



## **Resources and Tips for Conducting a Job Search During Uncertain Times**

### **Reflect**

Take some time to fully consider what you seek in your next position. Here are some prompts to get you started:

- What aspects of your work bring you the most satisfaction?
- What skills or attributes do you regularly receive compliments on from others?
- What tasks or responsibilities come easily to you?
- What makes your experience unique?
- What is missing from your list?
- Where are your growth opportunities?
- How do your strengths compare with job requirements for desired positions?
- Which of your skills might be transferrable to different jobs/work environments/industries?

### **Take advantage of AAM's resources:**

Check out these tips from the AAM Blog

- [Navigating a Job Search in the COVID Market](#)
- [Reinventing Museum Careers](#)
- [Supporting Museum Professionals During a Time of Need](#)
- Explore AAM's [Manage Your Career](#) resources pages
- Visit AAM's [JobHQ](#) to see available job opportunities and identify current skills in demand
- Not a member yet? We're currently offering [deeply discounted professional memberships](#) to any museum professional impacted by the pandemic
- AAM Special Membership benefits include:
  - Online access to members-only [resource library](#)
  - Access to 20 [Professional Networks](#) organized around job responsibilities and areas of common interest
  - Digital subscription to Museum magazine and our e-newsletters, *Aviso* and *Dispatches from the Future of Museums*
  - Discounts on [professional development programs](#), AAM publications, reports, and more
  - Discounted registration to the [2021 AAM Annual Meeting and MuseumExpo](#)



- Registration begins end of January
- Networking opportunities (attendee list, discussion boards, individual video chat, networking events, appointments with exhibitor companies, etc.)
- Opportunity to highlight how you've stayed up-to-date on industry trends, etc.
- Sign-up for coaching and resume review opportunities (keep this vague)

### **Boost Your Skills**

- Stay current with the field by monitoring hot topics, current best practices and emerging trends by reading [AAM's Blog](#) and monitor what others in the field are working on at [Museum Junction](#)
- Explore AAM's [recorded webinars](#) to brush up on wide variety of topics
- Enhance your advocacy skills by attending [Museums Advocacy Day](#) and participate in briefings, training, and networking opportunities.

### **Practice online networking**

- Post your resume to [JobHQ](#)
- Get active on [Museum Junction](#) and join a discussion and swap ideas or advice
- Check out these tips from AAM's Career Management page on [Informational Interviews](#)
- Join or reach out to AAM's [Professional Networks](#)
- National Emerging Museum Professionals Network  
<https://nationalemppnetwork.org/>

### **Create a system for success**

Create reasonable goals and set boundaries for yourself to avoid burnout. Check out AAM's [resource library](#) to help keep you on track.