Protect Yourself Online- Increase in Predator Companies and Scams

The JSOM Career Management Center has experienced an increase in JSOM students reporting predator and scam organizations. Note the scams may impersonate a legitimate business and have no affiliation. The scam artists may utilize images, text and/or letterhead from the real organization. Be cognizant of the following red flags and report any suspicious activity to the JSOM Career Management Center and the UT Dallas Police Department.

- Google the organization name exactly as it is presented (note a letter may be transposed) with the keyword scam. Review Glassdoor and the Better Business Bureau for additional information.
- Carefully review the job/internship description. Look for inconsistencies in how the information is presented such as grammar errors, misplaced punctuation and spelling errors. The scams may utilize a real posting and slightly modify the phrasing.
- The employer should utilize an official corporate email account to communicate with you. Gmail and Google Hangout chat/communications are cause for concern.
- Phishing companies may request several pieces of personal identifying information such as your birth date, social security number, birthplace, bank account information and more.
- Red flag: the company can help you work without U.S. work authorization if you require CPT/OPT.
- Red flag: the company asks you to pay for services.

Remember if the opportunity sounds too good to be true, it probably is. If you are unsure about the opportunity, contact the JSOM Career Management Center for assistance.