



## 5 Reasons Why SCU Alumni use Handshake

Whether you've just graduated or it's been a few years since you've accessed a campus career platform, it might be a good idea to get (re)acquainted with Handshake. Here are a few reasons why...

### 1. Search the Job listings

Yes, at its core, Handshake is a job and internship search tool. With over 10,000 entry-level job postings for Santa Clara University undergraduate/graduate students and recent grads, it would be a no-brainer to add this platform to your job seeking arsenal. By creating a profile, personalizing your interests and adding search alerts, you can let Handshake's AI do the work of curating relevant opportunities. Also if you set your profile to public and follow employers of interest, don't be surprised if an employer reaches out to you!

### 2. Join Events & Fairs

If you felt you never had time to attend the numerous career or employer events on campus, it's not too late. As an alum you can continue to attend SCU Career Fairs, employer sessions and networking events, many of them virtually. Virtual events have created more personalized experiences through individual and group sessions with company reps. With most organizations moving their campus outreach efforts online, be sure to register for the latest career events via Handshake.

### 3. Gain insight via Employer Profiles & Reviews

If you're familiar with crowd resourced review sites like Glassdoor or Quora you know how valuable these insights are when you want the inside scoop. Handshake also offers a unique student/recent grad perspective on companies. Check out reviews and interview info on employer profiles to see what others are saying. You'll also see students/alumni who have worked there and what they did. (Another tip: Be on the look out for recruiter or HR contacts on the Employer Profile page, too!)

### 4. Connect with the Handshake Community

Did you know that with an active Handshake account you're automatically a member of the broader Handshake community, connecting to over 700 campuses and 300K+ employers? Similar to LinkedIn, you can find and message students/alumni from other Handshake campuses.

### 5. Schedule Alumni Career Coaching Appts

In addition to the SCU Career Center's online resources, as an alum you have lifetime access to career coaching - four, no-cost, 30min appointments are available per calendar year. If you have job search strategy questions, are considering a career transition, or want to explore SCU networking opportunities, you might want to schedule a chat with a career coach. Access the Career Center tab to search for available virtual appointment slots.

So are you ready to take advantage of Handshake and join thousands of Santa Clara alumni on the platform? To sign up for an account or reactivate your account post graduation, see instructions on our [Alumni resource page](#).