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Advice for current international students: Find something that you are good at, and that is also in demand. Have an idea about where you want to end up career-wise, and start consistently working to get there. Don't get discouraged if your Plan A does not work out, have a Plan B and even C, and be flexible in your approach.

Did you complete an internship? If so, please briefly describe that experience.

I completed a winter internship in KPMG Audit. From January through March we were assigned to several audit clients doing work that normally first-year associates would do. It was a great experience that gave me an idea of what it would be like to work in the corporate world after graduation.

How did you successfully navigate the grad school/job search process?

Illinois Wesleyan has great resources to help students get a job after graduating. First, our Accounting department has done a great job building relationships with several accounting firms who come on campus to recruit. Staying on top of my classes, having a decent GPA, and being involved in campus activities helped to make sure that my resume looked competitive against other candidates.

In addition, the Career Center has great resources when it comes to applying for jobs and interviewing. I remember preparing and practicing for interviews there. Not every interview went great, but I learned something from every one of them and applied that knowledge to subsequent interviews. This eventually helped me land an internship that led to a full-time offer.