

The Process of Applying for and Securing an Academic Position

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References

- * My own experience/observations in the academic job market 2012-2013,

and

- * The INFORMS Future Academician Colloquium, October 2012, Phoenix, Arizona

Doctoral Colloquiums/Consortiums

- * **INFORMS** Future Academician Colloquium
- * **INFORMS** Teaching Effectiveness Colloquium
- * **POMS** Doctoral Consortium
- * **AOM** Joint Doctoral and Junior Faculty Consortium
- * **DSI** Doctoral Consortium

Information on North American Academic Job Market for OM/SCM/IE

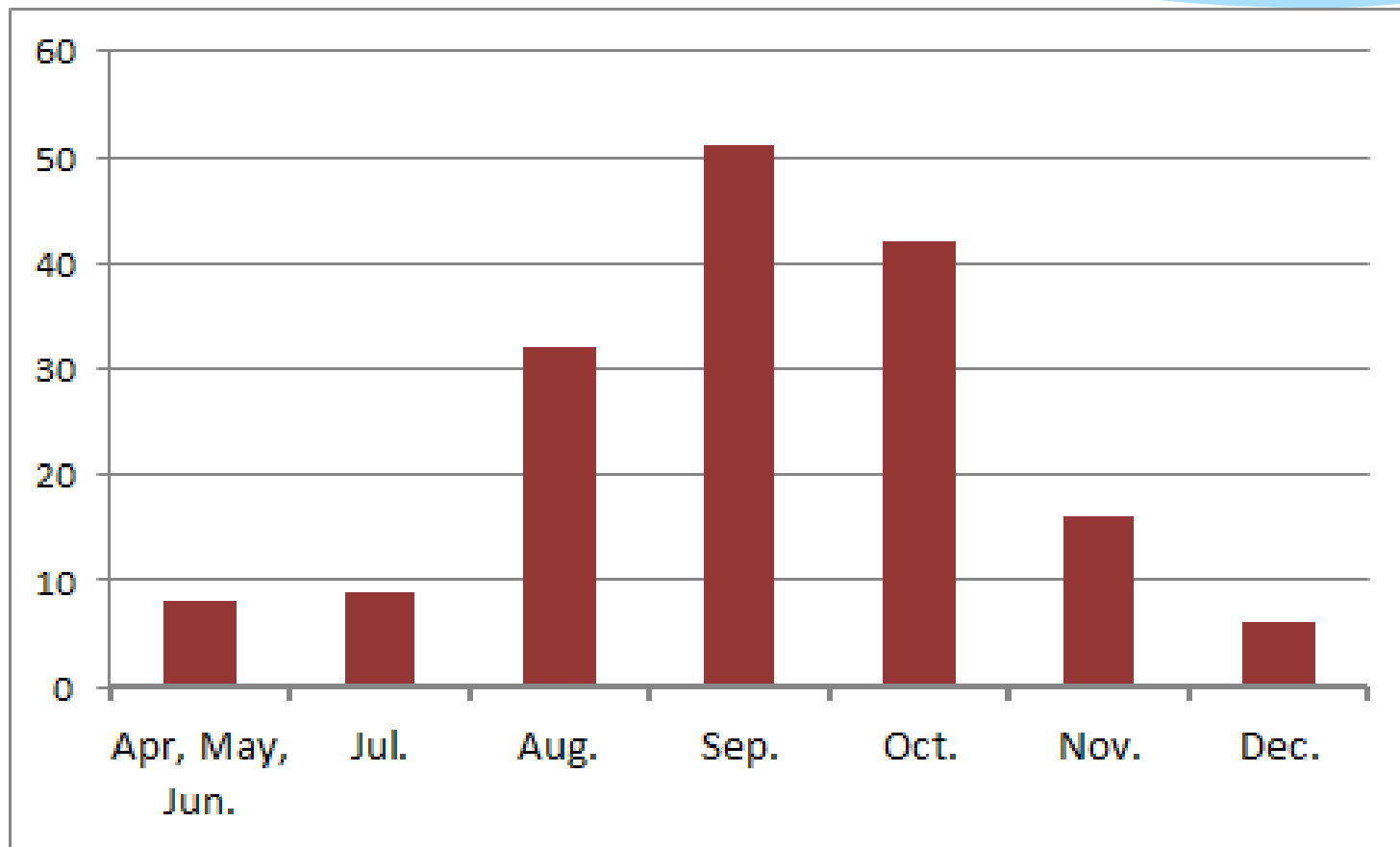
2012-13

[Observations until 12/10/2012]

- ✓ 180+ openings.
- ✓ 19 positions in IE (& related fields), others in business/management schools or departments.
- ✓ 20+ positions specifically looking for healthcare research background.

Number of Posted Openings during the Academic Job Search Season 2012-13

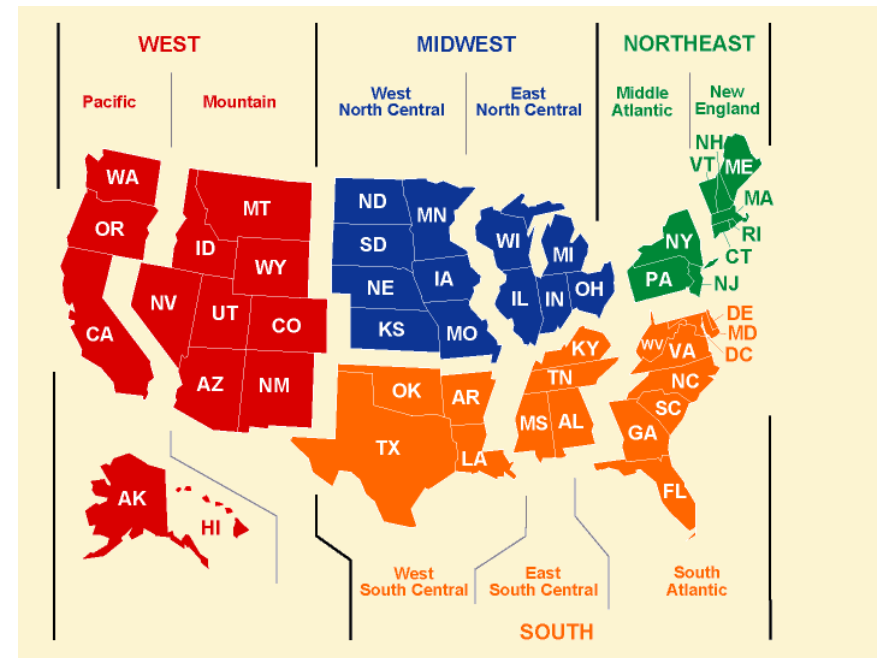
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Geographical Distribution of Openings

[Observations until 12/10/2012]

- * Division 1 (New England): 19
- * Division 2 (Mid-Atlantic): 30
- * Division 3 (East North Central): 36
- * Division 4 (West North Central): 11
- * Division 5 (South Atlantic): 38
- * Division 6 (East South Central): 6
- * Division 7 (West South Central): 16
- * Division 8 (Mountain): 6
- * Division 9 (Pacific): 20
- * Canada: 5



Databases / Websites

- * **INFORMS** JPS (major specific) (requires membership)
- * **POMS** Placement (major specific)
- * **DSI** Placement Services (major specific)

- * **HigherEdJobs.com** (general) (search for keywords)
- * **Chronicle.com** (general) (search for keywords)

Be sure to check frequently during the season.

Job Search Keywords

- * Management Science
- * Operations Research / Operational Research
- * Operations Management
- * Supply Chain Management
- * Logistics
- * Quantitative Methods / Quantitative Analysis
- * Decision Science
- * Industrial Engineering
- * Healthcare Management / Healthcare Engineering
- * Humanitarian Logistics

The Application Process

- * 1. Send in application materials.
- * 2. First-round interviews:
 - * Conference Interviews (INFORMS & DSI)
 - * Phone Interviews
 - * Skype Interviews
- * 3. Campus Visit:
 - * 1-2 days
 - * 1-2 presentations
 - * Many interviews

Documents to prepare

- * CV
- * Cover Letter
- * Research Statement
- * Publication Samples
- * Graduate Transcripts
- * Letters of Recommendation / References List
- * Teaching Portfolio
 - * Teaching Philosophy Statement
 - * Teaching Evaluations
 - * Anonymous Student Comments
 - * Sample Syllabus
 - * Teaching Summary

Useful Tips

- * Have all documents prepared before the start of the job search season.
- * Forget about the deadlines; apply as soon as you can.
- * Check your email frequently & respond phone calls quickly!
- * Acknowledge the receipt of emails, appointments, etc.

Useful Tips (cont'd)

- * Be organized in your search by keeping records of:
 - Posted openings,
 - Applied positions,
 - Submitted documents, and
 - Letters of recommendation.

Useful Tips (cont'd)

- * **Do not apply** for a position if:
 - ✓ It requires infeasible constraints (irrelevant work experience, certain nationality, etc.)
 - ✓ Your chance of getting an interview is absolutely zero!
 - ✓ Your chance of accepting the offer is absolutely zero!

Good Luck!

