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Steve Lay said the Career Fair brings many state employers to campus. During the fair they are not hiring anyone, but instead they are supplying general information about their business or agency. Bob Egan, UAF director of career planning and placement has expanded and fine-tuned the program over the years. Egan said the first fair was seven or eight years ago. The first year they had state and federal groups providing information to the students about opportunities. It was mainly for the life sciences majors. June Kim, placement coordinator, said there would be 45-50 different employers in the state represented. This includes state agencies, federal agencies, and private industry employers.

Lay said participants will be able to talk about career opportunities with employers and finding out what employers are looking for. Egan said they are looking at what employers need especially entry level employment such as educational requirements. The individual can talk to firms about hiring trends, what they look for in an employee, educational background, and work background. The fair is designed in particular for the younger student who is still deciding on career opportunities. Kim recommended students come in and pick up a handbook about the fair. It is good for the student who is still undecided about a career choice. Egan said there are students who discover there are jobs they didn't know they were qualified for or jobs they wouldn't have considered otherwise. He recommends students go in with an open mind. Kim said many of the employers have been to previous fairs and enjoy talking with the students. The student just needs to come in and ask about job opportunities.