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://nationalempnetwork.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.