



# Looking for Work

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1. If you want a copy editing internship, it is even more important to have everything correct and spelled right on your resume. Have several people with a good eye for detail edit your materials. Mistakes in your resume really hurt your credibility as an editor.
2. Do your homework. Know something about the paper you are interviewing with. It's very easy now that most papers have a Web site. Find a story or ongoing issue the paper is covering, and ask about it. Find out what makes that paper unique among newspapers. This will set you apart from other applicants and likely make the interview more conversational. Have some questions.
3. Focus on what you've learned at college or at your internships, not just on what you did. Productivity is important, but so is your ability to learn from feedback. And complaining about your last internship is usually not a good idea, unless you talk about how you can build upon your last experience.
4. Business attire is a must, even if you are applying to be a rim rat on a night desk where everyone wears jeans. Looking professional is not only a measure of how you feel about yourself, but it's a reflection of the respect you have for the recruiter and his or her paper.
5. Be punctual and respectful that the recruiter has other folks to talk to that day.
6. Smile. It's fun to meet new people.