# Finding & Networking with Foster Alumni & Students Online



## LinkedIn

#### **How to Find Alumni on LINKEDIN**

- In the search box, type Foster School of Business
- Select the option that says "Greater Seattle Area" and has over 22,000 members
- Click on See Alumni
- Search alumni using a Boolean search, including "MBA" and the city you want and the function and the company, e.g. MBA and Seattle and Finance and Starbucks (or, include undergraduate alumni in your search by leaving out "MBA"
- Click to see the profile (Don't connect immediately)
- To request a connection, send a customized message explaining why you want to connect with them, and provide your contact information

#### JOIN THE OFFICIAL UW FOSTER MBA GROUP - YOUR BEST SOURCE FOR CONNECTING WITH FOSTER ALUMS

http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=44631&trk=hb\_side\_g (Be sure you are a member)

Joining groups gives you an instant '2<sup>nd</sup> degree' connection with all members. That equals more access.)

### JOIN OTHER GROUPS ON LINKED IN TO BUILD YOUR NETWORK

- University of Washington Foster School of Business Alumni Group:
  - http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=108310&trk=group-name
     (This group includes both Foster undergraduate and graduate alums)
- Linked: Seattle:
  - http://www.linkedin.com/groups/Linked-Seattle-37871?gid=37871&trk=group-name
     (Good for gaining initial access to local business community)
- University Washington Alumni Group:
  - o <a href="https://www.linkedin.com/groups/40422/profile">https://www.linkedin.com/groups/40422/profile</a>
- Specialty groups centered on your functional and industry interests

## **Current Student Directory**

Online student directory includes company and job indexes that allow you to find out where full-time and evening MBA students have interned, worked, or currently work. These fellow classmates are your strongest connections to many companies.

https://laps.bschool.washington.edu/mbadirectory/#/ (Log-in required)

## Foster Alumni Groups

Connect with regional alumni and advocates for events and networking:

Foster Regional Reps: <a href="http://foster.uw.edu/foster-alumni/stay-connected/regional-representatives/">http://foster.uw.edu/foster-alumni/stay-connected/regional-representatives/</a>

Many more links available at the Foster website for alums, especially under the Stay Connected button:

http://foster.uw.edu/foster-alumni/

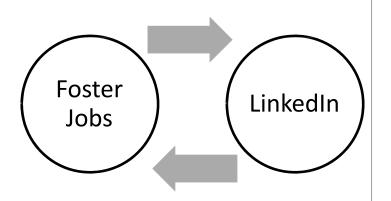
## Foster MBA Jobs Alumni Database

#### A PRIVATE ALUMNI DATABASE

(If you don't have access to Foster MBA Jobs, email <a href="mbacm@uw.edu">mbacm@uw.edu</a>)

Click the **Foster Alumni Network** tab, then search through the database using the **detailed search** page.

Listings for alums and current students who appear in this database contain an email address, company, job title and more. However, since people move companies often, please double-check on their LinkedIn profile to ensure they are still at that company.



## Use Foster Jobs and LinkedIn interactively to maximize reach and results:

In general: LinkedIn is more up-to-date, but the Foster Jobs Alumni Database provides contact information if you want to reach out