



How to Get Job Experience

The saying goes, "You've gotta start somewhere," and when it comes to the **job market**, it's true. But, it can be very frustrating for students or recent graduates who are trying to enter the job market when it seems as though every job requires three to five years of experience. How do you get this experience if every job requires it? Where do you start? Read on for some tips on how to get job experience to build up your resume.

Volunteer

There are endless volunteering opportunities that can provide excellent work experience, as well as great references. Try to look for opportunities that are available in the area that you'd like to work in. Don't see any posted? Be proactive and approach the organization. Ask if you could help in that specific area. In today's economy just about every non-profit organization or agency can use some help!

Intern

Interning is a great way to not only get necessary work experience, but it can count towards your school credits as well! As an intern you'll have opportunities to build your resume and possibly learn new skills to help you in your **job search**.

Get an Entry-Level Job

If all else fails, and you need an income ASAP, you may need to look into entry-level jobs that require no previous work experience. Restaurants, and grocery stores are always an option, but if that doesn't interest you, try looking into the industry that you'd like to eventually work in for **entry-level jobs**. Looking for a job in marketing? Dancing around a company parking lot in a hot dog suit to get business may hurt your pride at first, but it may also help you to get your foot in the door and move up the chain faster than if applying from outside the company.

Remember, while any work experience is important; try to make the experience as applicable to the industry that you'd like to work in as possible, so that you can help to move in that direction.