Fraud – Job Posting Scam
AU Police is investigating several recent attempts to defraud students seeking employment through the AUSG Jobs & Internship Board. The scheme required the job applicant to deposit a fake check and wire funds to the prospective employer.

To reduce your risk of fraud, follow these safety tips:

▪ Look for these signs of a job scam:
  o You need to pay to get the job
  o You need to deposit a check and wire funds to the hiring firm
  o You need to supply your credit card or bank account information
  o The posting contains a large number of spelling/grammatical errors
  o The employer’s name does not match the e-mail or web address

▪ Before accepting a job or using a job placement service:
  o Check with the original hiring company and verify the firm is really hiring through the service
  o Get details in writing about the job

▪ If you spot a possible scam:
  o Notify Public Safety at 202-885-2527
  o Do not apply to the job or provide any personal information

▪ If you are the victim of a job scam:
  o Notify Public Safety at 202-885-2527
  o File a complaint with the FTC at www.ftc.gov/complaint
  o Go to www.identitytheft.gov to learn how to protect yourself if your personal identifiers or bank account has been compromised.

If you have concerns about fraud, please call the Department of Public Safety at 202-885-3636 or submit an anonymous tip at American.edu/finance/publicsafety/tips.cfm

If you are on-campus and have an emergency, call 202-885-3636 immediately.
If you are off-campus and have an emergency, call 911 immediately.