To: All international students in the MSA and MSF programs  
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Finding permanent employment in the United States has in recent years become increasingly more difficult for international students in Master of Science programs. Due to current economic conditions and present government regulations there are very limited opportunities for international Master of Science students who do not have long-term work authorization to find employment in the United States. Those few international students who in recent years have obtained jobs in the United States possessed the following characteristics.

- Exceptional English language skills
- An undergraduate degree in a business discipline, including finance and/or accounting
- Significant work experience relevant to the specific job obtained
- Entered the job market with a clear understanding of where their skills/experience and the MS degree positioned them in the organization

International Master of Science students who do not meet or exceed these qualifications should expect to return to their home country to seek employment after graduation. The Career Strategies Department acts as a resource in supporting the student’s efforts in identifying job search sources, connecting with alumni whenever possible, and developing strategies for connecting with US companies that may have offices in the countries in which the student has long-term ability to work. In addition, it will assist in the preparation of the student’s marketing materials as well as in interview preparation. All educational programs, both internal and those conducted by employers, are available to all students. While we will do our best to help you in your job search, you should be aware that the US job market for all international Master of Science students, whether graduating from Boston College or another institution is extremely challenging right now, and you should tailor your expectations as well as your search strategy to this reality.