

# WORK-STUDY PROGRAM: Federal Work-Study (FWS) How to Hire a UC Riverside Student

## OFF-CAMPUS EMPLOYERS

1. Visit [ucr.joinhandshake.com](https://ucr.joinhandshake.com)  
and click on "Log in"  
or "Sign up for an Account."

2. New employers must give the UCR Career Center  
permission to manage your jobs and profile.  
Follow this [guide](#) on how to do so.

3. Select "Post a Job." To hire for a work-study position, select  
"Job" and check "yes" on "work-study."  
See [work-study timeline](#) when considering your posting timeline.

4. Fill out the  
required information.

## REGISTER AND POST A JOB



**Where to start?**  
Review our  
[Hiring Student Employees](#) page.

**Rehire Students/Reserve Jobs:**  
Indicate "Reserved" in the job title. The  
position will never go live for students viewing.  
You, the employer, must **download the job  
posting**. Returning students **do not**  
automatically have work-study, so ensure  
their eligibility by reviewing their  
[Work-Study Eligibility Notification](#).

**Current Federal  
Minimum Wage:**  
\$16.50



**Copy a Previous Job:**  
Return to Handshake,  
open the desired job  
and click on  
"Duplicate Job" to  
begin editing the  
duplicate job.



**Close a Job:**  
If the position is **no  
longer available**, return  
to Handshake, open the  
posted job and click on  
"Edit Job."



**Cross-Post a Job:**  
Please note that **only  
work-study eligible  
students** will be able to view  
a work-study job. To cross-post  
a job that is viewable by all  
students, you may post the  
same job as "part-time" and  
"no work-study."



**Approval Status:**  
Please allow up to  
**5 business days**  
to have job  
approved.

## INTERVIEW AND HIRE

1. **Student** applies for  
the position once it has  
been approved and  
posted. You then **contact  
and interview** your  
candidates of interest.



2. Once you are ready to hire, the student will fill out the  
[Work-Study New Hire Form](#) which will initiate a **Student  
Employment Contract** via DocuSign to be sent to the  
supervisor and student. Both the **job posting & Work-  
Study Eligibility Notification Form** will need to be  
attached to this contract.



3. **The Letter of Clearance** will be emailed directly to you,  
the employer, and the student. This **authorizes** the student to  
begin working and may take up to **15 days**.  
Upon receipt of the **LOC**, you may begin to set up a schedule  
with your **work-study student**. Do **not** allow students to work  
until you have received the **LOC**.

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#### FOLLOW PAYROLL PROCEDURES

1. **Students** submit hours biweekly to [timesheet.ucr.edu](https://timesheet.ucr.edu)

2. **Students** will submit **timesheets** to their supervisor for approval. Financial Aid will facilitate this process.

3. **Supervisor** submits signed timesheets by each biweekly due date and email to [workstudy@ucr.edu](mailto:workstudy@ucr.edu). Supervisor will receive a statement account no later than the 20th of each month; **Terms Net30**. Timesheets schedule available at: [careers.ucr.edu/accounting](https://careers.ucr.edu/accounting)

4. **Supervisor and student** should keep track of hours worked; student **must** notify the employer of any changes made to work-study award.

- The work-study program requires strict adherence to federal and state regulations, including the disbursement of federal and/or state funds. Employers that allow a student to work beyond the work-study allocation must assume 100% of the salary for any additional time worked.

#### CONSIDER EMPLOYMENT DATES



##### Work-Study Hires:

Employers wishing to hire work-study students must adhere to these campus-mandated dates:

**August 21, 2025:** Students can start to view and apply for work-study positions.

**September 21, 2025:** Students can start to work using work-study funds.

**June 20, 2026:** The last day students can work using work-study funds.

#### MONITOR STUDENT WORK HOURS



**Class in Session:** Up to 19 hours per week

**Class not in Session:** Up to 39 hours per week  
(Winter & Spring Break)

#### DISMISS A STUDENT FROM EMPLOYMENT

If a student's work-study allocation is **depleted** or **cancelled**, you can **terminate** the student or **retain** the student, assuming **100% of the student's salary**.

If the student does **not** perform the job in a satisfactory manner, you may **terminate** the student by **documenting the situation** and **forwarding** the information to the **Financial Aid Office**.

#### CONTACT US



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Work-Study Award Amount  
and Eligibility Periods



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