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Career Advice for Recent Accounting Grads: Job Hunting and the Pandemic

Congratulations to the historic class of 2020! Many of you have and will continue to celebrate virtually amid COVID-19 — and rightfully so, as you've accomplished a major milestone: graduating. And yet, while you're no doubt eager to get out there and launch your career, you're probably also a little anxious about entering the job

5 market.

Graduating during this time will add its own challenges on top of the usual angst that comes along with finding, interviewing for and landing your dream accounting job. In fact, 75 percent of students with jobs have already seen them canceled, delayed or shifted to remote work. That's especially tough considering many students rely on

10 summer jobs, internships and entry-level positions to gain experience to strengthen their portfolios.

The silver lining in all of this is that we've been here before so we know one thing for certain — the job market will eventually bounce back. That's why it's all the more important that you take advantage of the downtime now so you can land your dream

15 accounting role when the opportunity strikes. To help you, here are some topics you can think about to better prepare for your interview and, ultimately, secure your dream job : the remote work culture, your aptability, an effective time management and critical thinking.

Another factor to consider here is the virtual setup. Make sure to login at least ten

20 minutes ahead of time to ensure you have a steady internet connection and resolve any technical issues before the call. This will make you appear serious, engaged and excited for the opportunity. Also, try to have good lighting, wear presentable clothing and limit distractions as much as possible.

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