a mere 6-10 seconds in their initial scan of your resume. Make those seconds count!
- **Going Beyond the Glance:** If your resume catches their interest, managers might invest an additional 1-2 minutes in a more detailed review.
- **Navigating the ATS Maze:** Before your resume lands on a hiring manager's desk, it often passes through an Applicant Tracking System (ATS). Learn how to make it through this digital gatekeeper.
- **Keywords are Key:** ATS scans for specific keywords, skills, and qualifications. Tailoring your resume to match job descriptions can significantly boost your chances.
- **Customization is King:** Customize your application for each job to align with the company's needs.

The Art of CV Crafting

- **Storytelling Technique:** Craft your CV like a narrative, showcasing your professional journey with a clear and engaging story.
- **Visual Appeal:** Make your CV visually appealing by using clean formatting, consistent fonts, and incorporating visual elements like icons or infographics. ([Link to code](#))
- **Quantifiable Achievements:** Highlight achievements with quantifiable results, emphasizing the impact you've made in previous roles.
- **Skills Showcase:** Create a dedicated section to showcase your skills, ensuring alignment with the job requirements.

Elevating Content

- **Keywords:** Identifying and incorporating relevant keywords to pass through applicant tracking systems (ATS).
- **Action Verbs:** Use strong action verbs to enhance the impact of your accomplishments. ([Link to Resume Action Verbs](#))
(Developed, Integrated, Solved, Debugged, Founded, Achieved, ...)
- **Turning Job Duties into Accomplishments:** Transform routine job duties into accomplishments by highlighting the value you brought to each task.
 - ✗ Managed daily operations of the customer service desk.
 - ✓ Successfully streamlined daily operations at the customer service desk, improving efficiency by 20%.

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Objective
 As a research engineer, I have 14 years of experience in mechatronics and robotics, focusing on perception and automation. I am looking for full-time positions to develop novel technologies for autonomous robot systems in automotive vehicle manufacturing.

Education

- University of Washington - Seattle**
 Master of Science in Computer Science; GPA: 3.78
 Focus in: Robotics
 April 2023
- University of Florida**
 Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering Major GPA: 3.8
 September 2009

Experience

- Software Engineer**
 Amazon
 Seattle, WA
 September 2023 - Present
 - Conducted research on innovative software solutions.
 - Implemented cutting-edge algorithms for improved system performance.
- Research Assistant**
 University of Washington, Robotics Lab
 Seattle, WA
 May 2022 - September
 - Conducted experiments to validate theoretical models.
 - Collaborated on various projects to enhance robotic capabilities.
- Robotic Engineer, Internship**
 Event LLC, Seattle
 New York City, NY
 Feb 2022 - March 2022
 - Developed and tested robotic systems for event management.
 - Implemented innovative solutions to optimize robot performance.
 - Collaborated with a diverse team to achieve project goals.

Skills

- Programming: Java, Python, C++, JavaScript (React)
- Web Development: HTML, CSS
- Databases: MySQL, MongoDB
- Software: Git, Docker
- Operating Systems: Linux, Windows

Honors and Awards

- Received a Research Grant of \$10,000 from the University of Washington.
- Awarded for exceptional contribution to [specific achievement].
- Recognized for outstanding performance in [specific event].

Certificates and Training

- Completed a course in [topic] with a focus on [specific skill].
- Achieved certification in [area of expertise].

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Optimizing LinkedIn Profile

- **Enhance Visibility:** 21x more profile views and 36x more messages with a photo. Craft a compelling headline with relevant keywords. Make the profile photo professional, clear, and approachable.
 - [LinkedIn searches are keyword-driven.](#)
- **Detailed Work Experience:** Provide detailed information about your work experience, emphasizing achievements and results.
- **Recommendations and Endorsements:** Showcase your skills with recommendations and endorsements from colleagues and connections.

Optimizing LinkedIn's Content

- **Skill Endorsements:** Showcase your skills by seeking and receiving endorsements from colleagues and connections.
- **Keep your Profile Active:** Share and comment on industry news and trends to showcase your knowledge and stay relevant.
- **Publications and Projects:** Feature any publications or projects you've worked on to demonstrate expertise.
- **Join and Participate in Groups:** Join relevant LinkedIn groups to connect with professionals in your industry and participate in discussions.
- (Stanford's LinkedIn Tips)

Part 2: Networking and Interview Strategies

Networking strategies

- The Impact of Networking:
A substantial portion of job opportunities, as high as 70-80%, are found through networking and personal connections.

- **The common (wrong) reasons behind networking:**

- Expanding your professional contacts
- Seeking career opportunities
- Gaining industry insights
- Business growth
- Personal branding

These should be regarded as byproducts of networking rather than the primary aim.

Main motivation for Networking

- **What value do I provide to others?**
 - Sharing expertise and knowledge
 - Providing technical support
 - Offering collaboration and partnerships
 - Delivering feedback and consultation
- It's not about taking advantage of a connection, it's about **contributing, supporting, collaborating**, and ultimately helping to **strengthen the professional relationships** and **mutual success**.

- **How to start?**

- Acquiring substantial knowledge and expertise in your field
- Targeting audience
- Exhibiting professional conduct
- Leveling-up communication skills
- Building genuine, **mutually beneficial relationships** rather than just collecting contacts

- **One potential approach:**
 - Pay closer attention to the papers you read.

**Speaker Diarization for ASR Output with T-vectors:
A Sequence Classification Approach**

Midia Yousefi, Naoyuki Kanda, Dongmei Wang, Zhuo Chen, Xiaofei Wang, Takuya Yoshioka

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Textless Speech-to-Speech Translation on Real Data

**Ann Lee, Hongyu Gong, Paul-Ambroise Duquenne, Holger Schwenk,
Peng-Jen Chen, Changhan Wang, Sravya Popuri, Yossi Adi,
Juan Pino, Jiatao Gu, Wei-Ning Hsu**

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**Improving Isochronous Machine Translation
with Target Factors and Auxiliary Counters**

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Networking strategies

- Draft an excel file and collect the authors information

	Name	Research Field	Affiliation	Email	LinkedIn
1	Blured due to privacy issues	Audioprocessing in AR/VR domain	Meta	Blured due to privacy issues	https://www.linkedin.com/in/...
2		AI Speech Scientist	Samsung		https://www.linkedin.com/in/...
3		Senior Research Scientist Manager	Meta		https://www.linkedin.com/in/...
4		Senior Research Scientist	Google		https://www.linkedin.com/in/...
5		Scientist Deep Learning & Speech	NVIDIA		https://www.linkedin.com/in/...
6		Research Scientist	Meta		https://www.linkedin.com/in/...
7		Assistant Professor	UTDallas		https://www.linkedin.com/in/...
8		Associate Professor	Delft Univ		https://www.linkedin.com/in/...
9		Senior Research Scientist	RealSpeaker		https://www.linkedin.com/in/...
10		Director of Applied Science	Amazon AWS		https://www.linkedin.com/in/...
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12		Sr. Technical Program Manager	Amazon AWS		https://www.linkedin.com/in/...
13		Senior Applied Science Manager	Amazon		https://www.linkedin.com/in/...
14		Machine Learning Engineer	Apple		https://www.linkedin.com/in/...
15		Director of research	Google		https://www.linkedin.com/in/...
		Senior applied Science Manager	Amazon		https://www.linkedin.com/in/...

- **How to use the collected information?**

- Grad students seeking internship or full-time positions:
 - Directly email the manager and inquire about position openings
 - Mention the paper you read
 - Provide information on how your project is relevant to their team
 - Customize your CV to the paper/team's project (attached to the email)
- Entry-level professionals
 - Invite them to give a talk in your organization
 - Note if their paper will be presented in any future conference. By attending the conference you'll maximize your chance to meet in person and build a deeper connection.

What to do next?

- Attend all the major conferences in your field
- Join the conference organizing committees teams
- Take part in discussion panels, Workshops, Challenges

An example of a conference's schedule:

You can be on the conference committee and organize these events.

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