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Dear Parents and Families,

As you transition away from the excitement of year-end holidays, I'm sure you and your student are thinking about their return to campus in a couple of weeks, and perhaps you're even planning for the summer. Many students will work at [internships](#) or jobs over the summer, and a great way to prepare for those opportunities is an [on-campus job](#) during the semester. In that vein, I'm writing to provide you with a brief overview of [Student Employment](#) at Tufts.

There are two main types of student employment at Tufts – work study and non-work study. Students who applied for and were awarded financial aid will often have a work-study award as part of their financial aid package. [Work study](#) is a federally and institutionally subsidized program that allows students to work on campus to earn money for certain expenses that Tufts does not bill for, including travel home and other personal expenses. Students don't have to take advantage of their work-study award and can fund their expenses another way, such as through summer earnings or family support. But it is often a little easier for a student with a work-study award to find a job on campus because 75% of their wages are being paid by the federal work-study program. The department they are employed by pays only 25% of their wages, which makes students eligible for work-study competitive candidates.

Even if your student isn't eligible for work study, they can still work on campus. There are a number of jobs on campus, many of which require specific skills and therefore do not require work-study funding.

If your student is looking for a job for the spring semester, the first place to look is [Handshake](#), our Career Center's online job-posting database. On-campus positions will be posted there in the next couple of weeks, and departments will interview students when they arrive back on campus. While most year-long positions are posted in the fall semester, there are new opportunities available for spring. While they're looking for an on-campus job, students can also search for summer internships and jobs on

Handshake, as well as take advantage of all the other resources the Career Center has to offer.

Handshake is the primary place job opportunities are listed at Tufts, but there are also jobs on campus that hire through word of mouth. We encourage students to speak to administrators in the departments that they'd like to work for to see if there are any opportunities. For instance, if your student is a trained lifeguard and is curious if there are any subbing shifts available, they can talk to the staff at the gym, or if they're an English major and are curious if the department is hiring student assistants, they can talk to their professor or to the department's administrator.

In addition to these on-campus jobs, Tufts also hosts a [childcare website](#) where local families post opportunities for students to babysit. Students reach out to families directly, and there are families looking for both regular and occasional help with their little ones.

We hope that all students have productive work experiences during their time at Tufts, both on campus and off. All of us at Tufts are looking forward to your student's return to campus in a few weeks' time, and I hope they are currently enjoying their time with friends and family.

Wishing you the best for 2020,

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