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This is Eastern Michigan University's *Career Corner*, hosted by the career coaches of the University Advising and Career Development Center. And welcome to Season 4, *Career FAQ*.

Hey Eagles, and welcome back to the *Career Corner Podcast*. This is Career Coach Logann Dolan, and I'm so excited to be back with another Career FAQ. If you're listening now, you probably have noticed today's title and are interested in learning about how to obtain an on-campus student employment position. But before we dive in, it's important to note that the university offers different types of student employment.

This first type is called work study. Work study is a needs-based financial aid program funded by the Federal Government and EMU. Work study is typically awarded to students based on their unique financial need as determined by the FAFSA. So if you are interested in possible work study positions, it's important to indicate this on your FAFSA when applying.

If you don't qualify for work study, the second type of student employment is what you want to look out for. This second type is called regular student employment or often referred to as student assistant positions. These part-time positions are open to all undergraduate and graduate students and are funded through departmental and university budgets and are typically set amounts for allocated student employees each year. For more questions on types of student employment, you can always visit the Financial Aid website for more information.

And the last type of student employment is specifically for our graduate students. And these are called Graduate Assistantships, GA positions, or Doctoral Fellows. These positions are funded directly through their departments and are great options for our full-time grad students. For more information about these types of positions, I recommend visiting the Graduate School's website under Scholarships and Aid.

So now that we've clarified the types of student employment, let's dive in and talk about how to find these positions. Almost all positions, whether they be work study, regular student employment, or for our graduate students, they're typically posted on our online career platform called Handshake. You can access Handshake by going to app.joinhandshake.com and logging in with your emich email and password.

Then, visit the Jobs tab at the top of the page and start exploring. You may need to input some keywords like work study, student assistant, or graduate assistant to narrow down your search results. But once you find a few positions you're interested in, read through the application to ensure that you qualify, upload your documents, and then click Apply.

Every fall semester, the University Advising and Career Development Center hosts the Student Employment Fair. This is a great, one-stop shop opportunity to chat with departments and learn about their available open positions. More information and registration information regarding the Student Employment Fair can be found on the Events tab on Handshake or on the UACDC website.

For our graduate students, every winter semester, the University Advising and Career Development Center hosts the Graduate Assistant Interview Days. This event can also be found on the Handshake Events tab and the UACDC website as it gets closer to the event. You're encouraged to apply as soon as possible to these types of positions, as this event is designated so you can meet with specific departments, interview for their GA positions, and secure your graduate student employment prior to starting your program.

Even though these are the only two student employment related events, open positions pop up all year round, even over the summer. It's important and recommended to be sure you're actively looking on Handshake Jobs page, following departments on Handshake and on social media to watch for any new opportunities.

Should you have any questions regarding student employment or you want more information, you can reach out to us any time via email at career_services@emich.edu or by giving us a call at 734-487-0400. As always, stay safe and stay healthy, Eagles. And catch you on the next episode.

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