

Important Notice: Beware of Job Scams!

Recently, there has been an increase in fraudulent job opportunities targeting students through email. These scams can be sophisticated and deceptive, often appearing legitimate at first glance. It is crucial to exercise caution and vigilance when exploring job opportunities, especially those that may come from unknown or unverified sources. Job scams are used to gain access to your financial accounts and steal money or to steal your identity for fraudulent purposes.

To protect yourself from potential scams, here are some essential tips to keep in mind:

- 1. Research the Employer:** Always verify the legitimacy of the company or organization offering the job. Look for an official website, check their online presence, and search for reviews or feedback from current or past employees.
- 2. Be Wary of Unsolicited Offers:** Be cautious if you receive a job offer without applying or interviewing for a position. Legitimate employers typically follow a standard hiring process. Look at the email - is it sent from an official company email address or from a free, non-business account such as Gmail, Yahoo, or Hotmail?
- 3. Avoid Payment Requests:** Legitimate employers will not ask you to pay for job opportunities, interviews, or any upfront fees. This is a red flag for potential scams.
- 4. Check for Typos and Inconsistent Information:** Pay close attention to the details in job listings, emails, and communications. Spelling and grammatical errors, as well as inconsistencies in job descriptions, can be indicators of a scam.
- 5. Do Not Share Personal or Financial Information:** Never provide sensitive information like your Social Insurance Number, bank account details, credit card information or a copy of your passport or driver's license.
- 6. Trust Your Instincts:** If something feels off or too good to be true, it probably is. Trust your intuition and proceed with caution.
- 7. Consult with Career Services:** Reach out to our Career Services team at careerservices@flemingcollege.ca for guidance and support in evaluating job offers and opportunities. They can provide valuable insights and help you navigate the job market safely.

Stay vigilant, stay safe, and take the time to thoroughly research any job opportunity that comes your way.