

ConnectEDU Announces the 2013 Best Places to Work for Recent Grads

(Boston, MA) May 14, 2013 – ConnectEDU, a technology company committed to connecting the world's learners to life's possibilities through clear education-to-career pathways, today announced the 25 Best Places to Work for Recent Grads. Since 2007, **Experience**, a ConnectEDU company, has compiled the list of employers from across the country based on excellence in recruiting, hiring and retaining young professionals.

The winners were selected by comparing employer survey responses to research on what recent grads prioritize when selecting a place to work. The selection criteria for 2013 included career advancement opportunities, culture, benefits (such as salary and perks), and work/life balance. The survey ran from February 2013 through April 2013, garnering responses from over 300 employers from across the country.

A selection of the 25 Best Places to Work for Recent Grads includes: **Ernst & Young**, **eBay**, **Garmin**, **Hormel**, and **SapientNitro**. The complete list of winners and information about why these companies were selected is available on the ConnectEDU website at www.connectedu.com/best-places-to-work-2013-winners.

The employer survey responses also uncovered key trends for how companies are attracting and advancing recent grads. The majority of respondents are offering leadership development and training opportunities, while over 85% of employers are focused on creating a “team oriented” culture to appeal to recent graduates’ work preferences. Additional trends include:

- Despite Millennials’ “job hopping” reputation, only 5.2% of top employers report an average entry-level hire staying less than a year. More common: 2-3 years (26.8%) or more than 4 years (28.4%)
- 83% of employers offer entry level hires mentorship programs
- 58% offer leadership development and training
- 47% offer rotations in other departments
- 87.6% of companies report a “team oriented” culture; 78.9% call their culture “fun”

To download the full report on recent grad hiring trends go to <http://info.connectedu.com/best-places-to-work-2013-report>.

About Experience, a ConnectEDU Company:

Experience is the largest university-endorsed career network bridging the gap between college and the working world. Since 1996, we have partnered with universities to educate, assist and inspire college graduates to launch and lead extraordinary careers. Each year our award-winning network connects millions of candidates from 3,800 colleges and universities with more than 130,000 employers.

ConnectEDU acquired Experience in 2011.

About ConnectEDU

ConnectEDU is a privately held technology company, committed to preparing and transitioning 21st Century Learners on their pathways from school to college to career, helping them realize their potential, achieve a secure financial future, and ultimately connect to life's possibilities. ConnectEDU was created in 2002, and today serves more than 20 million registered learners, 5,000 educational institutions, and 130,000 employers throughout 40 countries.