



# THE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS **CAREER CENTER**

## CAREER RESOURCES FOR UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS

### **PSU Resources**

- [DREAMER RESOURCE CENTER | Portland State University](#)
- [Dreamer Resources | Portland State University](#)
- [DREAMer Resource Center Coordinator, Portland State University](#)
- [Portland State's DACA & Undocumented Student Career Resource Page](#)
- [DREAM Student Group](#)
- [La Casa Latina Student Center](#)
- [Cultural Resource Centers | Portland State University](#)
- [Student Legal Services](#)

### **Articles**

- [Job Hunting While Undocumented](#)
- [Life After College: A Guide for Undocumented Students](#)

### **Opportunities**

#### **Entrepreneurial Careers**

- Opportunities for anyone, regardless of immigration status:
  - Independent contracting
  - Starting a business
  - Freelancing
  - Worker cooperatives
- Over 823,000 undocumented entrepreneurs
- ITINs or EINs may be used to legally earn income so long as taxes are filed and paid



#### **Individual Tax Identification Number (ITIN)**

- ITIN needed for independent contractor to be paid
- May have an ITIN if parents have filed income taxes and claimed individual as a dependent
- If no ITIN learn how to obtain one on IRS.gov or by using one of the following resources:
  - Immigrants Rising Resources: [ITIN Guide](#)
  - [Required Forms for Independent Contracting video](#)



## **Parker Dewey Micro-Internships**

- Partners with organizations and colleges to post short-term, paid, professional projects, usually 5 to 40 hours of work
- All micro-internships are structured as independent contract work
- Undocumented students can apply (must have SSN or ITIN)
- NO COST to students!

## **Entrepreneurship Resources for Freelancers**

- [Spark Entrepreneurship Curriculum](#)
- [Immigrants Rising](#) – Entrepreneurship and freelancing resources, including an Independent Contractor Brainstorming Worksheet
- [Entrepreneurs@Immigrants Rising \(FB Group\)](#) – community of immigrant entrepreneurs
- [Freelancers Union](#) – training and support for freelancers
- [Skillshare](#) – online classes including entrepreneurship and freelancing Business Owners
- [Small Business Majority](#) – training and support for small business owners (venturize.org)
- [Accion Opportunity Fund](#) - up to \$250K business loans for low- and moderate-income
- [Democracy at Work Institute](#) – information on worker cooperative model

## **Connections and Resources**

[PCUN](#) - PCUN is focused on building a stronger voice for all Latinx working families in Oregon, from farmworkers to young folks, so that we can collectively improve their well-being and increase prosperity for all.

[Immigrants Rising: Life After College Guide](#)

[How to Pay As An Undocumented Student](#)

[Undocumented Students in Oregon: Info for Students, Parents, & Educators](#): Oregon Gear UP

<chrome-extension://efaidnbmninnkpbcaipcgclclefindmkaj/https://oregongearup.org/sites/oregongearup.org/files/publications/undocumentedstudents.pdf>: Pdf on Undocumented Students in Oregon

[Oregon Department of Human Services](#)

[UndocuProfessionals Network](#) - UndocuProfessionals Insta Network

[National Immigration Law Center](#) - National Immigration Law Center

[Undocumented Professionals](#) - connections and opportunities

[TheDream.US](#) – many DREAMer resources

[The Presidents' Alliance on Higher Education and Immigration](#) - We are an alliance of American college and university leaders dedicated to increasing public understanding of how immigration policies and practices impact our students, campuses, and communities.

[Higher Ed Immigration Portal](#) - A new digital platform that integrates data, policies, and resources about DACA and undocumented, other immigrant, international, and refugee students to support immigration reform and federal policymaking, fuel change at the state and campus level, and build a diverse movement of partners and stakeholders advocating for these students.

## [DACA & DREAMer friendly companies](#)

## [Resources for Immigrants and Refugees](#)

[Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund](#) - MALDEF is the nation's leading Latino legal civil rights organization. Our commitment is to protect and defend the rights of all Latinos living in the United States and the constitutional rights of all Americans.

## **Fellowships**

- Supports the educational and professional development of students regardless of work authorization
- Provides stipend or scholarship to aid pursuit of study or research
- Can be sponsored by various entities (colleges, non-profits, etc.)
- [Dream Summer Fellowship](#) and [Breakthrough Collaborative Teaching Fellowship](#)
- [Fellowships and Other Non-Employment Based Opportunities for Undocumented Students](#)

## **Worker Cooperatives**

- A business structured as an LLC (example: [Radiate Consulting](#))
- Members own and manage the company - operates according to a set of principles
  - Members invest in the business
  - Members vote in decision making



## **References:**

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