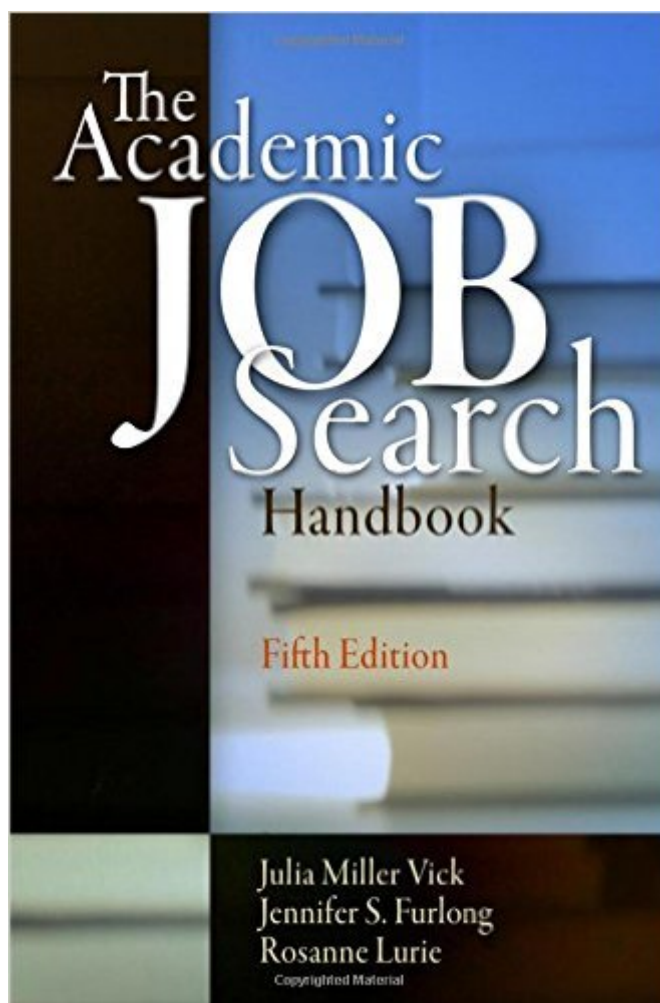


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Synopsis

The Academic Job Search Handbook is the comprehensive guide to finding a faculty position in any discipline. Building on the groundbreaking success and unique offerings of earlier volumes, the fifth edition presents insightful new content on aspects of the search at all stages. Beginning with an overview of academic careers and institutional structures, it moves step by step through the application process, from establishing relationships with advisors, positioning oneself in the market, learning about job openings, preparing CVs, cover letters, and other application materials, to negotiating offers. Of great value are the sixty new sample documents from a diverse spectrum of successful applicants. The handbook includes a search timetable, appendices of career resources, and a full sample application package. This fifth edition features new or updated sections on issues of current interest, such as job search concerns for pregnant or international candidates, the use of social media strategies to address CV gaps, and difficulties faced by dual-career couples. The chapter on alternatives to faculty jobs has been expanded and presents sample r sum s of PhDs who found nonfaculty positions. For more than twenty years, The Academic Job Search Handbook has assisted job seekers in all academic disciplines in the search for faculty positions at different kinds of institutions from research-focused universities to community colleges. Current faculty who used the book themselves recommend it to their own students and postdocs. The many new first-person narratives provide insight into issues and situations candidates may encounter such as applying for an international job, combining parenting with an academic career, going from an administrative job to a faculty position, and seeking faculty positions as a same-sex couple.

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Throughout my 13 years as a graduate career advisor, this comprehensive book has been a staple--I recommend it all the time. Among the updates in the 5th edition are new examples of job search materials from real, successful job candidates across disciplines--if you're like me, seeing actual examples is crucial. Guidance on one's online presence (the good, the bad, the ugly) is new, along with added narratives by dual-career couples and the joys and complications of being a parent while on the job market. Finally, given that academic jobs are not the only career options for a PhD, the authors have included an excellent introduction to exploring careers outside the tenure track. My favorite part of that chapter is the chart of actual jobs held by PhDs in a variety of disciplines (e.g., the chemist who is a patent agent, the English PhD who is a director of special programs for a museum). The value added to this new edition is well worth the investment. If you are going on the academic job market this fall, but want to peek into the job market outside, this is THE single book you need, no matter your discipline.

This book was very helpful. I would recommend any students/postdocs who are interested in an academic career to have a quick read of this book, as soon as you are thinking of this idea. The book will give you a general idea what you need to prepare for the job market or what you would expect while on the job market. This book is written for general purpose, suitable for all majors, various types academic positions (tenure-track, lecturer, postdoc ets), different level of schools. It covers many details and gives some good examples to illustrate the reality.

Very helpful. As a UPenn grad, I particularly appreciate the level of expertise of the writers, who are affiliated with UPenn.

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