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Student Employment Instructions: Applying for Work Study Positions

All work study positions are able to be viewed through the Lehigh Office of Career & Professional Development "[Handshake](#)" system.

To create your Handshake account:

- Click the link under the login box where it says to use email to create account.
- Navigate to the header titled "jobs."
- Filter the selection by selecting the work study option and search for Lehigh University. You can further narrow your search by utilizing other filters that best suit your needs and preferences.
- After you find a position that you are interested in, you should contact the supervisor to express your interest in the position. Each position on Handshake has specific application instructions from the supervisor.
- NOTE: Current students who are returning to a previously held position do not need to reapply through Handshake and should contact their supervisor for next steps.

Below is a comprehensive list of the required documents that need to be completed prior to starting your work study job (NOTE: If you have already obtained and worked in a work study role at Lehigh, you do not need to complete these steps again). Once all of the items are complete, you will receive approval from your Work Study Supervisor to begin working. You should not begin working until you have received the final approval from your Work Study supervisor that all documents are completed. Upon approval, your supervisor will let you know the maximum number of hours you can work for the school year, which is based on your total work study award and your hourly pay rate.

If there are any changes to your financial aid package within the school year, your eligibility for Work Study could change. You will be notified via email of any changes to your work study eligibility.

1) Complete the Federal I-9 forms: These forms must be completed no later than 72 hours after your scheduled start date. Failure to complete these forms in the timely manner can result in termination of your position. Follow the steps below to satisfy this requirement:

- a) Email inl9@lehigh.edu to begin the I-9 process. Upon sending this email, the HR Office will send you a link to schedule an appointment with their office to complete these forms. **This appointment must be made on (or before) your first date of employment.**
- b) Before your scheduled meeting, you must complete Section 1 of the I-9 using the following link: <https://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/document/forms/i-9-paper-version.pdf>
- c) You will complete Section 2 during your meeting with HR. They will verify your identification documents **which must be brought with you to your appointment.** You must complete Section 2 within **three days** from your start date.

- i) Refer to the instructions (page 3 of the I-9 form) for the appropriate Identification Documents that you need to bring with you to your appointment for verification. Please bring the original documents of each form, **copies are not allowed**. If you do not have a social security number, you can leave that field blank.
- ii) To complete Section 2, you will need to provide us with your official start date. If you are updating your I-9 and don't remember your first date of employment, please let HR know and they can obtain that information for you. You must sign and date the form.

REMINDER: You will need to bring the following items with you for your appointment:

- Section 1 of your I-9, completed
 - Original identification documents: One from List A OR a COMBINATION of List B and List C (must be original documents. No copies are allowed)
- 2) **Complete the [W-4 Form](#)**. Submit the completed form to your supervisor.
 - 3) **Complete the [Certificate of Residency](#)**. Submit the completed form to your supervisor.
 - 4) **Set up [Direct Deposit information through Self-Service Banner](#)**. Direct Deposit allows workers to create, update and delete bank account information so that they can receive their biweekly pay directly to their bank account. For more information about this process, please visit the [FAQs on the Payroll Office website](#).
 - 5) **Complete the [Workman's Compensation Form](#)**. Submit the completed form to your supervisor.
 - 6) **IMPORTANT STEPS For International Students**: International students on an F-1 student visa are eligible to work on campus up to 20 hours per week as long as they are enrolled full-time and otherwise maintaining their F-1 status. International students on a J-1 exchange visitor visa are eligible to work on campus up to 20 hours per week with permission from OISS. OISS provides detailed information about on-campus employment, including a guide for completing new hire paperwork and information about applying for a Social Security number on the OISS website. Please contact OISS for any questions that you have.
 - a) Prior to scheduling the I-9 appointment with HR, all first year, international students must complete the New Student Arrival form in iHome and receive confirmation from OISS that their SEVIS record is active. Note: Students not in their first semester will already have an active SEVIS record.
 - b) J-1 exchange visitor visa holders must request permission to work on campus via [iHome](#) by receiving approval for a J-1 Student On-Campus Work Authorization e-form. This request must be made each academic year or if the student starts a new job. J-1 students must receive notification from OISS that the On-Campus Work Authorization request has been approved prior to completing the I-9 form with HR.
 - c) All international students must complete the International Tax Information Form maintained by the Controller's Office.

The Office of Financial Aid administers this program and is available to assist you. If you have any questions that are not answered, please contact the Office of Financial Aid at 610-758-3181 or studentemployment@lehigh.edu.