

## 2020-2021 RECENT GRADUATES SURVEY

### AY 2020-2021 graduate alumni



#### Key Findings:

- Over 82%\* of AY 2021 graduate alumni respondents were employed three months after graduation.
- About 97%\*\* of AY 2020-2021 graduate alumni were employed **or** engaged in further educational pursuits .
- The full-time employment rate for AY 2021 graduate alumni respondents three months after graduation was 78.3%.\*\*
- 11.7% of AY 2021 graduate alumni respondents were pursuing further education three months after graduation. Another 36.2% planned to pursue additional education at some point.

#### THE SURVEY

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).

#### The most frequently cited occupational groups by AY 2021 graduate alumni who were employed:\*\*

1. Education, Training, and Library Occupations (19.6%)
2. Business and Financial Operations Occupations; Computer and Mathematical Occupations (14.0%)
3. Management Occupations (9.3%)
4. Healthcare Practitioners & Technical Occupations (8.4%)
5. Life, Physical, and Social Science Occupations (7.5%)

#### Employers of AY 2021 graduate alumni included:

University of Massachusetts Dartmouth  
 Harvard Medical school  
 Dell Technologies  
 Brigham & Women’s Hospital  
 General Dynamics Missions Systems  
 Sanofi

\*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.

### Degree fields of AY 2021 graduate alumni who were pursuing further education included:

- "Other" Degree Field (35.7%)
- Homeland Security, Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Related Protective Services (14.3%)
- Business Management & Marketing; Education; Engineering; Engineering Technologies and Engineering-Related Fields; English Language and Literature/Letters; Social Sciences; Visual & Performing Arts (7.1%)

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

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 Mean/Median	% Attending Graduate or Professional School
Arts and Sciences (n=47)	74.5%	23.4%	71.7%	\$60,600/\$54,500	23.4%
Business (n=47)	95.7%	4.3%	93.6%	\$77,598/\$65,000	8.5%
Engineering (n=40)	75.0%	25.0%	72.5%	\$68,756/\$74,014	5.0%
Visual and Performing Arts (n=8)	62.5%	25.0%	57.1%	**	12.5%
Nursing (n=10)	90.0%	10.0%	60.0%	\$82,500/\$76,500	10.0%
Education (n=9)	88.9%	11.1%	88.9%	\$68,667/\$65,000	0.0%
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\*\* Data not reported when students reporting were fewer than 3.

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