

Get ahead of the competition with the Al Ghurair Young Thinkers Program

Searching for your first job? We know that this can sometimes feel like a full-time job, requiring a lot of time and effort. The [Al Ghurair Young Thinkers Program](#) (YTP) digital platform is here to help!

YTP's free, online course on 'Finding a Job' is full of useful information to make the process of finding a job easier. To help you get started, here are seven tips for success!

1. Positivism: A determined attitude is the key to success. If you don't feel positive, fake it until you make it!
2. Professionalism: Always exhibit professionalism and observe proper business etiquette. Even if your application is rejected, don't take it personally.
3. Preparedness: Prepare a CV that will get you an initial interview. Prepare by researching the position and company thoroughly and having a friend or family member mock interview you for practice.
4. Promotion: Promote yourself at every opportunity. Let your network know your skillset and what type of job you seek.
5. Progress: Make steady progress every day: apply for at least one job, speak to at least one contact or research at least one company. Every step moves you closer to the goal of obtaining a job.
6. Productivity: Being productive means creating a LinkedIn profile, attending networking events, and following up on connections you've already established.
7. Perseverance: If at first you don't succeed, try try again!

Here are some tips for success before, during and after an interview!

Before the interview:

1. Review the job description for the position you are applying for.
2. Prepare concise answers to typical interview questions.
3. Dress for your ultimate career goal, not just the position for which you are applying - first impressions are important.
4. Get a good night's sleep. If you are well-rested, you will perform better and be more alert during your interview the next day.

During the interview:

1. Be on time: the business community tends to adhere to a standardized view of time, especially in the context of job interviews.
2. Be respectful, polite and authentically you.
3. Watch your body language! Interviewers will look for cues as to what you are really feeling.
4. Don't ramble, but don't be too abrupt.

After the Interview:

1. Thank the interviewer for their time.
2. Take a few minutes immediately after the interview to review how you think you did - this will help in your next interview.
3. Send a follow-up thank you email to the interviewer.