Retail Merchandising Resources

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Learn About Careers in Retail Merchandising

Buyers and Purchasing Agents

Fashion Careers

Marketing
http://www.careers-in-marketing.com/

Job Posting Sites for Retail Merchandising

Apparel Search
http://www.apparelsearch.com/employment.htm
Links to employment in the apparel industry and links to countless other resources related to the field.

Business Careers
Careers-in-Business.com brings you the latest scoop on various business career areas including jobs, salaries, what people are saying and entry requirements.

Business of Fashion Careers
https://www.businessoffashion.com/careers
Resources include the latest job postings for fashion talent, featured/recommended companies, company culture guide, and career articles.

Core 77/Coroflot
http://www.core77.com
Design salary surveys, job postings, career information, a portfolio creation tool and much more!

Free Fashion Internships
http://freefashioninternships.com
Free internship postings in blog format for the fashion industry. Includes many internships in New York City and California, but some are Midwest-based. Also includes links to numerous other resources.

Fashion Career Center
http://www.fashioncareercenter.com/
Positions listed and an opportunity to post your resume and apply for jobs.
Fashion Net
http://www.fashion.net/
International job and internship listings for the fashion and retail industry. Includes links to other resources.

Going Global
http://goldpass.umn.edu (link for Going Global will be on the student landing page)
Going Global is a great resource for international students looking for information on work opportunities here in the United States. It is also a great tool for students looking for information on the cultural nuances of the job search in various countries and cities throughout the world.

GoldPASS
http://goldpass.umn.edu
University of Minnesota job posting system. In addition to finding current job and internship openings, use GoldPASS to search info and contacts for students' previously completed internships related to this major (to get ideas and contact information; this is not a list of openings), select "job search", then "internship agreement database".

Green Jobs
http://greenjobs.greenjobsearch.org/
Job board that connects employers with job seekers who are interested in jobs that focus on environmental or social responsibility

Internships
http://www.internships.com/
This website provides services and resources for students, employers and educators. Students can search for internships and jobs based on location and type of industry/major.

Internship Programs.com – Internship Search Engine
http://internships.wetfeet.com
Includes free internship postings in the apparel and retail industries.

Macy’s Job Page (formally Federated Stores)
http://www.macysjobs.com/
Job postings at all levels of employment.

Mayor of the Mall
http://www.mayorofthemall.com
Fashion-only store-level job listing site, focused on fashion-forward retail positions (store associates, store management, visual merchandising, in-store specialists, district management, etc…)

National Retail Federation – Job Board
https://jobs.nrf.com/
Retail job positions available around the country as well as in many Canadian provinces.

PR Couture – Fashion PR Jobs
http://www.prcouture.com/jobs/
Includes free full-time, part-time and internship job postings within the fashion industry. Positions are throughout the country.
Style Careers  
http://www.stylecareers.com  
The largest, fashion-only listing site on the Internet. A great place to start if you’re looking for home-office fashion industry internships or entry-level positions.

Springboard for the Arts  
http://www.springboardforthearts.org/  
Midwest job searching site for careers related to and in the arts.

Style Portfolios  
http://www.styleportfolios.com  
Online portfolio website focused on the various fashion-related industries, visual merchandising students who need to communicate their talent visually can create a free online portfolio that is searchable by many of the industry’s leading brands and recruiting agencies.

Velvet Jobs  
https://www.velvetjobs.com/articles/insights/paid-fashion-internships  
A list of websites and companies that are considered the best places to find paid fashion internships in the US

Work in Retail  
https://www.workinretail.com/  
Database able to narrow down job search by location and more specific subcategories within retail field.

**Professional Associations Related to Retail Merchandising**

Many professional associations have listservs or web sites where jobs and internships are posted. Sometimes, membership is required for access, so consider becoming a student member. Other benefits of membership include access to other members (for informational interviews), evidence of your commitment to the industry, and information about current trends as well as upcoming conferences and local meetings.

American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences  
http://www.aafcs.org  
Professional association includes a student page and newsletter, scholarships, related resources and job listings.

American Collegiate Retail Association  
http://www.acraretail.org  
Association geared towards retail educators including student competitions and position announcements.

American Purchasing Society  
http://www.american-purchasing.com/  
Career center, certification, workshops and links.

Costume Society of America  
http://www.costumesocietyamerica.com  
Professional association includes student membership, internship and scholarship listing, Midwest chapter and regional events, job openings and a member business directory.

Fashion Group International  
http://www.fgi.org/  
Job bank, directory for networking and events, trends, and resources.
International Textile and Apparel Association
http://www.itaaonline.org
Includes job announcements, educational information, scholarships and student membership.

Institute for Supply Management
http://ism-twin-cities.org/index.php
Formally known as the National Association of Purchasing Management, ISM is a non-profit association for supply management professionals. The website has a job board, event listings, and resource links related to supply management.

National Retail Federation
http://www.nrf.com/
Resources and advice for professionals in the field. Conference, and membership events.

National Association of Sales Professionals
http://www.nasp.com/
Job postings, sales tips, sales certification.

Shop!
http://www.shopassociation.org/
Global non-profit trade association representing more than 2,000 retail companies. Site includes publications, events, and research/educational resources.

Textile Society of America
http://www.textilesociety.org
Professional association includes student membership, publications, scholarships, events/study tours, related resources and job/internship listings.

Women in Retail Leadership Circle
http://www.wirlc.com/
Networking group for women in the retail industry using virtual and live events, e-newsletters, social media, etc. focused on sharing best practices and discussing industry issues.

Additional Resources for Retail Merchandising

Apparel News
http://www.apparelnews.net/
Fashion news, trade shows, links to resources and job postings.

Design Observers Group
http://designobserver.com/
News, articles, and books focused on design, visual art, cultural, and social change.

National Retail Federation News
News on trends, events, global and online topics related to retail.

Retail Dive
https://www.retaildive.com/
News, industry events, jobs and more in the retail field.
Retail Merchandiser
http://www.retail-merchandiser.com/
News on traditional retail, online retail, the retail supply chain, licensing, etc.

Retail Visual Merchandising
http://www.visualstore.com/
Product/vender search, products, news and job postings.

Visual Merchandising and Store Design
http://www.vmsd.com/
Innovative projects, ideas, news and products in retail design.

Women's Wear Daily
http://www.wwd.com/
News, trends, education directory and links to job search.

University of Minnesota Undergraduate Research
http://www.urop.umn.edu/
Offers research and creative activity experiences to students in all of our undergraduate colleges, to students in honors programs, as well as students not in honors programs.

Student Organizations for Retail Merchandising
For more information on the student organizations below, and others, visit
https://gopherlink.umn.edu/organizations/

College of Design Student & Alumni Board
https://design.umn.edu/alumni/dsab/
The College of Design Student and Alumni Board provides leadership for the College of Design Alumni Society and serves as the official College of Design Student Board for graduate and undergraduate students. Student and alumni board members work together with alumni, faculty, and the design community to develop programs and services that enhance the student experience and support the transition from college to career.

FAB: Fashion & Business
https://gopherlink.umn.edu/organization/2485
FAB: Fashion & Business is a pre-professional student organization linking students of all majors with a casual or professional interest in fashion to professionals and opportunities within the industry. With a strong emphasis on partnerships with national and international companies and student university groups, FAB seeks to develop presentations and events that showcase the diversity and applications of fashion from a wide variety of perspectives. The group coordinates an annual fall career exhibition and annual spring fashion show, as well as operates a designer platform to showcase University designers.

National Retail Federation Student Association
https://gopherlink.umn.edu/organization/NRFSA
Our vision as an organization is to facilitate the mission of the National Retail Federation: to advance the interests of the retail industry through advocacy, communications and education. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in NRF sponsored scholarships as well as attend National Retail Federation events. Assistance applying to and working on scholarships will be provided by officers as well as industry professionals. The point of the group is to help thriving students with a future in retail gain professional development and networking opportunities.