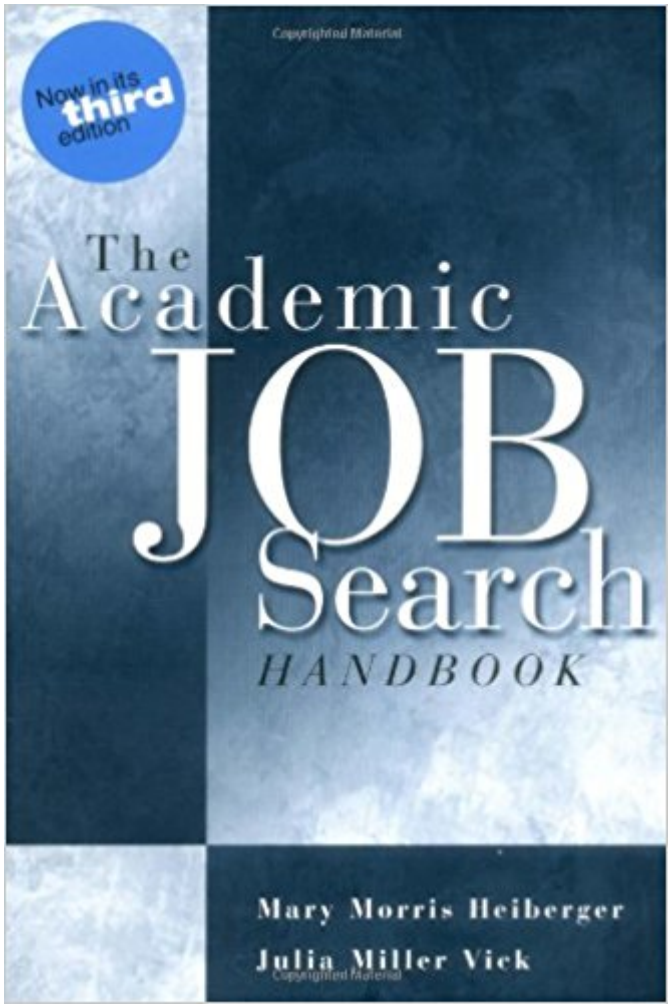
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The Academic Job Search Handbook (3rd Edition)



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Synopsis

The Academic Job Search Handbook provides specific advice on all aspects of job-seeking in an increasingly tight academic market, from the appropriate timetable for the application process, to illegal or odd interview questions, to negotiating offers, starting a new job, seeking tenure, and everything in between. New information in the third edition includes more examples and advice for candidates in scientific and technical fields, as well as more references for those applying for adjunct positions and to community colleges. A new chapter and some of the all-new sample written materials reflect the reality that many new Ph.D.s are considering career options outside academia. The sample materials also include more examples of the "teaching philosophies" now commonly asked for in job ads. This edition offers expanded information on internet search methods and more examples of useful websites.

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"If one needs a guide, this is the best."--The Nation

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Chronicle of Higher Education’s Career Network.

This book was extremely helpful for preparing and going through my academic job search (which was successful). The examples were usually helpful, but even more helpful was the context and ideas they presented about what you should do at each stage.

Excellent resource if you are planning to pursue a career in academia. It was like having my mentor there by my side while I prepared the application materials. The C.V., cover letter, teaching and research statement examples within this text are invaluable, and helped me take my application packet to the next level. The chapter on interviewing is spot on, and took the guesswork out of the interview process. I developed and refined my responses to all of the questions outlined in this text, which made me much more comfortable when it came to being interviewed by the search committee (no question was a surprise). Hopefully I will get to use the negotiation chapter in the near future.

What can I say? This book is excellent. The authors obviously have a lot of experience in this and know what they’re saying. A friend of mine, who also succeeded in her job search, wrote me "I can’t believe that we talked about you applying for academic jobs and I didn’t tell you to immediately order a copy of this book:[...] Order a copy NOW. Do not delay. Trust me on this one. (And then read it as soon as it arrives.)"Perhaps this all sounds hyperbolic; the book isn’t perfect, but since nothing is ever "perfect", I can honestly say this is one of the closer things to perfect I’ve read. It could use more examples from more specialty/sub-fields--or at least, an on-line resource with that, it seems like they have a good eye/experience in successful applications and having examples covering more of the vast variety in today’s academic jobs would be super-useful.It could also do, perhaps, with some "big points" summaries, or checklists (with page numbers, so that it doesn’t have to be a stand-alone dumbed-down version), to help you when you’re frenetically searching back for a bit of advice or half-remembered guideline while deadlines approach.Bottom line: get it, read it!

This book is extremely useful with extensive examples of how to write a complete CV, cover letter, and other elements of the package needed when applying for positions in the completely unique field of academia. It is very USA-centric so some of the advice is not completely appropriate for EU universities and you need to do some different things when applying into that market. I would recommend this book to anyone who is on the academic job market or even just beginning their

PhD, in the USA or elsewhere.

It was very useful for my interview process. I got several on campus interviews and I passed through all the process required to become a professor in the Us. This entire process is very well documented in this book and I utilized it accordingly.

I bought this book at the late stages of my job hunting process, days before my first, phone interview. Therefore, I did not read the first half of the book which has to do with planning the job search and searching (assisted with sample vitas, cover letters, etc. which cover half of this book's pages). My focus was in the interviewing, and later on in the negotiating phases. In that respect, I think that this book is what its title implies: a handbook giving generic guidelines to most of the situtations one might face while interviewing (covering off-site, conference, phone, on-campus interviews), including a list of possible questions that might be asked. It gives you advise on how to prepare for each type of interview, what to expect, what to wear etc. in a brief manner, something that was very useful for my case, since I had only a few days to prepare for my first, phone interview. I also found some useful points in the "negotiating the job" section. Another aspect I liked about this book was that it covered specific situations such as dual-carrer couples, foreign nationals seeking US employment, etc. The last part of this book covers the "after you take the job" phase, which I plan to read.Overall, this is a nice handbook, which outlines the basics, but doesn't get into much detail. I had to buy another book and combine information of both to better prepare for my job interviews. Half of the book is covered by sample materials, which I found useless, but given its low price, I would recommend it to anyone seeking for an academic job, as a start-up, quick reference guide, or a complementary book to another, more detailed one.

So far, really helpful in my academic search. I've read the whole thing and am happy to see sample cover letters and CVs from faculty in the social sciences as well (not just the hard sciences).I think it has helped me improve my cover letter substantially!

This book is fantastic. It is comprehensive and applicable to a variety of disciplines. It's also written in a pleasant tone whereas a lot of the information about the academic job search online is written in a snarky tone.

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