

Ingredients for a Successful Job Search

1. *Job Market Paper Title, Dissertation Abstract, and Field of Specialization.* These are the first items seen by a potential recruiter, and can be the first basis on which potential job candidates are selected.
2. *Reference Letters.* Most recruiters ask for three letters of reference. Typically, the letters are written by the members of your committee. You need to talk with them NOW and ask if they are willing to provide a letter for you. You need to provide them with as much information as possible.
3. *Communication with Your Advisor.* It is important that you have a frank conversation with your primary advisor about realistic expectations, locational preferences, etc. If there is a department of small set of departments on which you are especially keen, be sure your advisor and the placement officer know this.
4. *Seminar.*
5. *Webpage.*
6. *Job Market Paper!!!*