Approximately three months following the completion of their studies, 526 alumni who had earned their graduate degree or certificate during the 2020-2021 academic year (AY 2021) 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, 163 graduate alumni responded to the survey (a response rate of 31.0%). 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**

- 82.2%* of AY 2021 graduate alumni were employed three months after graduation.
- 96.9%** of AY 2021 graduate alumni were employed, of those who were employed or seeking employment.
  - The majority of those employed (94.0%) were working full-time.
  - The majority were employed in a field/profession in which they desired to work (91.5%) with 84.1% indicating they were “very satisfied” or “satisfied” within their current position.
  - 38.0% were employed in a position at which they did not work while at UMass Dartmouth.
- 16.6% of AY 2021 graduate alumni were not employed three months after graduation and were seeking employment. The other graduate alumni (1.2%) stated they were unemployed and were not seeking employment.
- The full-time employment rate for AY 2021 graduate alumni three months after graduation was 78.3%.*
- 96.6% of AY 2021 graduate alumni who were employed indicated that their job was “somewhat” or “highly related” to their graduate program.
  - Over two thirds of those employed (70.3%) indicated that their job was “highly related” to their graduate program.
  - Additionally, 35.5% of those employed specified that a graduate degree was required as a condition of their employment.
- Among AY 2021 graduate alumni who were employed, 61.3% were working in Massachusetts.
- The average annual reported gross salary for AY 2021 graduate alumni working full-time was $69,756 (median: $64,000).

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*Alumni not actively seeking employment are included in the rate calculation.
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*Occupational groups updated in 2019 based upon U.S. Labor and Statistics groups.
EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Overall, 11.7% of AY 2021 graduate alumni were engaged in further educational pursuits three months after graduation. More than a third (36.2%) were not currently pursuing further education but planned to do so at some point.

- Half of those engaged in further education were pursuing a Ph.D. or Ed.D (26.7%). Others were pursuing Master's degrees (60.0%) or some other type of advanced credential (13.3%).

- Almost half (42.9%) of those engaged in further education indicated that their main reason for pursuing an advanced certificate or degree was because another advanced certificate/degree will allow them to advance within their current career path. Approximately another third of those taking part in further education (28.6%) specified they wanted to pursue a personal interest in a subject or it was the best available option at the time.

86.5% of AY 2021 graduate alumni rated their entire educational experience at UMassD as “good” or “excellent.”
85.9% also indicated that they would “probably” or “definitely” go to UMassD again for graduate studies if they could start over.

SUMMARY STATISTICS BY COLLEGE/SCHOOL FOR GRADUATE ALUMNI

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<th>College/School</th>
<th>% Had Job 3 Months After Graduation</th>
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<td><strong>Arts and Sciences (n=47)</strong></td>
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<td>95.7%</td>
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<td><strong>Engineering (n=40)</strong></td>
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<td>72.5%</td>
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<td><strong>Visual and Performing Arts (n=8)</strong></td>
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** Data not reported when students reporting were fewer than 3.

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