

## Embracing Uncertainty in your Job Search

In the midst of a job search, it's common to feel anxious about the future. Uncertainty about the job market, the application process, and ultimately whether or not you'll be hired can all weigh heavily on your mind. But what if we told you that embracing uncertainty could actually help you in your job search? That's the idea behind "positive uncertainty."

Positive uncertainty is the concept of approaching the unknown with a positive and optimistic attitude. Instead of worrying about what might go wrong or fearing the worst, you approach the situation with curiosity and an open mind. This mindset can help you take risks, explore new opportunities, and ultimately find success.

So how can positive uncertainty be applied to a job search? Let's take a look at some examples.

### 1. Trying a new approach

When you've been job searching for a while with no success, it's easy to feel discouraged. But rather than giving up or continuing with the same strategies that haven't worked, try approaching the job search with a new perspective. Maybe it's time to revamp your resume, network in a different way, or try a new job board. By embracing the uncertainty of trying something new, you might just stumble upon the perfect opportunity.

### 2. Being open to different roles

Sometimes, we get so focused on finding the perfect job title, or specific company, that we close ourselves off to other opportunities. By being open to different roles and industries, you increase your chances of finding a position that's a great fit. By embracing the uncertainty of the job market and being willing to explore different options, you might find yourself in a job that you love even more than what you were originally seeking.

### 3. Taking a chance on a startup

Starting your own business is often seen as risky, especially when you are facing bills and responsibilities at home. There's no guarantee that the company will succeed, and you may have to take on a lot of responsibility with little guidance. But by embracing the uncertainty of a startup, you might just find yourself in an exciting, dynamic work environment where you can have a real impact. Plus, if the company does take off, you'll be well-positioned for growth opportunities and the monetary rewards that comes with it.

### 4. Networking with strangers

Networking can be uncomfortable, especially when you're reaching out to people you don't know. When you take a chance of meeting new people, you open yourself up to new connections and opportunities. Attend networking events, reach out to people on LinkedIn, and don't be afraid to strike up a conversation with someone in your field. Include in your networking efforts your neighbors and friends, even your dentist or your hair dresser. You never know who might be able to help you in your job search.

### 5. Applying for jobs you're not quite qualified for

It's easy to get discouraged by job listings that require more experience or skills than you currently have. It can be stressful applying for jobs you're not quite qualified for, however, by embracing uncertain outcome, you might just find that the employer is willing to take a chance on you. Be honest about your skills and experience in your application, and highlight any transferable skills that make you a great fit for the role. You might just be surprised at the response you get.

By embracing positive uncertainty, you open yourself up to new opportunities and possibilities in your job search. Rather than letting fear and anxiety hold you back, approach the unknown with curiosity and an open mind. Who knows where it might take you?