Searching for a Bioinformatics Position

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General Tips for Job Hunting

- Persistence is key!
- Apply for multiple positions, don't put all your hopes in any one position.
- Make sure that the job is a good fit for you, do not use your time for asking questions about the position pass you by.

Bioinformatics Position Terminology

- Be familiar with the different names by which bioinformatics positions are called.
 - Bioinformatician,
 - Computational Biologist,
 - Biotechnologist
 - Genomics
 - Programmer
 - Computational Scientist

Look at Medical Centers

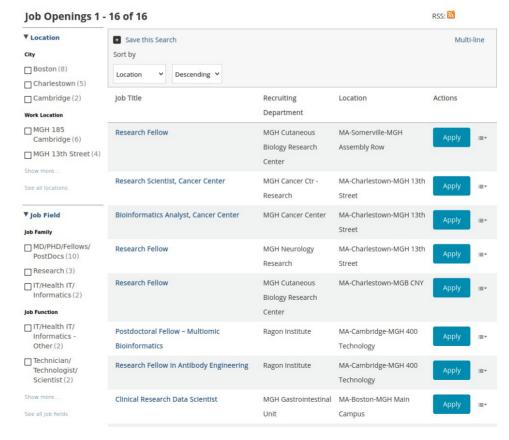
 For Example, Check out the Southwestern Job Search and Search for "Bioinformatics".

Job Title + Category	Job No.	Location	Schedule
Computational	774011	Dallas, TX	Full-time
Biologist I,			
Bioinformatics			
Research &			
Laboratory			
Assistant	2400001K	Dallas, TX	Full-time
Professor/			
Associate			
Professor Tenure			
Track Faculty in			
Systems Biology			
Faculty and			
Physicians			
Computational	774452	Dallas, TX	Full-time
Biologist II, Public			
Health			
Research &			
Laboratory			

https://jobs.utsouthwestern.edu/job-search-results/

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Massachusetts General Hospital



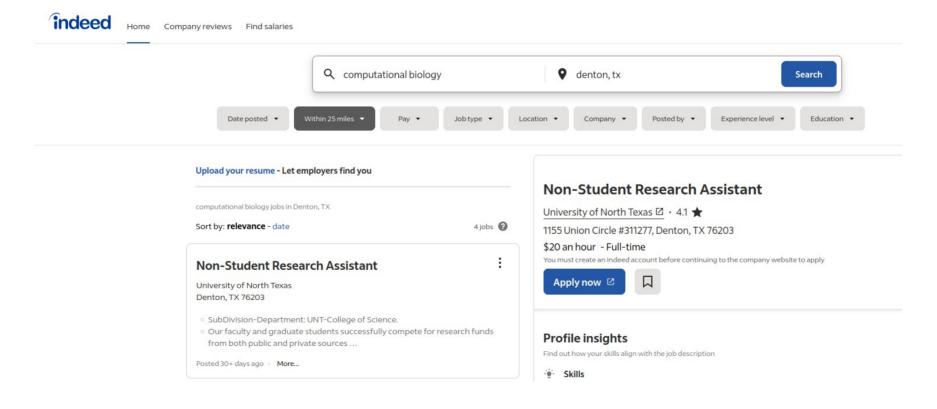
Thoroughly Review the Posting

 You need to make sure you are a good fit for the job, and the job is a good fit for you.

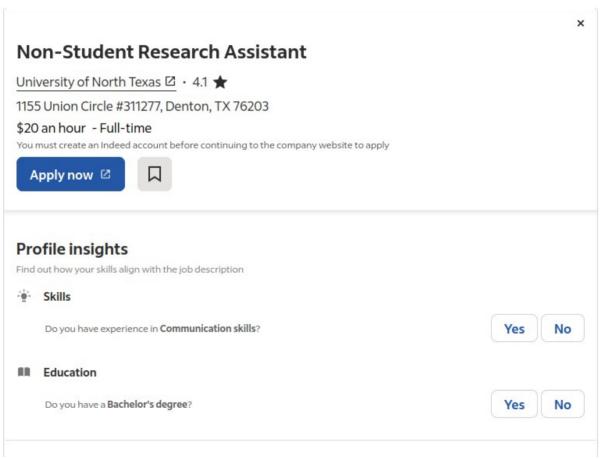




Use Job Aggregator Sites like Indeed



Consider Non-Student Research Positions



Consider Continuing Academics

 Consider becoming a Master's or PhD student, as there are often stipends for positions devoted to assisting with bioinformatics.

Check for Core Facilities at Medical Universities

• Some universities have core facilities devoted to bioinformatics, check to see if the university you are interested has such positions available.

Many jobs require Advanced Degree

- Many bioinformatics jobs require an advanced degree in some form of computational biology.
- Consider pursuing higher academics as a path into a bioinformatics position.