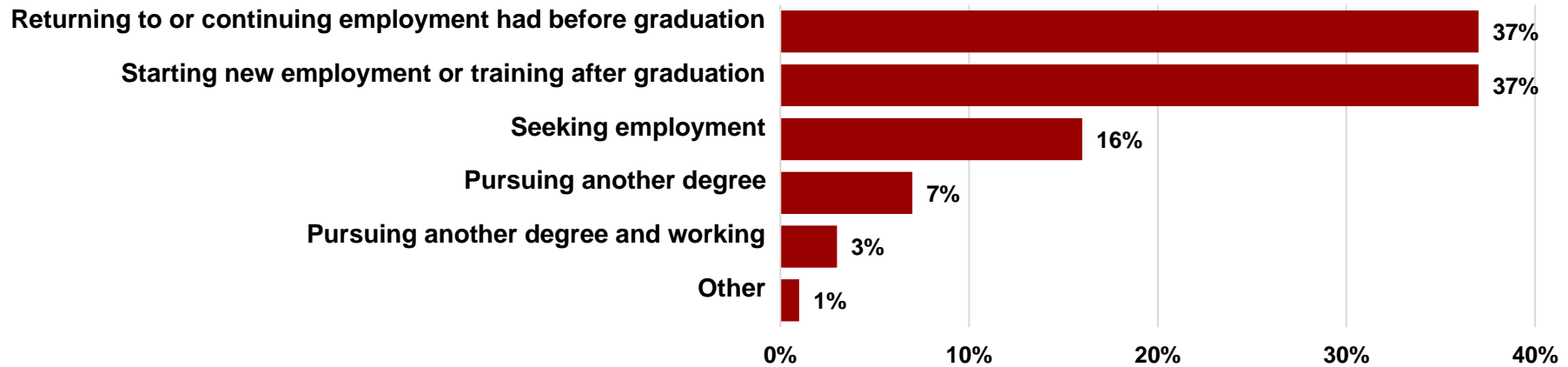


# NC STATE UNIVERSITY

## May 2022 Graduate Future Plans Survey: Fast Facts Master's Degree Recipients

### Primary Plans after Graduation



### Employment Characteristics (full-time)

- Mean salary: \$84,969
- Median salary: \$82,500
- 7 in 10 are working in North Carolina
- Half are working in the Triangle area (e.g., Raleigh, Durham, Chapel Hill)
- 81% say their job is "directly related" to their graduate program
- 9 in 10 are "very satisfied" (51%) or "satisfied" (38%) with their job

### Top Employers

- Graduates are working at over 80 different companies/organizations in the US and abroad
- Companies/organizations hiring the most graduates:



### Job Sector

Private for-profit 65%

Education 19%

Govern-  
ment 7%

Not-  
for-  
profit 5%

Other 4%

## Further Education

Status of those planning to continue graduate/professional education:

- 44% are already enrolled and pursuing their degree
- 38% have been accepted and know where they will be attending
- 62% are attending NC State
- 3 in 4 are attending their first-choice school
- Over half received funding through a research assistantship (40%) and/or a teaching assistantship (33%)

## The Job Search

Of master's graduates starting new full-time employment:

- 92% started looking for a job 3+ months before graduation
- 71% interviewed for three or more jobs
- 58% received two or more job offers
- 1 in 3 received a signing bonus (median value \$7,500)
- 13% received company shares (median value \$65,000)

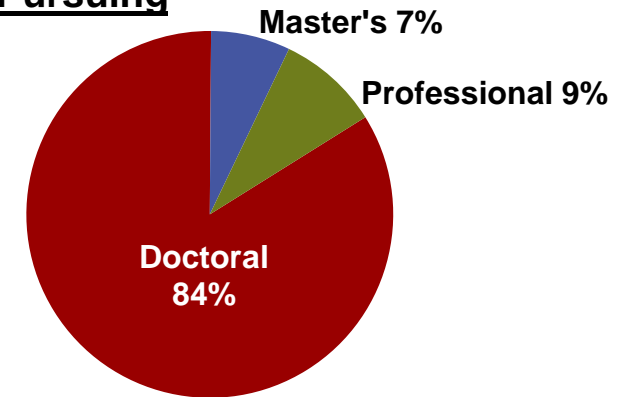
## Career Preparation (all graduates)

- 1 in 10 presented original scholarly research/creative works at a professional conference
- 5% published at least one scholarly article or creative work in a peer-reviewed journal
- 86% rate their confidence in their research ability as "excellent" (50%) or "good" (36%)
- Participation in career prep. activities during master's program:
  - Internship 32%
  - Job in field of study 23%
  - Practicum 22%
  - Teaching assistantship 20%

## About the Data

- All data are from the May 2022 Graduate Future Plans Survey of master's degree recipients
- Out of 1,412 master's graduates invited to take the survey, 834 completed the GFPS for a response rate of 59%
- Additional reports on the survey methods and results can be found on the ISA website ([go.ncsu.edu/fps.reports](http://go.ncsu.edu/fps.reports))

## Degree Pursuing



## Overall Satisfaction with Program and Future Plans

