Academic Careers: Finding Positions

There are many ways to find faculty positions. Successful job candidates typically use a variety of search methods and start looking at job descriptions about 12 months before they hope to start positions.

NETWORKING
- Networking throughout grad school is a great strategy for securing employment upon degree completion.
- Serious job-seekers make themselves known to others who might have job leads or contacts by:
  - Attending conferences, colloquia, social hours, panels, and other events
  - Joining organizations and committees
  - Utilizing faculty members, mentors, and alumni as job advocates and referral sources
- Learn more about networking at - http://careers.uw.edu/GradStudents/Strategies-for-Success

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS
- Professional associations typically offer an array of job search resources:
  - Job fairs or interviewing events at conferences, which are paramount in some fields
  - Online job boards, email lists, and newsletters
- Find professional associations in your discipline at - http://www.lib.uwaterloo.ca/society/overview.html

ACADEMIC JOB SEARCH WEBSITES
- All fields:
  - Adjunct Nation, http://adjunctnation.com/
  - Academic jobs in UK, http://www.jobs.ac.uk/
- Specific fields:
  - Humanities & Social Sciences, http://www.h-net.org/jobs/
  - Science & Engineering, http://www.engr.psu.edu/fff/

UNIVERSITY WEBSITES
- If you’re interested in working at a particular university, visit the HR / Career / Job / Employment section of that university’s website or visit the websites of specific departments within universities to learn of open positions.