

# New Info on a Fraudulent Job Alert - Please Read ASAP

Hello UIC Students -

Unfortunately, another fraudulent job scam has come to our attention today - this time, from an individual pretending to be a representative of **Aetna**. The initial contact is through the student's UIC email and then once the student responds, the individual continues the contact through text.

As is similar to other scams, the fraudulent recruiter asks the student to print out and deposit checks, and then take pictures of those checks and of their own bank account information. ***This is absolutely a scam.***

Please remember: *UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES* should you ever release bank account information or print or deposit any checks from an employer as a condition of employment. No legitimate company will ever ask this information from you. **You should never be asked to release any info other than basic information on your resume to anyone who is evaluating you for potential employment.**

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 sometimes look like they are being sent from the Career Services office, but this one in question from the person pretending to be from Aetna is using a gmail.com email address, which is also a huge red flag.

Please do not respond to this or any emails that seem suspicious to you, and contact our office at [careerservices@uic.edu](mailto:careerservices@uic.edu) immediately. We need all of you to help us recognize these emails so we can alert the UIC community and help others not to fall prey to these scams.

*Just to recap, fraudulent emails will often 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 or process checks that they send you.
- 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](mailto: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!

Thanks,  
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