Ask-an-Employer FAQ’s

What is the “Ask-an-Employer” program?
The Ask-an-Employer program allows MSU Billings students to network one-on-one with select employers in a casual, high-traffic setting. Employers staff a table and are available to answer any questions regarding career opportunities as the students ask them. For many of our students this is one of the first times they will interact with a “real-life” professional. For many of our employers it is a great way to get your name and business into the minds of our future graduates.

How often can I participate?
Each business is offered the opportunity to participate in Ask-an-Employer once a semester at each of the campuses. At the University Campus these connections happen on Wednesdays; at the City College Campus they happen on Tuesdays. You can choose a high-traffic, all-student hang-out area or, if you prefer, we can attempt to place you in one of the college buildings that directly links specific majors to your area of expertise.

What should I expect?
Most likely you will need to take initiative with students by engaging them in conversations around the topic of breaking into your industry. Many of them are novices at résumé, job application and interview skills so any information you can give them regarding what is expected will be helpful. Students may or may not ask about your business so feel free to also promote any future job openings you may have.

Can I contact students directly regarding my visits to campus?
If your business has set up a profile in our CareerLink job database you can contact any students in that database who may be interested in your field a few days before your visit and invite them to come meet you. You can also follow up with any student who may have given you info during your visit to campus. If you’d like to take advantage of this resource (or if you need help with your employer profile in CareerLink) please contact our office for assistance.

Can I also visit classrooms? Or participate in any other kind of program?
Unfortunately we cannot guarantee visits into classrooms due to the availability of our faculty. We do occasionally need employers to participate in topical panel discussions or conduct “mock” interviews on campus. If you are interested in these opportunities please contact our office.

Can I use this as an opportunity to market my company?
Sure! While we aren't directly linking this program with on-campus recruiting, the potential certainly exists to get some great publicity for your company. You’ll get to meet our motivated students, and they’ll get to meet you in a relaxed environment.

We hope you will wear a shirt or name tag with your company's logo, and that you'll take the opportunity to let your students know the way things work at your organization. Students also love free stuff with corporate logos!

How do I get started?
Contact MSU Billings Advising & Career Services at careers@msubillings.edu or call 406-657-2168.