

My advice to current and future EEBL students is ...

Although it's not easy, try to immediately identify which area you are interested in and where you would like to specialize. Economics is a very large faculty offering many opportunities, but at the same time there are so many additional skills you can acquire that a degree in Economics without a clear idea of what you would like to do, may risk not being sufficient to find a good job. When I say additional skills, I mean training courses, certifications, masters, internships, languages! Nowadays, English must be known as well as your mother tongue, and often this is not qualifying enough. I highly recommend having international experiences such as participation in programmes such as Overseas, Erasmus, internships experiences (when reviewing curriculums much importance is given to this aspect).

I also recommend writing an experimental thesis with the support of a company or institution (the chances of continuing to work there after graduation are usually high). I, for example, contacted Biodiversity International when I was writing my graduation thesis so that I could work with them and use real data to write an analysis of agricultural production trends, which subsequently helped me find work at WFP.

Don't give up! Finding a job is difficult, but you have to insist, go to interviews, improve your CV, send many applications. You will eventually receive answers and you might see that at some point that all the proposals arrive at the same time!

Lastly, I suggest you cultivate interests in other areas in addition to your studies. It might seem like trivial advice, but I can't stress enough how important it is during your job search to know how to engage with employer, and to demonstrate that you have many different interests, an open mind and a desire to learn and get involved.

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