

The Search Checklist is designed to help hiring departments prepare for and conduct a successful search. Hiring departments should work with Human Resources for additional guidance.

First Search Meeting

- Review the position description. Identify what the ideal candidate looks like and what the department needs.
- Review expectations of confidentiality and attendance at meetings.
- Develop a timeline for the search, including application deadline, interview schedule and target dates for final candidate selection.
- Identify essential, required, and preferred qualifications.
- Review search documents and determine how applicants will be scored. All those scoring applications should be using the same points for each criteria.

Reviewing Applications

Human Resources reviews all submitted applications first. Only those that meet the minimum requirements with complete applications will be forwarded to the hiring department for additional review.

- Review application and materials submitted by applicants.
- Scoring should be as objective as possible. Only evaluate on information related to the position.
- Score all applicants using the criteria established in the search meeting.
- Each person reviewing applications is required to complete a screening matrix, provided by the Employment Coordinator.

Communication with Applicants/Candidates

- Email acknowledgements are sent automatically to all applicants upon submitting an application.
- If contacted by an applicant regarding the status of their application, acknowledge that you have received the email and that their inquiry will be forwarded to Human Resources. Do not provide any other information.
- Maintain confidentiality of who is reviewing applications to the furthest extent possible.
- Any questions or communication in any form should be forwarded to the Employment Coordinator while the search is ongoing.

Selection of Interviewees

- Based on a review of materials submitted by applicants, identify those who will and will not be considered for the position.
- Ensure all applicants are evaluated on the basis of pre-established criteria related to the position. Avoid comments, either orally or in notes that are not job related.
- Determine persons to be interviewed. If there is not an appropriate representation; consider additional methods to identify additional qualified applicants.
- Complete the Matrix Summary indicating who will be interviewed and send to the Employment Coordinator.

Conducting Interviews

- Determine whether telephone interviews are necessary and proceed as appropriate. **(Must have interview questions approved by Employment Coordinator prior to conducting interviews).**
- Develop and design a plan and schedule for the on-campus interview process.
- Schedule all persons, groups, locations to be involved in the interview process.

- Develop uniform job-related questions to ask each candidate. All candidates should be asked the same questions, allowing for individualized follow-up questions as needed. **(Must have interview questions approved by Employment Coordinator prior to conducting interviews).**
- Take notes during phone and on-campus interviews. These notes will be part of the search documents given to the Employment Coordinator at the conclusion of the search.

Evaluating the Candidates

- Review the candidates interviewed with those present in the interview.
- Document all decisions, comparing credentials and qualifications of the semi-finalists and those who did not receive further consideration.
- Evaluate candidates on their qualifications and the full range of strengths, contributions and ability to work well within the department.
- Complete the Candidate Evaluation form provided in the search documents email. Each person present for the on-campus interview must complete this form.

Selecting the Final Candidate

- When the hiring department has concluded the deliberations, recommendation(s) should be made to the hiring authority.
- The direct Supervisor or hiring authority should have input at the final selection stage to ensure a fit between the selected candidate(s) and the supervisor or department exists.
- The Department Contact should update the candidate to Finalist in the Taleo online application system. This will trigger the Employment Coordinator to initiate the background check.

Finalizing the Search Process

Hiring Department

- Gather all search documents and forward to the Employment Coordinator in Human Resources. The materials should include; a matrix summary, a screening matrix from each person who scored applications, any supporting materials, any notes from phone and on-campus interviews, correspondence, and at least 2 professional reference checks. Handwritten documents must be the original version.
- Email your Employment Coordinator indicating the name of the finalist, the suggested starting pay rate and start date.

Please note: The search documents must be submitted before a verbal offer will be extended.

Human Resources

- HR will submit background check through HireRight.
- HR will create offer based on information provided by the hiring department.
- The hiring authority and Senior Business Coordinator must approve offer in Taleo before HR will extend the verbal offer. If negotiations occur the Employment Coordinator will work with hiring department to finalize and the offer will be updated and resubmitted for approval in Taleo.
- Once the offer is accepted the hiring authority will be notified by the Employment Coordinator.
- All non-selected or remaining candidates are sent electronic notifications regarding the status of the application and the position.