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Fast Facts: Graduate Future Plans Surveys (Fall 2023 and Spring 2024) Doctoral Degree Recipients

Returning to or continuing employment obtained prior to graduating 38% Starting new employment after graduation 42% Seeking Employment 92% Other 2%

Primary Plans Following Graduation (n=250)

Employment Sector (Full-Time)

- One-quarter of doctoral graduates (27%) are starting a postdoc position.
- Doctoral graduates are most likely to work in education, followed the private sector.

		Government, 10%
Education, 53%	Private Sector, 31%	Non-profit/ Other, 7%

Employment Characteristics (Full-time)

The Job Search

- Three-fifths (60%) of those starting a new job began looking for employment six or more months before graduation.
- Over half (55%) reported receiving their accepted job offer 3 or more months before graduation.
- Over two-fifths had more than one job offer (42%).

Compensation

- Mean salary: \$100,520
- Median salary: \$92,500
- Received signing bonus and/or company shares: 23%

Job Location

- Graduates are working in 30 states and 6 countries.
- 44% of those employed are working in North Carolina
- 31% of those employed are working in the Triangle area

About the Data

These data show the combined results of the Fall 2023 and Spring 2024 Graduate Future Plans Surveys (GFPS)

60.7% (250 of 412) of doctoral degree recipients completed the combined GFPS.

Reports on the survey methods and results are on the ISA website: <u>go.ncsu.edu/fps.reports</u>

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The Graduate Experience

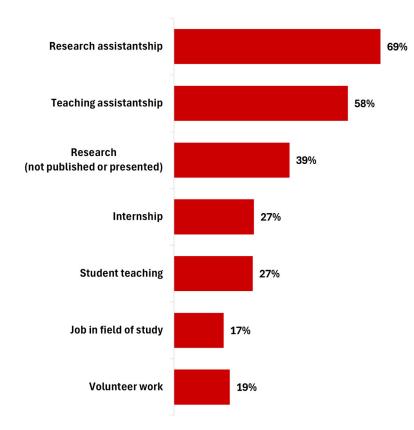
Feelings about the Future

- 97% of respondents feel "very prepared" (59%) or "somewhat prepared" (38%) for their future paths.
- 94% rate their confidence in their ability to do successful research in their chosen field as "excellent" (61%) or "good" (33%).
- Nearly all (97%) feel "very excited" (68%) or "fairly excited" (29%) about their future paths.

Overall Satisfaction

• 89% of respondents report feeling "very satisfied" (48%) or "satisfied" (41%) overall with their graduate program.

Participation in Work-Related and High-impact Experiences



Career Preparation Activities

Academic Research

Number of Publications (n=244)



Number of Conference Presentations (n=245)

29% <mark>8% 10% 8%</mark> 9% 37%

■None ■One ■Two ■Three ■Four ■Five or more

Career-Related Resources Used While at NC State	
Presentations on resume writing, interviewing, etc.	34%
Attended a career fair	22%
ePack	22%
Visited NC State Career Development Center website	21%
Used a professional development program offered by the Graduate School	20%
Attended employer information sessions	14%
Joined a career-related professional society at NC State	14%
Spoke with career counselor/coach	13%
On-campus interviewing	5%
Mock interviews with a career counselor	4%