

May 2019 Graduate Future Plans Survey College of Design Summary Report

This report presents summary results from the May 2019 Graduate Future Plans Survey for departments and degree levels in the College of Design, followed by summary information on employment and further education for the college as a whole.

Highlights for the College of Design

- 81% of the doctoral and master's students in Design graduating in spring 2019 responded to the survey
- 46% of respondents in Design report that they have secured full-time employment for the coming year
- Design graduates with full-time employment report an average salary in the coming year of \$51,125 (median = \$52,500)
- 65% of Design graduates with full-time employment will be working in North Carolina (52% in the Research Triangle Area)
- 9% of master's students in Design report that they plan to return to graduate/professional school in the coming year, with all those having definite plans for graduate/professional school attending a school in North Carolina

Department Summaries

The following tables provide summary statistics for May 2019 graduates in the College of Design. Table 1 includes the total number of graduate students in the College of Design who graduated in May 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 May 2019 graduates in each department in the College of Design for doctoral 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
Design Overall	57	46	81%	21	4	47,500	52,500	57,500	51,125	20

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 Design Dean's Office	1	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**
Design Doctoral Degree Recipients Overall	1	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**

**Survey results for degree levels with fewer than five graduates completing the survey are not broken out by level, but responses for all graduates are included in results for the college overall.

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
Architecture	14	12	86%	9	1	52,500	52,500	52,500	53,056	9
Art and Design	6	5	83%	1	.	**	**	**	**	1
Graphic & Industrial Design	19	15	79%	2	1	**	**	**	**	2
Landscape Architecture	17	13	77%	8	2	32,500	52,500	57,500	46,429	7
Design Master's Degree Recipients Overall	56	45	80%	20	4	47,500	52,500	57,500	52,368	19

*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 four respondents reporting their salary have been excluded from the table.

Full-Time Employment (college overall)

Table 4: Name of Company/Organization, Master's Degree Recipients

	N
310 Architecture & Interiors	1
City of Raleigh	1
ColeJenest & Stone	1
Duda Paine Architects	1
EDSA	1
FMK Architects	1
Fentress Architects	1
HH Architecture	1
Hanbury	1
Jacobs Engineering	1
Lord Aeck Sargent	1
N/A	1
Natural Learning Initiative	2
OLIN	1
Ohio State University	1
Purpose UX	1
Wetland Studies & Solutions	1

Table 5: Location of Company (state), Master's Degree Recipients

	N	%
North Carolina	13	68%
Colorado	1	5%
Florida	1	5%
New Jersey	1	5%
Ohio	1	5%
Pennsylvania	1	5%
Virginia	1	5%

Table 6: Region of Company (inside/outside NC Triangle), Master's Degree Recipients

	N	%
Triangle	11	55%
Other NC	2	10%
Outside NC	7	35%

Table 7: Job Title, Master's Degree Recipients

	N
Architectural Designer	4
Design Assistant	1
Design Professional I	1
Designer	4
Intern	1
Landscape Architect	1
Landscape Designer	2
Landscape Designer I	1
Site Designer I	1
UX Designer	1
UX Researcher & Designer	1
Urban Designer	1
Visiting Assistant Professor	1

Table 8: Resources Used to Help Get/Locate Job, Master's Degree Recipients*

	Master's	
	N	%
NC State faculty member	9	45%
Personal/professional connection(s) within the company	6	30%
Career fair at NC State	5	25%
Internship/externship	5	25%
On-campus interviewing	4	20%
Student teaching experience	3	15%
Professional association (members, conferences, publications, etc.)	3	15%
Internet: LinkedIn	3	15%
Campus or college career center	2	10%
Internet (Other)	2	10%
Applied for job via ePACK	1	5%
Co-op experience	1	5%
Optional Practical Training (OPT)	1	5%
Volunteer work	1	5%
Family/friends/classmates/co-workers	1	5%
Consultation w/ NCSU Career Counselor/Coach	0	0%
Employer found resume on ePACK	0	0%
Career fair off campus	0	0%
Employer info session on campus	0	0%
Clinical placement	0	0%
Staffing agency	0	0%
Other	0	0%

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

	N	%
Am already enrolled and pursuing the degree	.	0%
Have been accepted and know where I'm going	3	75%
Have been accepted but undecided	.	0%
Have applied, but not yet been accepted	1	25%
Have not applied but plan to do so within the next year	.	0%

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

	N
Meredith/UNC	1
NC State University	2

Table 11: Location of Graduate/Professional School Students Will be Attending, Master's Degree Recipients

	N	%
North Carolina	3	100%

Table 12: Type of Degree Pursuing, Master's Degree Recipients*

	N	%
Master's	0	0%
Doctoral	2	67%
Professional	1	33%
Other	0	0%

*Respondents could select more than one degree.

Table 13: Doctoral Degree Pursuing, Master's Degree Recipients

	N
PhD	2

Table 14: Professional Degree Pursuing, Master's Degree Recipients

	N
MD	1

Table 15: Academic Program, Master's Recipients*

	N
Design	1
MD	1
Ph.D. in Design	1

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

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