

## Accepting an Offer/Declining an Offer Letter

After you have made your decision please notify the employer by telephone and follow up with an acceptance or a decline letter. Please keep in mind that when you accept an offer, you have a professional obligation to join that employer. Reneging on an offer (i.e., accepting an offer, changing your mind and then rejecting it) is both unacceptable and unprofessional; doing so damages your professional reputation, the reputation of VCU alumni employed by that organization and, of course, the reputation of Virginia Commonwealth University.

### Sample Letter to Accept an Offer

(This conversation may also occur verbally over the phone)

XXX Any Road  
City, State Zip Code  
first.last@aya.yale.edu  
555- 555 - XXXX

March 22, 20XX

Mr./Ms. Name of Person to Whom You are Writing  
Job Title  
Organization Name  
Street Address  
City, State Zip Code

Dear Mr./Ms. Last Name [*Write the full name if you are unsure about gender*]:

Thank you for the time you have invested considering me for the position of **(Title of the Position)**. It is with great pleasure that I accept the position of (Title of the Position). I am confident that I will make a valuable contribution to the (Organization Name) team.

I am very pleased to accept your offer for the salary of **(salary amount)**. As we discussed on **(date of discussion)**, I will complete the new employee orientation and/or packet you mentioned prior to the start date.

I will be relocating to **(City and State)** City on **(date)** and will begin work on **(date)**, as we discussed. I will contact you with my new address and telephone number.

Please let me know if there is any other information you need or other details. Thank you again for offering me this opportunity. I eagerly look forward to becoming part of the your team.

Sincerely,

*(Sign Your Name)*  
First Name Last Name

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**Sample Letter to Decline an Offer**  
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Dear Mr./Ms. Last Name [*Write the full name if you are unsure about gender*]:

Thank you very much for offering me the **(name of the position)** position with **(name of the company)**. I appreciate your discussing the details of the position with me and giving me the time to consider your offer.

You have a fine organization and there are many aspects of the position that are very appealing to me. However, I believe that it is in my best interest that I decline your kind offer. This has been a challenging decision for me, but I am confident that it is the appropriate one for my career at this time.

I want to thank you for the consideration and courtesy given to me. It was a pleasure meeting you and your team.

Sincerely,

(Sign Your Name)  
First Name Last Name