

# Alumni Networking Guide

Networking with alumni is one of the most effective—and often underused—strategies for exploring career paths and landing job opportunities. Job seekers who network and secure referrals consistently see higher success rates than those who rely solely on online applications. Because you share the University of Arizona Global Campus (UAGC) experience, alumni connections tend to feel more approachable, and alumni are often more willing to respond and offer guidance. This guide walks you through how to use LinkedIn, Handshake, and UAGC Connect to identify and engage with UAGC alumni, helping you build meaningful relationships that support your career exploration, job search, and long-term professional growth.

## How to Find UAGC Alumni:

### 1. LinkedIn

1. Sign in to [LinkedIn](#).
2. Visit [the University of Arizona Global Campus](#) LinkedIn page.
3. Click the “Alumni” tab.
4. Use filters to find alumni at your target companies and/or in roles you want.
  - **Filters:** Job title, Company, Location, Degree program

### 2. Handshake

1. Sign in to [myUAGC](#).
2. Scroll to “Get Connected” and click **Handshake**.
3. Select “People” from the left menu.
4. Use filters to find alumni at your target companies and/or in roles you want.
  - **Filters:** School, Employer, Job title, Location, Major

### 3. UAGC Connect

1. Sign in to [myUAGC](#).
2. Scroll to “Get Connected” and click **UAGC Connect**.
3. Select **Connect** → **Your Network: Meet network professionals**.
4. Use filters to find alumni at your target companies and/or in roles you want.
  - **Filters:** Industry, Job title, Company, Location, Degree program

## How to Connect with Alumni:

Once you find alumni you’d like to connect with:

- Send a brief, professional message introducing yourself.
- Ask for insights about their role, industry, or career path.
- Request an informational interview or a short virtual coffee chat.

## Sample Outreach Message:

Hi [Name],

I’m currently completing my Bachelor of Science in Information Technology at UAGC and exploring career paths in the field. I noticed that you work in [Area of IT] at [Company] and wanted to reach out. I’d love to learn more about your experience and any advice you’d offer someone just getting started. Would you be open to a quick 15-minute virtual coffee chat?

Thank you!

[Your Name]