Attending a career fair gives you an opportunity to:

- Talk to someone currently working in your field of interest
- Obtain interview experience
- Learn about internship and/or employment opportunities
- Develop contacts with companies for future positions
- Discuss majors or minors of value or interest to organizations
- Obtain referrals for job leads
- Obtain employment

**Job Fair Success Tips**

**Before the Fair:**

- Obtain a list of attending employers and identify the companies that interest you -- contact Career Services at (206) 527-3685 for a copy of this list
- Review the companies and select your top 5
- Research the companies and jobs in your top 5 -- you will stand out from the crowd if you are able to have an informed conversation
- Meet with a career specialist and polish your resume

**During the Fair:**

- Dress professionally -- business casual is appropriate
- Wear little or no cologne and discreet jewelry
- Turn off your cell phone
- Be organized -- carry a portfolio or briefcase; don't dig in a backpack
- Conduct yourself professionally everywhere -- you never know who is nearby
- Bring plenty of copies of your resume and have a pen/pencil and paper available for notes
- Determine where your top 5 companies are located and in what order to visit them
- Make a good first impression by giving a firm handshake, speaking clearly and making eye contact with the representative
- Briefly express why you are interested in the organization and how your background relates to the employer’s needs
- Give your full attention to the representative -- be prepared for an on-the-spot interview
- If you are interested ask for a business card and job description and leave your resume or ask if you can mail your resume to them

**After the Fair:**

- Follow-up is the key!! Be sure to submit application materials and don't forget to send thank-you letters!
- File the literature you have collected for later use in application letters and interviews