

HELLO REAL WORLD! For the Student Quarterly February 2006

Hello!

Since this is the first ever installment, please provide comments on what you like and what you'd like to see in the next issues.

For students who have accepted an offer but are waiting for work to commence, I encourage you to put some effort into making sure you have a smooth transition to work. Trust me, the last thing you want is to find yourself in an unfavorable situation at work and know that you could have done something to prevent it. Parts 3 and 4 of HELLO REAL WORLD! <www.hellorealworld.com> will get you ready for work with tips on dialoguing with your boss and a discussion of real world surprises.

For students interested in doing an internship or co-op, February/March is ideal time to ramp up the job hunt. Part 2 of HELLO REAL WORLD! <www.hellorealworld.com> takes you through this process. Here's an excerpt from the introduction to Chapter 7: The 4-Unit Process: Treat This Like a Class!

“If you take the job hunt seriously, you can expect to put in some long hours. Many of my peers would agree that the search for an entry-level position (and often that junior-year internship) is more time-consuming than a four-unit class. The job hunt is a lot like school in many respects. You need to do your research on companies and prepare for your interactions with company representatives. You need to do your homework in preparing your resume and studying for your interviews. Plan to spend several hours each week researching companies, doing homework, and studying. Instead of working towards that grade, you are working towards an offer. You can win bonus points by writing professionally and impressing professionals with your respectful persistence and charm.” (HRW, p 39)

Since finding a job is like going to school, you're in luck because you're familiar with the process of doing well in school whether in theory or in practice. If you're a good student, treat the job search as seriously as you would a 4-unit class. If you're not such a good student, then treat the job search much more seriously than you treat school.

For additional excerpts and commentary, please visit
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Best wishes!
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