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The Job Search System

Run Your Search Like a Project

A free organizational guide for running your job search with targets, a pipeline, follow-ups, interview prep, and a weekly review rhythm.

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Before you start

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No company names in this guide are endorsements. Examples use fictional roles and people. You are responsible for how you apply any process here.

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1. Treat your search like a project

A job search spreads across weeks. Without a system, applications pile up in inboxes, follow-ups get forgotten, and energy goes to the loudest tab instead of the highest-priority role. Treating the search like a small project gives you three things: a definition of done for each week, a visible pipeline, and a habit of reviewing what worked.

This guide does not tell you which career to choose, which city to move to, or what salary to accept. It helps you organize the work you already decided to do — so you can see status, next actions, and gaps.

The project mindset

- Scope. Decide which roles and markets are in scope this month. Park everything else on a someday list.
- Capacity. Block a realistic number of hours per week (for example 6–10). Protect that time like a meeting.
- Artifacts. Keep one tracker for applications, one place for contacts, and one weekly review note. Avoid parallel spreadsheets.
- Cadence. Plan on Monday, follow up mid-week, clean the pipeline on Friday, review on the weekend.

> Reminder: Volume of applications is not a success metric by itself. Quality of fit, response rate, and interview conversion tell you more — and none of them guarantee an offer.

What “done” looks like for a week

Pick 3–5 concrete outputs for the week. Examples: update five aging applications, send three thoughtful follow-ups, prepare stories for one upcoming interview, research two target teams, close three dead roles. Write them down before you open job boards.

If you finish the week’s outputs, stop. Rest is part of a sustainable search. If something urgent appears (an interview invite), reschedule lower-priority tasks — do not silently expand scope every day.

> This is a free sample chapter. The full guide continues with targets, pipeline stages, application & contact tracking, follow-ups, interview prep, offer comparison, weekly review, worksheets, and a link to the free companion Job Search Tracker. Download the free companion tracker (link on the disclaimer page and in chapter 10).

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