

Fraudulent Job Alert - Please Read ASAP

Over recent weeks, we have noticed an increase in fraudulent/scam job-related emails that are being sent to UIC students. Unfortunately, individuals will try to lure college students who are eagerly looking for work.

The emails will often look like they are being sent from the Career Services office, however any emails you receive from us about open positions will only be sent via our new Handshake system or from a Career Services staff member with whom you are currently receiving services (resume review, etc.).

In particular, there is a fraudulent email circulating right now that appears to be coming from a Professor of Psychiatry on campus seeking candidates for a personal assistant position. This is absolutely a scam. It is being sent from a UIC email so it appears to be legitimate but it is not. Please do not respond to this or any emails that seem suspicious to you, and contact our office at careerservices@uic.edu immediately.

Often, these fraudulent emails will have the following characteristics:

- Seem "too good to be true".
- Are not written in professional language and seem very casual or have very casual greetings or closing words. The most recent batch of emails end with the word "Smiles" instead of "Thank You" or "Sincerely"
- Have very vague details or job descriptions.
- Ask you to contact individuals with a non-company email such as a Hotmail or Gmail address.
- Are full of misspellings.
- Ask you to purchase something or give them money or bank account information on application.
- Look like they come from someone at UIC because they use a UIC email address

IMPORTANT!!! Assume that unless it came from Handshake, or directly from a staff member's email address here in Career Services or another career department on campus it is most likely fraudulent.

If you have any questions about anything you receive, or it looks at all strange, don't ignore the red flags. Please forward it directly to us at careerservices@uic.edu and we can check it out! We are always here to help!

Please contact our office with further questions!

In the meantime, use Handshake as your primary source for on and off campus positions!