Curriculum Vitae (CV)

What is a CV or curriculum vitae?

A highly detailed resume that is appropriate for academic settings. CVs are most commonly used when applying for teaching or research positions at colleges, universities, or research institutions. Undergraduate students may also be asked to submit a CV when applying to graduate school or research positions.

When should I use a CV over a resume?

In most cases, a resume is appropriate when applying for a position in the United States. There are a few exceptions to this rule.

CVs are used when applying for:

- Teaching positions in higher education, including departmental or tenure reviews
- Some graduate schools
- Speaking engagements
- Grants or fellowships
- Professional association leadership roles
- Artist-in-residencies
- Positions in many European and Latin American countries

What should I include in my CV?

- Contact information
- Education
- Research experience
- Teaching experience
- Teaching and research interests
- Publications
- Conference papers and presentations
- Service on- or off-campus to professional organizations
- Advising and mentoring
- Professional memberships
- Honors, awards, grants, and fellowships

Similar to a resume, it is important to show clarity, organization, and consistency throughout a CV. While CVs are much longer than a normal resume, they should still look professional and be easy to read.

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