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## **TODAY’S JOB MARKET REQUIRES YOU COME RECOMMENDED**

*Exclusive Online Community Connects  
Best Internship, Entry-Level Candidates with Best Employers*

**Washington, DC** – If you want to land an internship or entry-level job in today’s economic climate, you had better come recommended. Launched today, [Come Recommended](#) is an exclusive online community connecting the best internship and entry-level job candidates with the best employers. Unlike other exclusive recruiting networks, [Come Recommended](#) requires both candidates and employers to provide at least three recommendations to gain access to the community.

“Because Come Recommended is a free service to both candidates and employers, hiring managers with shrinking budgets and resources will be able to recruit internship and entry-level talent more cost-effectively and efficiently, and candidates for these positions will be able to distinguish themselves from the pack,” said Heather R. Huhman, founder and president of [Come Recommended](#).

How [Come Recommended](#) works:

1. Candidates and employers register and build detailed profiles.
2. Before being accepted into the community, all users must first be recommended by at least three individuals (for candidates, this can include current or previous employers, industry professionals, professors/teachers and other non-family mentors; for employers, this can include current or previous interns or entry-level professionals).
3. Using the site's technology, users send recommendation requests via e-mail.
4. In this e-mail, a link to a simple online form is provided, and all answers are automatically transmitted back to the user's profile.
5. Once a user has three recommendations, they are accepted into the community and can access [Come Recommended](#)'s numerous features.

In their profiles, employers are encouraged to provide rankings from sites like [InternshipRatings.com](#) and [Glassdoor.com](#), with whom [Come Recommended](#) has formed relationships. “Our mission has always been to connect internship candidates with the best employers,” said Stephanie Gurtman, co-founder of [InternshipRatings.com](#). “We are proud to partner with Come Recommended to extend this mission to entry-level employees.”

“Core” Candidate Features	“Core” Employer Features
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Custom profiles</li> <li>• Search and view employer profiles, which include recommendations</li> <li>• Access to employer member position openings, searchable by company, location and keyword</li> <li>• Daily job alerts via e-mail</li> <li>• Receive recommendations from both members and non-members</li> <li>• Private chatrooms to network with potential employers</li> <li>• A candidate-only forum to share “best practices” with other candidates</li> <li>• Access to educational articles and other helpful resources</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Custom profiles</li> <li>• Search and view candidate profiles, which include recommendations</li> <li>• Post position openings</li> <li>• Receive recommendations from both members and non-members</li> <li>• Private chatrooms to network with potential candidates</li> <li>• An employer-only forum to share “best practices” with other employers</li> <li>• Access to educational articles and other helpful resources</li> </ul>

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The “core” features made available through [Come Recommended](#) will always be free to both candidates and employers. The community will be financially supported by different types of advertising, sponsorship packages, paid seminars/courses, career coaching services, cover letter and résumé review services and other strategic business relationships. Additionally, paid features will be added over time based on member feedback.

Advertising, which is also free during the alpha phase (through June 14 2009) and will be offered at extremely low rates during the beta phase (June 15, 2009 through September 13, 2009), can be purchased by both members and non-members of the community.

In addition to [InternshipRatings.com](#) and [Glassdoor.com](#), [Come Recommended](#) has formed strategic relationships with [Intern Bridge](#), [Campus Calm](#), [The Orrell Group](#), and [CAREERREALISM](#) and [Keppie Careers](#) to provide recruiting advice for employers, stress management tips for candidates, advice for working with Generation Y employees, and career coaching services for candidates, respectively.

“Come Recommended brings together terrific information and a unique service not available anywhere else online,” said Miriam Salpeter, career coach and founder of [Keppie Careers](#). “I’m excited to be a partner offering top-notch services to help job seekers propel their successful searches. In a competitive job market, anyone looking for work should consider professional career advice, and Come Recommended is a source job seekers can trust.”

Richard Bottner, president of [Intern Bridge](#), echoes Salpeter’s sentiments. “The recent college graduate market has long been missing a service that takes meaningful steps to connect highly talented students with employers. Come Recommended fills that void in an efficient and promising manner that is sure to be utilized by companies across the U.S.”

To help spread the word about Come Recommended and the need for such a service, the site will host a blog writing contest in which one candidate and one employer will win a \$100 American Express gift card. Further details can be found [here](#).

**Come Recommended** is an exclusive online community connecting the best internship and entry-level job candidates with the best employers, only allowing participation from members who come highly recommended. Its numerous features are free to both candidates and employers. For more information, please visit [www.comerecommended.com](http://www.comerecommended.com).

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