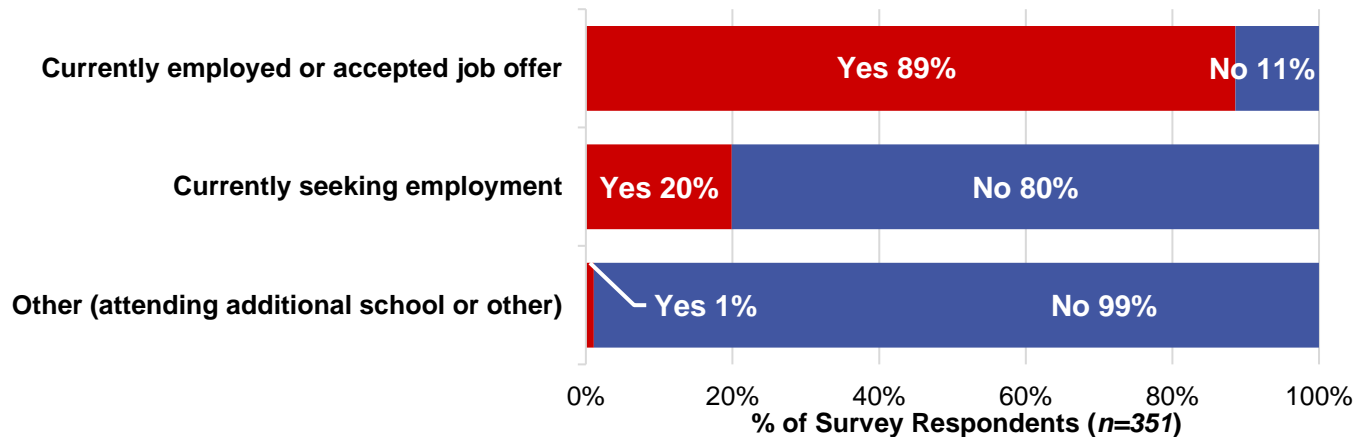


## Combined Future Plans Surveys and Survey of Recent Graduates Academic Year 2020-2021 Doctoral Degree Recipients Fast Facts

### Primary Plans after Graduation (respondents could select multiple options)



### About the AY20-21 GFPS/GSRG Data

- These data show the combined results of the semiannual Graduate Future Plans Survey (GFPS) and the Survey of Recent Graduates (GSRG) for doctoral degree recipients of NC State.
- 68.8% (351 of 510) of doctoral degree recipients completed the GFPS/GSRG.
- Additional reports and interactive dashboards with results are available on the [ISA website](#).

### The Job Search

#### Graduates starting full-time employment:

- Two in three started the job search 6+ months before graduation
- Three in five interviewed for three or more job positions
- Over half received the job offer they accepted 3+ months before graduation
- 45% received more than one job offer

#### Graduates currently seeking employment:

- 52% started looking for employment within 2 months of graduation
- Four-fifths had at least one job interview
- One in five received at least one job offer

#### Job preparation:

- 4 in 5 had a research assistantship
- 3 in 5 had a teaching assistantship
- 3 in 8 participated in additional independent research with faculty or peers
- 3 in 10 had an internship

### Employment Characteristics

Over half of graduates who are returning or continuing to work with a former or current employer received a salary increase and/or promotion upon receiving their degree.

Salaries of graduates starting or continuing full-time employment:

- Mean - \$81,541
- Median - \$72,500

Employment sector:

- Education – 48%
- Government – 12%
- Private/For Profit – 35%

Top Four Employers:



### The Graduate Experience

#### Research experience:

- 70% presented original research/creative works at least once at a professional conference
- 62% published at least once in a peer-reviewed journal
- 22% had five or more publications in a peer-reviewed journal

#### Overall experience:

- 87% said they were “very satisfied” (46%) or “satisfied” (43%) with their overall graduate experience
- About 9 in 10 were “very satisfied” (39%) or “satisfied” (48%) with their graduate program
- 98% felt “very prepared” (55%) or “somewhat prepared” (43%) for their future path
- 97% were “very excited” (65%) or “fairly excited” (32%) about what they will be doing