

# Career Services for International MBA Students

## How the Jenkins Graduate Career Center Prepares International Students for the US Job Market

The Jenkins MBA Program’s Graduate Career Center is proud to offer **specialized services** to support students faced with the work authorization and cultural adaptation challenges inherent in an international job search. We offer a number of resources to assist you in **expanding your awareness of the US job market** and how to navigate it. Besides providing you with access to best-in-class career databases, we also **offer International Career Workshops** from the beginning of our Summer Pre-Orientation Program through the end of our Fall Semester. Additionally, you have access to an in-house **International Careers Expert** who facilitates many of the workshops and provides 1:1 Career Advising.

### International Career Programming Calendar – Summer and Fall 2018

Date	Workshop Topic	Description	
1	MBA Pre-Orientation (June – July)	How to Approach Studying and Working in the USA ( <b>First Year Internationals Only</b> )	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adjustment to US Culture: 1) American Values, 2) Building Relationships, 3) Job Search Success, 4) StorySelling</li> </ul>
	CMC Orientation (August)	Databases to create an H1-B Friendly Companies List ( <b>First Year International Only</b> )	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tactics to identify companies that filed H1-B applications by job type</li> </ul>
2	CMC Orientation (August)	How International Students can Communicate a Unique Value Proposition ( <b>First Year International Only</b> )	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Models to help students leverage their pre-MBA skills and experiences that differentiate them in the US job market</li> </ul>
	August (Fall Semester)	The CPT Process and Explaining Your Work Status to Employers ( <b>First Year International Only</b> )	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CPT Tutorial explaining procedure to obtain work authorization</li> <li>How to communicate CPT on marketing materials, networking, and interviews</li> </ul>
3	September	How to Network and Build Relationships in the U.S. ( <b>First and Second Year International</b> )	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Group coaching to develop strategies for adapting to US Style networking to support job search goals, relationship building, and professional development</li> <li>Role plays to practice networking in various online and offline situations</li> </ul>
	October	Snack & Learn: International Student Networking ( <b>First and Second Year International Students, International Alumni</b> )	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Informal discussion with current students and alumni to share tips and advice</li> <li>Opportunities to debrief on job search challenges and successes</li> </ul>
	November	Immigration and Visa Workshop ( <b>First and Second Year International</b> )	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Overview of the current H1-B Immigration policies in the US</li> <li>Understanding details of the process from the employer’s perspective</li> </ul>

1 – International Student focused activities taking place during CMC Pre-Orientation

2 – International Student focused activities taking place during CMC Orientation

3 – International Student focused activities taking place during the Fall Semester

**Learning Goal:** Improve international students’ job search and career management competencies required to execute a successful US job search.

# In-House Expertise:

## International Career Services

Roderick Lewis is the Jenkins MBA Program's expert on international career services.

Since Roderick Lewis entered the MBA world in 1999, he has studied with, taught, coached, and recruited students from multiple countries. Roderick began his career as an Electrical Engineer and then transitioned to the business world upon earning his MBA. His international business interests led him to become a **career consultant in Europe (Spain and Portugal)** where he developed and taught MBA Career Management courses. He also worked as an HR Consultant (MBA Corporate Recruiter and University Relations Manager) for the **Latin American Operations of a multinational FMCG** company where he designed employer branding and recruitment strategies to hire students pursuing graduate studies in business and supply chain/logistics.

Roderick provides expertise in career management strategy for students seeking authorization to work in foreign countries. He is able to **consult students on various North America-based immigration practices** as well as immigration practices for Latin America, Europe, and the UK. He started an international career management consultancy while living abroad in Portugal where he was positioned to provide various contract services to students, professionals, university career centers, and employers in Europe and the UK. Roderick Lewis is the **author of the book, "The Corporate Recruitment Game: What Recruiters Don't Tell, And What Employers Try To Sell"**. He has written opinion articles on employer branding and talent management for *Universum Quarterly* and *Top MBA Quarterly*. To learn more about Roderick Lewis, see his profile on LinkedIn: [www.linkedin.com/in/lewisrod](http://www.linkedin.com/in/lewisrod)



### Education

- › North Carolina State University, Professional Coaching Certificate (2018)
- › The Georgia Institute of Technology, Master of Business Administration (2002)
- › FUNDESEM Business School Semester Exchange Program (2001) - Spain
- › The University of Alabama, Bachelors in Electrical Engineering (1996)

### International Work Experience

- › The Lisbon MBA, Director of Career Management & Alumni Operations (Portugal)
- › The Georgia Institute of Technology, Work Abroad Consultant for Global Internship Program
- › Kimberly-Clark Corporation – Latin America Operations, Human Resources Consultant (USA, Spain, Latin America)
- › ESADE Business School, MBA Career Consultant (Spain)