

Little Fish in a New Sea

How to Survive Relocation without Drowning

KU Room #222
7:10 to 7:55 PM

As a result of this session, you will be able to answer these questions:

- Is relocation right for you?
- What are the key areas you need to consider?
 - Financial
 - Social
 - Family
- What relocation benefits are offered by your employer?
 - Apartment hunting trip
 - Move allowance
 - Move of household goods

Key learnings from this session:

Is relocation right for you?

- Why are you moving? What is your motivation?
- Financial Considerations
 - Job alternatives
 - Cost of living in new city
 - Employer offered relocation benefits
 - Cost of staying connected
- Social considerations
 - Culture of the area, employer
 - Your need to be with friends 24/7
 - UD alumni in the area
- Family considerations
 - Family dynamics; can those norms be broken?
 - What is a “comfortable” distance?
 - Is the move permanent?

Key learnings from this session (con't.):

You've relocated, now what?

- Maximize your relocation benefits
- Find affordable, safe housing
 - Ask co-workers where they live
 - Clarify what is included in the rental rate (e.g. utilities, parking) and what amenities are available (and what they cost)
 - Assess commute distance, transportation alternatives
- Get connected
 - Leverage social media: Facebook, LinkedIn, Foursquare, Pinterest, Urban Spoon
 - Be social. “Play tourist”, volunteer, join a gym, join a club, find a church, walk around, go to a coffee shop, be friendly
 - Stay connected with friends from your past
- “Packing list”
 - Networking skills
 - Sense of adventure
 - Patience
 - 3 best friends—Me, Myself, and I

Additional Resources:

Cost of living calculators:

<http://money.cnn.com/calculator/pf/cost-of-living/> or <http://www.bestplaces.net>

General site with helpful information on relocation, job negotiations, evaluating jobs, etc:

<http://careerplanning.about.com/od/relocating/a/relocation.htm> (take the relocation quiz!)

Get connected in your new city:

<http://www.movingtoday.com/how-to-feel-at-home-in-a-new-city/>

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