

December 2019 Graduate Future Plans Survey College of Humanities and Social Sciences Summary Report

This report presents summary results from the December 2019 Graduate Future Plans Survey for departments and types of degree programs in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, followed by summary information on employment and further education for the college as a whole.

Highlights for the College of Humanities and Social Sciences

- 56% of the doctoral and master's students in HSS graduating in fall 2019 responded to the survey
- 88% of doctoral respondents and 42% of master's respondents in HSS report that they have secured full-time employment for the coming year
- HSS graduates with full-time employment report an average salary in the coming year of \$65,000 (median = \$65,000)
- 73% of HSS graduates with full-time employment will be working in North Carolina (67% in the Research Triangle Area)
- 37% of master's students in HSS report that they plan to return to graduate/professional school in the coming year
- 100% of master's students in HSS with definite plans to graduate/professional school will be attending a school in North Carolina

Department Summaries

The following tables provide summary statistics for December 2019 graduates in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences. Table 1 includes the number of graduate students in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences who graduated in December 2019 and the number of those students who submitted the Graduate Future Plans Survey. It also includes the number of students who indicated at the time of the survey that they would be working full-time, as well as the number of those who indicated they were either pursuing or planning to pursue another graduate or professional degree in the coming year. Finally, it includes summary statistics on the self-reported salaries of those who reported that they would be employed full-time. Table 2 and Table 3 provide the same summary statistics for December 2019 graduates in each department in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, for doctoral graduates and master's graduates, respectively.

Table 1: College Summary

College	Survey Population	Survey Respondents	Response Rate	N Full Time Job	N Grad/Prof School*	25th Percentile Salary	Median Salary	75th Percentile Salary	Average Salary	N Reporting Salary
HSS Overall	48	27	56%	15	7	52,500	65,000	72,500	65,000	14

Table 2: Department Summaries, Doctoral Degree Recipients

Department	Survey Population	Survey Respondents	Response Rate	N Full Time Job	N Grad/Prof School*	25th Percentile Salary	Median Salary	75th Percentile Salary	Average Salary	N Reporting Salary
College of Humanities and Social Sciences Dean's Office	1	1	100%	1	.	**	**	**	**	1
Psychology	7	5	71%	4	.	**	**	**	**	3
Sociology and Anthropology	3	2	67%	2	.	**	**	**	**	2
HSS Doctoral Degree Recipients Overall	11	8	73%	7	.	52,500	65,000	72,500	65,000	6

*Includes all students planning on going to graduate/professional school in the coming year for another degree, including those who were currently enrolled as of the time of the survey or who have been accepted to graduate/professional school and know where they will be going, as well as those who have been accepted to at least one school but have not yet finalized their plans, those who have applied but have not yet been accepted, and those who have not yet applied but plan to do so.

**Statistics on salary information for those departments with fewer than 4 respondents reporting their salary have been excluded from the table.

Table 3: Department Summaries, Master's Degree Recipients

Department	Survey Population	Survey Respondents	Response Rate	N Full Time Job	N Grad/Prof School*	25th Percentile Salary	Median Salary	75th Percentile Salary	Average Salary	N Reporting Salary
Communication	1	**	**	**	**	.
English	3	2	67%	1	1	**	**	**	**	1
History	2	**	**	**	**	.
Multidisciplinary Studies	9	4	44%	3	.	**	**	**	**	3
Psychology	7	6	86%	.	4	**	**	**	**	.
School of Public and International Affairs	12	5	42%	4	1	52,500	60,000	67,500	60,000	4
Sociology and Anthropology	3	2	67%	.	1	**	**	**	**	.
HSS Master's Degree Recipients Overall	37	19	51%	8	7	52,500	65,000	77,500	65,000	8

*Includes all students planning on going to graduate/professional school in the coming year for another degree, including those who were currently enrolled as of the time of the survey or who have been accepted to graduate/professional school and know where they will be going, as well as those who have been accepted to at least one school but have not yet finalized their plans, those who have applied but have not yet been accepted, and those who have not yet applied but plan to do so.

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Full-Time Employment (college overall)

Table 4: Name of Company/Organization, Doctoral Degree Recipients

	N
Applied Research Associates, Inc.	1
Auburn University	1
Duke University	1
FurstPerson, Inc.	1
NC State University	1
Truist	1
University of South Carolina Upstate	1

Table 5: Name of Company/Organization, Master's Degree Recipients

	N
City of Raleigh	1
Cumberland County	1
Eastern Wake EMS	1
Empire Distributors	1
IBM	1
NC State University	1
Town of Chapel Hill	1
United States Department of Agriculture	1

Table 6: Location of Company (state), Doctoral Degree Recipients

	N	%
North Carolina	5	71%
Alabama	1	14%
South Carolina	1	14%

Table 7: Location of Company (state), Master's Degree Recipients

	N	%
North Carolina	6	75%
Georgia	1	13%
Maryland	1	13%

Table 8: Region of Company (inside/outside NC Triangle), Doctoral Degree Recipients

	N	%
Triangle	5	71%
Other NC	.	0%
Outside NC	2	29%

Table 9: Region of Company (inside/outside NC Triangle), Master's Degree Recipients

	N	%
Triangle	5	63%
Other NC	1	13%
Outside NC	2	25%

Table 10: Job Title, Doctoral Degree Recipients

	N
Assistant Professor	1
Data Analyst	1
Director of Recruiting, Admissions and Student Accounts	1
Experience Design Researcher	1
Postdoctoral Research Scholar	1
Research Analyst	1
Visiting Assistant Professor	1

Table 11: Job Title, Master's Degree Recipients

	N
Budget and Management Analyst	1
Commercial Building Inspector	1
Credentialing Specialist	1
Emergency Management Planner	1
Grant Proposal Developer	1
Paramedic	1
Retail Sales Representative	1
Technical Writer	1

Table 12: Resources Used to Help Get/Locate Job, by Degree Received*

	HSS Overall		Doctoral		Masters	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Internship/externship	4	36%	2	33%	2	40%
Personal/professional connection(s) within the company	3	27%	2	33%	1	20%
Internet: LinkedIn	4	36%	2	33%	2	40%
NC State faculty member	3	27%	1	17%	2	40%
Professional association (members, conferences, publications, etc.)	2	18%	1	17%	1	20%
Family/friends/classmates/co-workers	2	18%	1	17%	1	20%
Career fair at NC State	1	9%	0	0%	1	20%
Internet (Other)	1	9%	0	0%	1	20%
Campus or college career center	.	.	0	0%	0	0%
Consultation w/ NCSU Career Counselor/Coach	.	.	0	0%	0	0%
Applied for job via ePACK	.	.	0	0%	0	0%
Employer found resume on ePACK	.	.	0	0%	0	0%
On-campus interviewing	.	.	0	0%	0	0%
Career fair off campus	.	.	0	0%	0	0%
Employer info session on campus	.	.	0	0%	0	0%
Co-op experience	.	.	0	0%	0	0%
Optional Practical Training (OPT)	.	.	0	0%	0	0%
Student teaching experience	.	.	0	0%	0	0%
Clinical placement	.	.	0	0%	0	0%
Volunteer work	.	.	0	0%	0	0%
Staffing agency	.	.	0	0%	0	0%
Other	2	18%	1	17%	1	20%

*Respondents could select more than one resource.

**Question was asked of those who indicated they would be employed full-time in a position they had obtained during their graduate program or at the time of graduation (i.e., excluding those who said they would be employed in a position they had obtained prior to beginning their graduate program).

Further Education (college overall)

Table 13: Status for Further Graduate/Professional School Attendance, Master's Degree Recipients (among those planning to attend)

	N	%
Am already enrolled and pursuing the degree	4	67%
Have been accepted and know where I'm going	.	0%
Have been accepted but undecided	.	0%
Have applied, but not yet been accepted	.	0%
Have not applied but plan to do so within the next year	2	33%

Information provided in the tables below is collected and reported only for respondents who indicated that at the time of the survey they had been accepted to graduate/professional school to pursue another degree and were currently enrolled or knew where they would be going.

Table 14: Name of Graduate/Professional School Students Will be Attending, Master's Degree Recipients

	N
NC State University	4

Table 15: Location of Graduate/Professional School Students Will be Attending, Master's Degree Recipients

	N
North Carolina	4

Table 16: Type of Degree Pursuing, Master's Degree Recipients*

	N	%
Master's	0	0%
Doctoral	4	100%
Professional	0	0%
Other	0	0%

*Respondents could select more than one degree.

Table 17: Doctoral Degree Pursuing, Master's Degree Recipients

	N
PhD	4

Table 18: Academic Program, Master's Recipients*

	N
School Psychology	1
School Psychology PhD	1
Sociology PhD	1
Psychology	1

*Academic program has not been cleaned. Responses are verbatim.

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