

2014-2015 RECENT GRADUATES SURVEY

AY 2014-2015 graduate alumni

Key Findings:

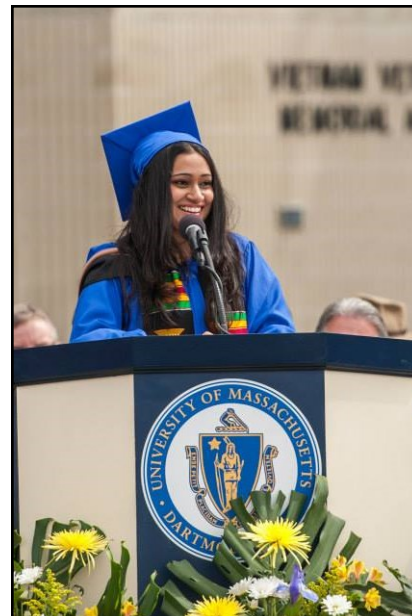
- About 82% of AY 2015 graduate alumni were employed three months after graduation.
- The full-time employment rate for AY 2015 graduate alumni three months after graduation was 71.7%.*
- 24.0% of AY 2015 graduate alumni were pursuing further education three months after graduation. More than a quarter (29.0%) planned to pursue additional education at some point.

THE SURVEY

Approximately three months following the completion of their studies, 468 alumni who had earned their graduate degree or certificate during the 2014-2015 academic year (AY 2015) were asked to participate in an online survey about their employment and educational activities since graduation (note: Law students were excluded because the Law School has specific standards for alumni follow-ups). Graduate alumni were invited to participate in the survey through a series of five email communications (a prenotice, an invitation, and three reminders). Overall, 112 graduate alumni responded to the survey (a response rate of 23.9%). This brief details the principal findings from the survey (note: percentages are based on the number of alumni responding to the relevant survey items).

EMPLOYMENT OUTCOMES

- 82.1% of AY 2015 graduate alumni were employed three months after graduation.
 - The majority of those employed (86.6%) were working full-time.
 - The majority of those employed (69.5%) were in a permanent position.
 - More than half were employed in a position that they worked at while at UMass Dartmouth (54.9%)
- About 16.0% of AY 2015 graduate alumni were not employed three months after graduation and were seeking employment. About 1.9% were unemployed and were not seeking employment.
- The full-time employment rate for AY 2015 graduate alumni three months after graduation was 71.7%.*
- 93.9% of AY 2015 graduate alumni who were employed indicated that their job was “somewhat” or “highly related” to their graduate program.
 - More than two-thirds of those employed (70.7%) indicated that their job was “highly related” to their graduate program.
 - Additionally, 43.9% of those employed specified that a graduate degree was required as a condition of their employment.
- Among AY 2015 graduate alumni who were employed, 57.3% were working in Massachusetts.
- The average annual reported gross salary for AY 2015 graduate alumni working full-time was \$68,764.



The most frequently cited occupational groups by AY 2015 graduate alumni who were employed:

1. Education, Training, and Library Occupations (36.4%)
2. Management, Business, and Financial Operations Occupations (20.8%)
3. Computer and Mathematical Occupations (10.4%)

Employers of AY 2015 graduate alumni included:

UMass Dartmouth
 Carver Public Schools
 Fall River Public Schools
 Mass Department of Public Health

*Alumni not actively seeking employment were excluded in the rate calculation.

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

- 24.0% of AY 2015 graduate alumni were engaged in further educational pursuits three months after graduation. More than a quarter (29.0%) were not currently pursuing further education but planned to do so at some point.
- Over half of those engaged in further education were pursuing a Ph.D. or Ed.D (56.5%). Others were pursuing Master's degrees (39.1%) or some other type of advanced credential (4.3%).
- About half (42.1%) of those engaged in further education indicated that their main reason for pursuing an advanced certificate or degree was because it would allow them to advance in their chosen career path.

73.7% of AY 2015 graduate alumni rated their entire educational experience at UMassD as "good" or "excellent."

76.8% also indicated that they would "probably" or "definitely" go to UMassD again for graduate studies if they could start over.



Degree fields of AY 2015 graduate alumni who were pursuing further education included:

- Education (55.0%)
- Business, Management, and Marketing (20.0%)
- Biological and Biomedical Sciences (10.0%)
- Public Administration and Social Service (10.0%)
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Educational institutions of AY 2015 graduate alumni included:

UMass Dartmouth
UMass Amherst
Boston College

SUMMARY STATISTICS BY COLLEGE/SCHOOL FOR GRADUATE ALUMNI

College/School (n=# of respondents)	% Had Job 3 Months After Graduation	% Still Seeking Job 3 Months After Graduation	Full-time Employment Rate*	Average Annual Full-time Gross Salary	% Attending Graduate or Professional School
Arts and Sciences (n=24)	87.5%	4.2%	85.0%	\$57,850	27.3%
Business (n=31)	69.0%	31.0%	64.3%	\$68,450	14.8%
Engineering (n=19)	88.9%	11.1%	87.5%	\$77,000	6.3%
Visual and Performing Arts (n=5)	75.0%	25.0%	50.0%	**	0.0%
Nursing (n=7)	100.0%	0.0%	83.3%	**	16.7%
Education (n=22)	81.0%	19.0%	57.1%	\$82,111	57.1%
SMAS ^T (n=4)	100.0%	0.0%	75.0%	**	0.0%

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** Data not reported when students reporting were fewer than 3.

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