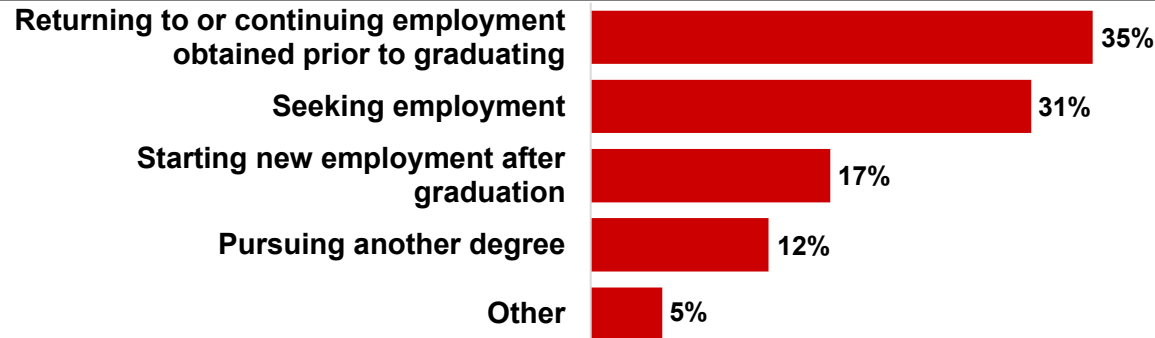


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Fast Facts: Graduate Future Plans Survey (Fall 2024 and Spring 2025) Master's Degree Recipients

Primary Plans After Graduation (n=1,392)

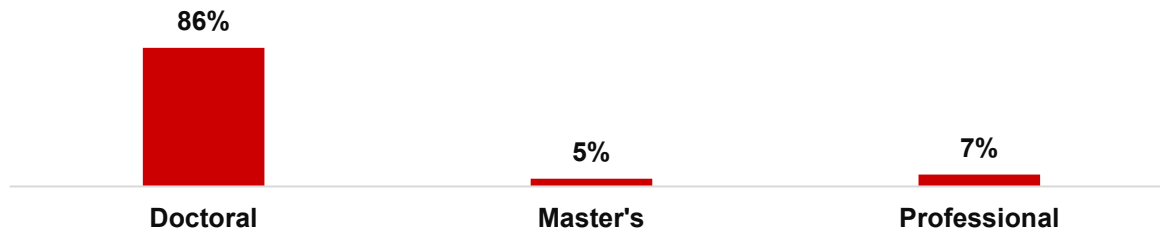


Further Education

Continued Enrollment in Graduate/Professional School

- Over half of those planning to pursue further education in the coming year are already enrolled (54%), while almost a third (30%) have been accepted and know where they are going
- 86% are attending schools in North Carolina
- More than three-fourths (76%) are attending NC State

Degrees Pursuing



Employment Characteristics

The Job Search

- Over half (57%) of respondents starting a new job began looking for employment 6 or more months before graduation
- Almost two-fifths (39%) received more than one job offer for a full-time position
- Almost half (47%) reported receiving their accepted job offer 3 or more months before graduation

Compensation (Full-Time Only)

- Mean salary: \$91,972
- Median salary: \$87,500
- Received signing bonus and/or company shares: 29%

Job Location (Full-Time Only)

- Graduates are working in 35 states and 8 countries
- 69% of those employed full-time are working in North Carolina
- 48% are working in the Triangle area (e.g., Raleigh, Durham, Chapel Hill)
- 66% are working in the private sector

Employers Hiring the Most Graduates



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These data show the combined results of the Fall 2024 and Spring 2025 Graduate Future Plans Surveys. 55.3% of master's degree recipients (1,392 out of 2,515) completed the combined GFPS. Reports on the survey methods and results are on the UDA website: <https://uda.ncsu.edu/surveys/studentalumni-surveys/fps>

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The Graduate Experience

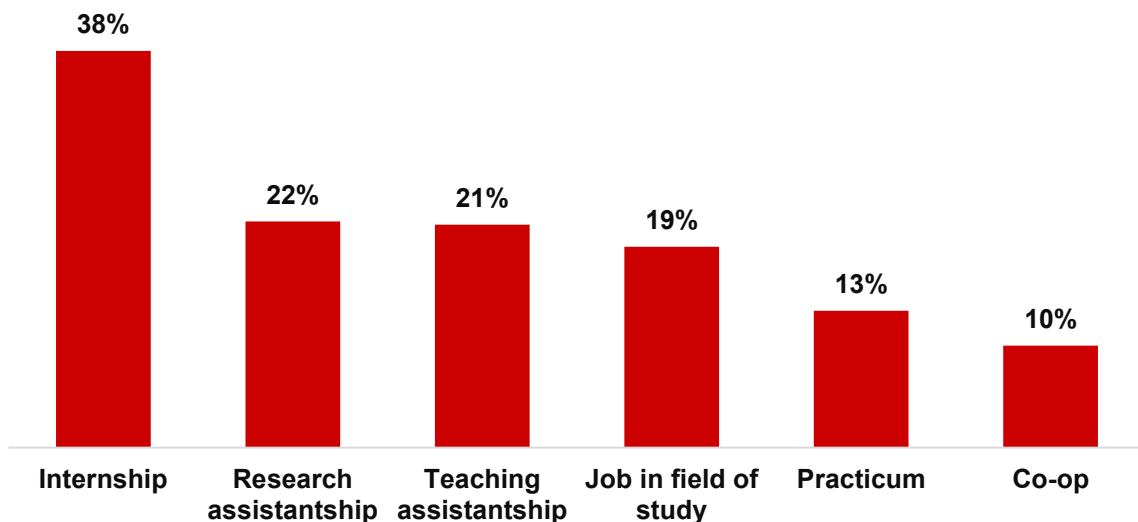
Feelings about the Future

- 93% of respondents feel “very prepared” (52%) or “somewhat prepared” (41%) for their future paths
- 90% feel “very excited” (55%) or “fairly excited” (35%) about their paths

Overall Satisfaction

- 87% reported feeling “very satisfied” (47%) or “satisfied” (40%) with their graduate program
- 80% rated the mentoring from faculty within their program as “excellent” (47%) or “good” (33%)

Participation in Work-Related and High-Impact Experiences



Career Preparation

Professional Development

- 85% rated their graduate program’s effectiveness in meeting their professional needs as “excellent” (47%) or “good” (38%)
- 86% of those who participated in professional development programs offered by the Graduate School reported being “very satisfied” (35%) or “satisfied” (51%) with these programs
- 79% rated their confidence in their ability to do successful research in their chosen field as “excellent” (43%) or “good” (36%)

Career-Related Resources Used While at NC State	%
Attended career fair	44%
ePack	37%
Visited NC State Career Development Center website	31%
Attended presentation on resume writing, interviewing skills, etc.	30%
Attended employer information sessions	27%
Spoke with career counselor/coach	23%
Mock interviews with career counselor/coach	13%
Joined professional society at NC State	12%
Used a professional development program offered by The Graduate School	11%
On-campus interviewing	11%
Participated in NC State Innovation and Entrepreneurship programming	2%