

Student Employment Handbook

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Statement on Student Employment

Student employees are a valuable part of our campus community and their contributions help the College to achieve its overall mission. Student employment is also an integral part of many individuals' total financial package at Whitman. As such, it is our goal to provide consistent and useful resources that prioritize the employment of students with a need-based work award.

Note to all Student Employees

As both a student and employee, you are a valuable member of our campus community. We rely heavily on student employees to help provide fast and efficient work throughout the campus community. We hope you enjoy your experience working at Whitman College and that you have an opportunity to develop work habits, skills, and contacts that will serve you well in your working life.

This handbook is designed to help you understand the terms of your employment and your responsibilities as a temporary employee of Whitman College. Please read it thoroughly, and refer to it often.

SPECIAL NOTE TO INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

International students are only eligible for institutional work awards because of F-1 visa restrictions. You must apply for a social security number and have your I-9 forms completed by the International Student Advisor before you can begin work.

Working on campus is the easiest option for an international student especially during the academic year. Another option is working off campus, through internship grants, and by applying to Optional Practical Training (OPT) or Curricular Practical Training (CPT), as stipulated by the US Citizenship and Immigration (USCIS) Services. For more information talk to the International Student Advisor, look over the Canvas page for international students or refer to the US Citizenship and Immigration (USCIS) Services:

<https://www.uscis.gov/working-in-the-united-states/students-and-exchange-visitors/students-and-employment>

SPECIAL NOTE TO STUDENTS ON DEFERRED ACTION FOR CHILDHOOD ARRIVALS (DACA)

On June 15, 2012, the Secretary of Homeland Security announced that certain people who came to the United States as children and meet several guidelines may request consideration of deferred action for a period of two years, subject to renewal. They are also eligible for work authorization.

For more information refer to US Citizenship and Immigration Services' website: <http://www.uscis.gov/humanitarian/consideration-deferred-action-childhood-arrivals-daca>)

What this means for Whitman

If Deferred Action is granted, the student is eligible to work. DACA students from Washington can also use State Work Study.

Every person who is granted deferred action will be lawfully permitted to work. The student will receive an Employment Authorization Document (EAD) which will be valid for a period of two years and may be renewed.

Note to Hiring Supervisors

Whitman College relies heavily on student employees to help provide fast and efficient work to the campus community. As a hiring supervisor on campus, you have the unique opportunity to assist students in gaining professional experience while they work to meet financial obligations.

While campus jobs at Whitman are often open to all students, college offices and departments are expected to place a priority on hiring students with a work study award in their financial aid offer. We have several resources to assist hiring supervisors in determining work eligibility of current students, which can be found in this handbook.

As a hiring supervisor at Whitman College, your responsibilities include training student employees in all job-related tasks and safety procedures, monitoring their attendance and job performance, and approving their timesheets, as well as helping students develop skills that will aid them in their professional growth. Please read this handbook thoroughly, and refer to it often.

Whitman College is building a diverse academic community of highly qualified students, faculty, and staff. Diversity in all its forms is fundamentally important to the character and mission of Whitman College.

The college provides equal employment opportunities to all employees and applicants for employment without regard to race, color, sex, gender, religion, age, marital status, national origin, disability, veteran's status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or any other basis prohibited by applicable federal, state, or local laws.

Information from the Human Resources Office

FOREWORD

The following general information and guidelines address Human Resource policies and practices at Whitman College, as they pertain to student employees. It is not intended to be comprehensive. For that reason, if you have any questions concerning eligibility for a particular benefit or the applicability of a policy or practice to you, you should address your specific questions to your supervisor or the Human Resources department at hr@whitman.edu. The procedures, practices, policies and benefits described here may be modified or discontinued from time to time. We will try to inform you of any changes as they occur.

NON-DISCRIMINATION, DIVERSITY, AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYMENT

Whitman College is committed to providing a learning and working environment characterized by mutual respect and fair treatment among all its constituents. An essential component of this environment is a strong ethic and practice of equality, acceptance and nondiscriminatory interactions. Harassment and discrimination based on race, color, sex, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion, age, marital status, national origin, disability, veteran's status, or any other basis prohibited by college policy or by state or federal laws is unacceptable and will not be tolerated.

Student employees should familiarize themselves with the [Whitman Grievance Policy](#), which is the guiding framework for ensuring that problems, complaints, or grievances that arise in the daily relationships between faculty, staff, and students are resolved legally and effectively.

EMPLOYMENT

Student Employee Classification

All student employees are designated as temporary and nonexempt under state and federal wage and hour laws. Nonexempt employees are covered by the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA), entitling them to overtime pay for hours worked in excess of 40 in any given week, although we highly discourage working overtime.

Student employees on work study can work up to 19 hours per week, non-work study and international students can work up to 20 hours per week during the academic year. Students are allowed to work up to 40 hours per week when classes are not in session for a full week such as spring, summer and winter breaks.

Background Checks

Unlike regular staff employees, most student employees are not required to undergo criminal background checks before beginning work. However, Washington State Law (43.43.830-.842) requires criminal background checks and conviction disclosure statements for all staff, faculty, temporary (including student workers), and volunteer hires whose work has the potential for unsupervised access to minors under age 16, developmentally disabled persons, or vulnerable adults. Reports are kept confidential and are only viewed by individuals involved in the hiring process. Depending on the nature of the student job, additional checks, such as driving record or physical examination for positions with significant physical demands, may be required. Contact Human Resources ((509) 527-5172; Mem 104) for further information on background checks.

Steps to be completed by student employee before beginning employment:

1. Complete hiring documents.
2. Complete required training.

STEP 1: HIRING DOCUMENTS

If at all possible, complete your hiring documents prior to the first day of employment: There are three forms you need to complete, which can be located on the Human Resources website at <https://www.whitman.edu/human-resources/forms>.

Once you have completed your forms, please contact Human Resources at hr@whitman.edu to make an appointment to submit your forms and have your Form I-9 inspected.

FORM I-9

In addition to completing the Form I-9, you must present in person **original** documents to prove your identity and authorization to work in the United States. Ideally, this form should be completed and documents presented to Human Resources **prior to** your first day of work, but you have three business days from the first day of work to have this form completed and documents to accompany it. Note that you only complete the first page of this form.

Most commonly used documentations are the following (a full list of approved documents are attached to the [Form I-9](#)):

- Passport (OR)
- Driver's License and Birth Certificate (OR)
- Driver's License and Social Security Card

If you are an international student, you will need to provide three documents:

- Passport
- Form I-94 (and)
- Form I-20

Note that you must present originals of these documents to Human Resources for inspection. **Copies are not acceptable.**

FORM W-4

The [Form W-4](#) helps you determine the correct amount of federal taxes you should have withheld from your paycheck. The IRS offers a [tax withholding estimator](#) if you need assistance completing your Form W-4.

Direct Deposit Form

Complete the [Direct Deposit Form](#) to allow Whitman College to electronically deposit your paycheck into your banking account on payday. To complete this form, you will need your banking account number and routing number. If your information changes, please complete a new form.

STEP 2: COMPLETE TRAINING

Harassment Prevention Training

All college employees are required to do harassment prevention training. You will receive an email for the required online training from “@everfi.net” with the subject heading “Whitman College has assigned you training.” Please complete the training within 30 days and email a copy of your completion certificate to hr@whitman.edu. This training generally takes two hours or less to complete; log the time it takes you to complete the training on your timesheet.

COMPENSATION

Time Reporting

Student employees are required to report monthly actual time worked in quarter-hour increments (quarter-hour = .25 hour = 15 minutes) on an electronic timesheet, approved by their respective supervisor. To access the timesheet go to my.whitman.edu. Each employee is expected to maintain an accurate daily record of hours worked. For questions, contact the Accounting Coordinator ((509) 527-5985; Mem 110).

Tracking Hours

Supervisors should approve time entered on a weekly basis.

Overtime must be approved in advance by the supervisor(s) to whom the student employee reports. Overtime is defined as hours worked by a student nonexempt employee in excess of 40 hours **total** for all college jobs in a workweek (Sunday through Saturday) and is paid at the rate of time and one half.

Payment of Wages

Hours are reported each month through the 8th and payday is the 20th of every month or the business day closest to the 20th. Student employees are paid through direct deposit of funds to either a savings or checking account at the financial institution of their choice. Payment of wages requires a completed electronic timesheet. Timesheets must be completed by the student and approved by the supervisor to be considered completed. If your timesheet is checked and the hours are not reported properly for each day you will be asked to correct it.

BENEFITS ELIGIBILITY

- Not eligible for Medical/Vision Plans
- Not eligible for Dental/Life Insurance/Long-Term Disability Plans
- Not eligible for Tuition Remission Plan
- Not eligible for Vacation Leave and Holiday Pay
- 403(b): Retirement Plan. Students of Whitman College who are employed by the College and whose wages are exempt from FICA taxes and individuals classified as Independent Contractors are not eligible to participate in the plan
- Paid Sick Leave. Eligible - details outlined below

Student Employee Paid Sick Leave

Student employees accrue paid sick leave at a rate of 1 hour of paid sick leave for every 40 hours worked. Student employees can view their sick leave account balance on my.whitman.edu. The record is updated monthly at the completion of the payroll cycle.

Student employees are entitled to use accrued paid sick leave beginning on the 90th calendar day after the start of their employment. Paid sick leave will be paid to student employees at their normal hourly pay rate. Rate of pay and total hours available is based on the hourly rate the student employee would have earned for the time they used paid sick leave. If a student employee was assigned an indeterminate number of hours, the amount of paid sick leave time will be determined by either replacement hours or comparator hours. Sick leave will be paid in quarter-hour increments. Sick leave will not be paid in excess of the employee's balance.

Unused paid sick leave of 40 hours or less will be carried over to the following year, which begins each January. Student employees will not be paid out for unused sick leave upon termination of employment. If you are rehired within 12 months of separation, the college will reinstate your unused leave balance up to 40 hours.

Usage

Paid sick leave is intended to replace lost income, upon certain situations listed below. It is not an entitlement or earned benefit. Student employees may use paid sick leave:

- To care for themselves or their family members (as defined in Washington Paid Sick Leave Rules).
- When the workplace has been closed for any health-related reason
- For absences that qualify for leave under the state's Domestic Violence Leave Act

Paid sick leave is designated on the student timesheet, and approved by the supervisor through the normal payroll review process.

Notification

Student employees are responsible for notifying their supervisor as soon as possible if they are unable to be present for work and keep them informed of the expected return. Sick leave may not be used for unauthorized leave from work.

Supervisors

Supervisors of student employees should not require verification of the need for leave, or that the student employee search for or find a replacement to cover hours as a condition of taking sick leave. A supervisor may consult Human Resources should unique circumstances arise requiring further review. Retaliation by the College and/or individual supervisors for the student employee's lawful use of paid sick leave and other rights is prohibited.

WORKPLACE EXPECTATIONS

Every student employee has the duty and the responsibility to be aware of and abide by the College's rules and policies. Student employees also have the responsibility to perform to the best of their abilities and to the standards as set forth in respective job descriptions and College policies.

- **Attendance and Punctuality.** Excessive absenteeism or tardiness may result in discipline, up to and including termination. Not reporting to work

and not calling to report the absence is considered a no-call/no-show and is a serious matter.

- **Attire and Grooming.** We trust that student employees will use their best judgment regarding appropriate attire and appearance in the workplace. While casual dress is customary on campus, student employees are expected to be neat and clean while on the job. Clothing should be appropriate to the type of work being performed.
- **Confidentiality.** Some student jobs will bring the student into contact with information considered confidential. It is Whitman College's policy that all information considered confidential will not be disclosed to external parties or to employees without a "need to know." Consult your immediate supervisor to determine if certain information is considered confidential.
- **Workplace Bullying.** Repeated inappropriate behavior, either direct or indirect, whether verbal, nonverbal, or physical, directed against others in the workplace is prohibited. This includes the intentional isolation or exclusion of others. Whitman College will not tolerate bullying behavior. Employees found in violation of this policy will be disciplined up to and including termination.
- **Non-Discrimination.** As noted above, Whitman College is committed to maintaining an environment free of discrimination and harassment. Employees found in violation of this policy will be disciplined up to and including termination.
- **Work Performance.** As with all employees of Whitman College, student workers are expected to devote their full attention to performing their work tasks to the best of their ability. Poor performance will result in coaching and, if not improved, progressive discipline. Unnecessary distractions, including repeated excessive socializing or excessive personal use of the Internet or phone will result in discipline up to and including termination.
- **Violence in the Workplace.** All faculty, staff, students, and visitors must be treated with courtesy and respect at all times. Employees are expected to refrain from conduct that may be dangerous to others. Conduct that threatens, intimidates or coerces another individual will not be tolerated.

Indirect or direct threats of violence, incidents of actual violence and suspicious individuals or activities should be reported as soon as possible to your immediate supervisor, Security (509-527-5777; Tech Services Bldg, 416 E. Main St.), or Human Resources (509-527-5172; Mem 104).

- **Workplace Safety.** Every person in the Whitman workplace assumes the responsibility of individual and organizational safety. This means each employee is committed to conducting all tasks in a safe and efficient manner, in compliance with all local, state, and federal safety and health regulations and standards.

It is the responsibility of the employee to complete an Accident and Incident Report for each safety and health incident that occurs by an employee or that the employee witnesses (Environmental Health and Safety, (509) 527-5966; Tech Services Bldg 129). The College is covered under statutory workers' compensation laws. Employees who sustain work-related injuries must immediately notify their department supervisor.

- **Drug-Free Workplace.** Alcohol and drug abuse pose adverse health and safety consequences to all employees of the College. It is the policy of Whitman College that the workplace is to be free from the unlawful use, possession, distribution, or sale of alcohol and other controlled substances and associated paraphernalia. Working while under the influence of any controlled substance not medically authorized is strictly prohibited and will result in discipline, up to and including termination. Employees are expected to report to work fit for duty and free of any adverse effects of illegal drugs or alcohol.
- **Smoke-Free Workplace.** It is the policy of Whitman College that students, faculty, staff, and visitors to the campus are entitled to live, study, and work in areas that are free of smoke. In accordance with this policy and Washington State Law, smoking in any form, including tobacco or electronic cigarettes, is prohibited inside any building on the Whitman College campus and is prohibited within 25 feet of any entrance, exit, window, or ventilation intake of any Whitman College campus building.
- **Cell Phone Use.** Cell phones in the workplace can be distracting and can impede productivity, so it is best to avoid using them while working. Unless they hear otherwise from their supervisors, students should put their cell phones away during the duration of their shift.

- **Electronic Communication and Internet Use.** Internet, College-provided equipment (e.g., cell phone, laptops, and computers) and services may not be used for transmitting, retrieving or storing any communications of a defamatory, discriminatory, harassing or pornographic nature. Inappropriate or illegal use or communications, such as using disparaging, abusive, profane or offensive language; creating, viewing or displaying materials that might adversely or negatively reflect upon the College or be contrary to the College's best interests; and engaging in any illegal activities, including piracy, hacking, or copyright infringement, will result in disciplinary action up to and including termination of employment.
- **Meal Period.** Washington State Law requires that nonexempt employees be given a minimum 30 minute meal period if the employee works more than five (5) consecutive hours. It is to be given not less than two (2) hours nor more than five (5) hours from the beginning of the shift. The meal period will not be included in the total hours of work per day and is not compensable. Nonexempt employees are to be completely relieved of all job duties while on meal breaks. Departments may stagger staff lunch breaks to provide office coverage during this time.
- **Rest Breaks.** By Federal labor law, nonexempt staff members are entitled to a rest period of ten minutes for each four hours of working time. This time is not accrued as compensatory time if not taken. Neither the lunch period nor the rest break(s) may be used to account for an employee's late arrival or early departure or to cover time off for other purposes—for example, rest breaks may not be accumulated to extend a meal period, and rest breaks may not be combined to allow one half-hour long break.

What is Work Study?

Work Study is a need-based Financial Aid award. It is not a grant (*you must work to earn it*), and it is not a loan (*you don't have to repay it*). Students must qualify for need-based Financial Aid to receive Work Study. Funds are limited, so not all qualifying students will receive an award. The value of the student work expectation typically ranges between \$2,500 and \$3,000.

Work study earnings go directly to the student, as opposed to scholarship, grant and loan funds which get applied to the student account and off-set charges like tuition, fees, room and board.

Since students have to make sure their accounts are paid off each semester without any work study being included, whether or not they choose to work is up to them. This all applies to international students as well. However, some students work with their families to use their earnings to help pay for books that they charge to their account, or to help pay for any taxes assessed on their scholarship.

Money that a student earns through work study can be saved up and allow the student to reduce or cancel a loan in subsequent semesters.

FEDERAL WORK STUDY (FWS)

The Federal Work Study Program is a federally funded Financial Aid program administered by Whitman College, and is designed to assist students in meeting the cost of higher education by promoting access to meaningful work experiences. Students earn money in different jobs, and their wages are subsidized by the federal government.

STATE WORK STUDY (SWS)

The State Work Study program provides opportunities for undergraduate students to pay part of their college costs now rather than deferring those costs in the form of added loan debt. Washington State will reimburse the wages of student employees who are residents of Washington State.

By reimbursing a portion of student wages, the state incentivizes employers to participate while leveraging taxpayer resources. Nearly 1,000 employers gain access to cost-effective, part-time help from motivated students eager to utilize their classroom learning in real world work situations.

INSTITUTIONAL WORK STUDY

Whitman offers institutional work awards to students with financial need who do not qualify for federal or state work study due to their visa or citizenship status. Similar to other students with work study they must work to earn their award and should be prioritized in the hiring process.

The Benefits of Work Study

- You earn money to help you keep your expenses under control.
- You gain work experience and new skills, which improves your marketability when applying for future internships and jobs after graduation.
- You expand your network of contacts and acquire references, both of which you will use for future job opportunities.
- You are a more appealing job applicant to many employers – Work Study eligibility gives you an edge in a competitive job market.
- You can apply for summer Work Study to be used either on campus or off campus with pre-approved employers, if funds are available. It is highly advantageous to have summer FWS eligibility because most colleges in the United States do not award summer FWS.

NON-WORK STUDY (NWS)

Any employment that is not from Federal or State programs is considered Non-Work Study, and is funded totally through the individual department. These are generally hourly positions, but some may be paid through a stipend. These students can acquire regular student employment as long as they are enrolled at least half-time at the school. Student earnings for the non-Work Study program come directly from departmental budgets.

HOW DO I APPLY FOR WORK STUDY?

For more information and questions on eligibility and application procedures contact the Financial Aid office.

Information for Students

HOW DO I FIND AN ON-CAMPUS JOB?

The main source for information on campus jobs is [Handshake](#), an online job search portal. Once you are in the jobs section of Handshake you can filter your search to on-campus jobs only. Each job posting will include information about duties and responsibilities for the role, as well as required skills and qualifications. You will submit your application, including any required documents, directly via Handshake. The Career and Community Engagement Center can help you with your search, including providing feedback on your resume and cover letter as well as assistance with interview preparation.

WHAT IS HANDSHAKE?

Handshake is an online job-search portal with part-time, full-time and internship positions listed for students. On- and off-campus jobs are posted through the system, with customizable Search Settings that can send students email updates based on their selected search preferences. **Note:** The purpose of Handshake is to centralize all the job postings for easy access to all students.

Instructions for using Handshake:

1. If you haven't activated your Whitman account yet follow instructions that were sent to you to activate it.
2. Once you have activated your Whitman account, you can sign in to Handshake - <https://app.joinhandshake.com/login> - and complete your Profile. Add work experience, write a short bio of yourself, share unique skills, and even link your profile to your social media accounts.
3. Once you have logged in and edited your profile, feel free to check out the other resources, like the Jobs & Internships tab or search for employers on the left-hand side of the screen.
4. Work on your resume, and upload it to Handshake under *Documents*.
5. Add information about your post-college plans and interests, and keep this information up-to-date to ensure that you are receiving information about opportunities that align with your goals.
6. For additional questions, contact the Career and Community Engagement Center for assistance.

Helpful tips for your job search

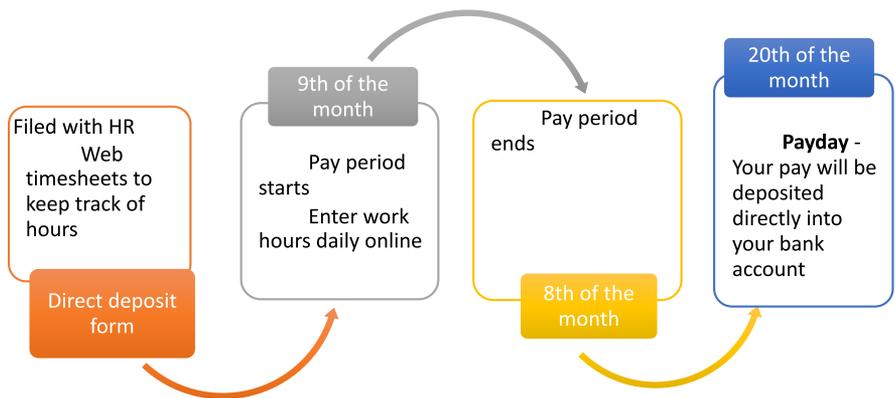
- Keep your resume updated
- Pay attention to job announcements on the community, announcements, work study and student listservs
- Dress professionally for your interview; act professionally at all times Remember to emphasize skills you have used that fit the needs of the job you are applying to
- Be as flexible as you can about the hours and days you are available
- Schedule an appointment with a career coach in the SEC for help with your resume, cover letter and interview prep.

I FOUND AN ON-CAMPUS JOB! NOW WHAT?

1. Gather and fill out any required documents for employment as referred on page 6.
2. Whitman College has instituted mandatory direct deposit for all students. You will need to complete a direct deposit form with your bank routing number and account number for your account. You will find the direct deposit form on the Human Resources website.
3. Additionally, you must complete **Online Harassment Prevention Training** which is also found on the Human Resources website.

HOW AND WHEN DO I GET PAID?

Please refer to the section *Important Information from the Human Resources Office*. Below is a graphic to help you understand **payroll timelines**.



HOW MANY HOURS CAN I WORK? CAN I WORK MORE THAN ONE JOB?

Your work hours will be determined by you and your supervisor. Normally, work hours can be arranged around your class schedule. Some jobs may require specific hours which cannot change to fit your class schedule during a future semester. Discuss the flexibility of work hours with your supervisor before you accept the position to avoid future problems

Domestic students on Work Study can work up to **19 hours per week during the academic year** (fall and spring semesters).

Non-Work Study domestic students can work up to **20 hours per week during the academic year** (fall and spring semesters).

International students can work up to **20 hours per week during the academic year**. They cannot work for employers outside of the college, or receive pay from an employer that is not the college, unless it is by the stipulations mentioned on page 9 of this handbook. During spring, winter, and summer breaks, international students can work up to 40 hours, while following immigration regulations mentioned earlier. Summer break begins the first full week following the official end-date of the semester.

During the fall and spring semesters, you may work in more than one job as long as it fits within the hourly limitations.

Note: All students regardless of their Work Study status can get an additional job up to 40 hours per week during academic breaks (spring, fall, and summer).

Work hours	Fall/Spring semesters	Summer/winter/fall breaks	Overtime (must be approved by your supervisor)
Domestic students on Work Study	Up to 19 hrs./wk. of Work Study hours	Up to 40 hours/ per week of Work Study	-Any hours over the stipulated limitations
Non-Work Study domestic students	Up to 20 hrs./wk.		-Not allowed for international students
International students	Up to 20 hrs./wk. on campus		

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- Complete the I-9, W-4 and direct deposit forms.
- Report to work on time.
- Contact your supervisor if you are going to be absent from work.
- Dress appropriately for the job location. Individual departments may have a dress code for health or safety reasons or in situations where they are highly visible to the community. Please review any specific dress requirements with the student.
- Act in a professional manner concerning confidentiality of the College and student records. Student employees may be required to sign a statement of confidentiality during the hiring process in some departments.
- Ensure you are completing your web timesheet in accordance with the timeframe detailed in this document.

Information for Hiring Supervisors

WHY SHOULD I PRIORITIZE STUDENTS WITH WORK AWARDS AND FINANCIAL AID?

In addition to the college's stated priority to hire students with expressed financial need, an incentive to hire Work Study students is the hourly-wage subsidy provided by Federal and State Work Study Programs.

The Value of Work Study

- *Support our students.* Whitman students with Work Study awards have a specified financial contribution they must meet; ideally, by working on campus. When you hire qualified Work Study students, you help students to meet their commitments and reduce their personal loan amount.
- *Save money and get more work done.* Partial wage reimbursements of typically 20% of student wages up to allowed maximums. This means more work gets done at a lower cost.
- *Shape the workforce.* Train and mentor college students, ensuring graduates have the experience employers need.

Posting jobs on Handshake

All available positions should be posted on Handshake to ensure they are visible to a wide range of students. When creating the job posting, supervisors should indicate a preference for work study. This ensures that the position is visible only to students who have a work award. If a suitable candidate has not been found after two weeks, this specification can be removed and the position can be opened to students without work awards.

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HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

Each student employment position a department wishes to have approved for work study needs to be registered within the Whitman Work Study system. Supervisors need to provide a job description for each position they are submitting for work study approval. Contact the Financial Aid Office (finaid@whitman.edu) for more information.

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INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

International students with financial need qualify only for institutional work study, as their visa status prevents them from earning federal or state-based

aid. They are also not authorized to work off campus so must find work on campus in order to fulfill any work awards that they have received. It is important that their I-20 is valid and current to maintain or seek on-campus student employment.

FACT SHEET ON WORK STUDY

1. Who is eligible to become a Work Study employer?

All Whitman College departments, nonprofit and government organizations, and for-profit businesses.

2. Who is not eligible to become a Work Study employer?

Private Citizens and employers requiring the student to work outside the United States.

3. Are there any restrictions to the use of Federal Work Study funds to pay student workers?

Yes, there are some restrictions to the use of Federal Work Study funds. Federal Work Study funds cannot be used to pay students whose job:

- Replaces a full-time employee's position, regardless of when or why that position was eliminated or otherwise became vacant, including replacing workers on strike.
- Involves any partisan or nonpartisan political activity associated with a candidate or with a contending faction or group in an election for public or party office.
- Involves any lobbying on the federal level.
- Involves the construction, operation, or maintenance of so much of any facility as is used or is to be used for sectarian instruction or as a place for religious worship.

HOW DO I KNOW IF A STUDENT APPLICANT IS ON WORK STUDY?

This information will be available on my.whitman.edu. To check a student's work eligibility, you will need to log into your account and search the student's name. For more information contact the Financial Aid Office. Also, if you indicate a preference for work study in the job posting on Handshake, the position will only be visible to students with work awards.

WHAT ARE MY RESPONSIBILITIES AS A HIRING SUPERVISOR?

- Post and remove open jobs from Handshake
- Provide student employees with complete written job descriptions.
- Provide training and orientation to the office or department on a student's first day.
- Ensure you are familiar with web timesheet instructions and timelines available from the Payroll Office.
- Assume responsibility for hiring student employees, and terminating them, should the situation require such action.
- If you are also the supervisor, perform tasks such as approving student time sheets, and supervising the department's student employees.

POSTING A JOB AND HIRING A STUDENT

There are a few simple steps to filling a student position in your office. Below are details about the resources available to help you.

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Handshake is an online job-search network for students. On- and off-campus jobs are posted through the system, with customizable Search Agents that can send students email updates based on their selected search preferences. **Note:** The purpose of Handshake is to centralize all job postings for easy access to all students. *All on-campus positions must be posted on Handshake to ensure they are accessible and visible to all students.*

Instructions for using Handshake

1. [Login](#) (if you already have an account) or create your employer account on [Handshake](#). *Be sure to use your Whitman email address when you create your account.* You will enter information on the sort of work you do and your basic contact information. You can now begin posting jobs to Handshake. When you post your job, be sure to indicate the division that corresponds with your department or office at Whitman. If you don't see your division listed or you have any other questions, contact the [Career and Community Engagement Center](#).
2. Now click on "Post a Job" and enter information about the job. Once done with that you must (at a minimum) enter information into the fields denoted with a red asterisk. We use it to help target students

who might be interested in your position so include only relevant fields.

3. Mark the box requiring students to have work study to be considered for the position. If you have not found a suitable candidate with a work award after two weeks, you may open the opportunity to students without work awards.
4. Review submitted applications by clicking on the “Applicants” tab at the top of the page. You will be able to download a list of applicants with contact information as well as download all submitted documents.

I AM HAVING TROUBLE FINDING A CANDIDATE. NOW WHAT?

Campus job openings in Handshake will be sent out on a regular basis to an email listserv created for students who have work study awards. This should help to increase the visibility of your job posting. You can also reach out to different academic departments to share your job with students and utilize the community listserv.

I FOUND A QUALIFIED STUDENT. NOW WHAT?

1. All student employees **MUST** have a completed Federal Employment Eligibility Form (**Form I-9**) on file **on or prior to their 1st day of employment**. You can check this by searching the name of the student on my.whitman.edu. Please refer your students to the Human Resources office if they do not have employment forms turned in.
2. Complete the [Student New Employment Form](#) which can be found on the Business Office website.
3. Work out a schedule with your new student employee, ideally that meets but does not exceed their work study award in terms of hours per week/semester. Students should be aware of their total work award, and you can review estimates for hours per week based on work awards below.

Annual Work Award	Average Hrs/Wk	Total # of Weeks
\$3000	8	28
\$2500	6.5	28
\$2000	5.5	28
\$1500	4	28

4. Have a great experience working with your student employee.

CAN A STUDENT WORK POST-GRADUATION OR IF THEY ARE NOT AN ACTIVE STUDENT?

Only active Whitman students are eligible for available student employment positions. [Please refer here for more information.](#)

List of Resources

HUMAN RESOURCES CONTACT INFORMATION

Located in: Memorial Building 104-107

Email: hr@whitman.edu

Phone (509) 527-5172

Fax (509) 527-4960

Important Forms:

- ✓ [Form I-9 \(Federal Eligibility Verification\)](#)
- ✓ Form [W-4](#)
- ✓ Online [Harassment Prevention](#) Training
- ✓ [Electronic Direct Deposit Form](#)
- ✓ [Departmental Student Employment Change Form](#)
- ✓ [Student web time entry instructions](#)
- ✓ [Supervisor web timesheet instructions](#)
- ✓ Telework agreement (if student is working remotely)

FINANCIAL AID OFFICE CONTACT INFORMATION

Located in: Memorial Building 123

Email: finaid@whitman.edu

Phone: (509) 527-5178

Fax: (509) 524-2098

CAREER AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT CENTER CONTACT INFORMATION

Located in: Reid Campus Center 219

Email: studentemploy@whitman.edu

Phone: (509) 527-5183

Important link:

- ✓ [Handshake](#)

BUSINESS OFFICE CONTACT INFORMATION

Located in: Memorial Building 110

Email: studentpayroll@whitman.edu

Phone: (509) 527-5985

