

Avoiding Scams - General Tips

It is very important for you to educate yourself about potential scams. Here are some good tips that the job is probably fraudulent:

- The promise of a large salary for very little work - especially those that state thousands of dollars of income per month with little or no experience required.
- Positions that ask you to give credit card or bank account numbers, or copies of personal documents.
- Jobs that ask you to send payment by wire service or courier.
- Positions in which you are offered a large payment or reward in exchange for allowing the use of your bank account - often for depositing checks or transferring money.
- While there are legitimate opportunities for individuals to work from home, be sure to research the position in advance of applying.

If you suspect a position is fraudulent, please contact the Career Development Office. If you believe you are the victim of fraud resulting from a job listing, please contact the local police as well.

Please be aware that there are FAKE job posting being sent via email. If you receive an email that meets the following criteria it's probably not a real job offer. Do not click on any links in that email and DO NOT provide any personal information!

Beware if the email:

- does not indicate the company name
- offers to pay a large amount for almost no work
- offers you a job without ever interacting with you
- wants you to transfer money from one account to another
- offers to send you a check before you do any work
- asks you to give your credit card or bank account numbers, or copies of personal documents - but you get nothing in writing
- says you must send payment by wire service or courier
- offers you a large payment or reward in exchange for allowing the use of your bank account - often for depositing checks or transferring money
- sends you an unexpectedly large check

<https://www.symplicity.com/blog/2010/11/09/fraud-posting-tips/#sthash.hWjYg8aa.dpuf>