

NC State University September 2012 Survey of Recent Graduates

Section A: Introduction Question (All Answer)

Congratulations on your recent graduation from NC State! Please take less than 10 minutes to tell us about your current activities. NC State will use this information to better serve its students and alumni in their search for jobs and/or graduate/professional schools. Thank you for your cooperation and we wish you all the best! If you have any difficulties with this survey please contact NC State's University Planning and Analysis office at ncsusurveys@ncsu.edu or (919) 515-6438.

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At this time, which of the following best describes your current status with respect to employment and/or further education? If more than one option applies, please indicate only that which you would say is your primary activity.

- I am currently employed or have accepted a job offer and will be starting soon
- I am starting or have started my own business
- I am working as an intern
- I am currently unemployed and actively seeking a job
- I am attending graduate/professional school in Fall 2012
- I am attending graduate/professional school in Fall 2012 and working (Note: This **excludes** work you might be doing through your graduate/professional school program, e.g., Research Assistant, Teaching Assistant)
- I am taking additional undergraduate coursework
- I am currently serving or will be entering into military service
- I am doing paid work for a volunteer organization (e.g., Peace Corps, VISTA, Teach for America)
- I am neither employed nor attending school, and do not plan on looking for work this year
- Other (please specify)

Section B: Employment (Has a job, if A1=1,2,3,6,8,9)

If you are attending graduate/professional school and working, have you accepted a job yet?

- Yes
- No

Please tell us about the job in which you are currently working.

Are you currently working full-time (35 hours or more per week) or part-time?

- Full-time
- Part-time

How closely is your current job related to your major field of study at NC State?

- Directly related
- Somewhat related
- Not at all related

Please briefly comment on why you decided to work in a position unrelated to your major field of study.

What is the name of the company/organization for which you are working?

The following is a list of broadly defined industries. Which one comes closest to the type of industry in which you are working?

What is your job title?

The following is a list of general occupational classifications. Which one comes closest to the type of work you are doing?

Is your job located in the U.S. or in a different country? (Note that this does not refer to frequent travel to countries outside the U.S. for your job, but rather a permanent assignment outside the U.S.)

- United States
- Other country (please specify country)

In which state are you working?

In what city are you working?

Were you offered a relocation package?

- Yes
- No
- Not applicable (e.g., not relocating)

Which of the following best describes how you are compensated in your job? (Please mark all that apply)

- Salary
- Commission
- Performance bonuses
- Hourly
- Tips/gratuity
- Other (please specify)

What is your annual starting salary? (Be sure to EXCLUDE any estimated commission/bonuses you might receive.)

What do you estimate your annual income from commission and/or performance bonuses to be the

first year of your employment in this job? (Be sure to EXCLUDE any salary you receive.)

What is your hourly wage?

Per hour

Did you receive a signing bonus?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

How much did you receive for a signing bonus?

Overall, how satisfied do you feel about accepting this particular job?

- Very Satisfied
- Satisfied
- Neutral
- Dissatisfied
- Very Dissatisfied

When did you first start seriously/actively looking for post-graduation employment?

- 12 or more months before graduation
- 9 - 11 months before graduation
- 6 - 8 months before graduation
- 3 - 5 months before graduation
- 1 - 2 months before graduation
- Less than one month before graduation
- Within 4 weeks after graduation
- 5 - 8 weeks after graduation
- 9 - 12 weeks after graduation

- More than 12 weeks after graduation
- Not applicable

When did you receive the offer for the job in which you are currently working?

- 12 or more months before graduation
- 9 - 11 months before graduation
- 6 - 8 months before graduation
- 3 - 5 months before graduation
- 1 - 2 months before graduation
- Less than one month before graduation
- Within 4 weeks after graduation
- 5 - 8 weeks after graduation
- 9 - 12 weeks after graduation
- More than 12 weeks after graduation
- Not applicable

Was this your only job offer for post-graduation employment, or did you have other offers as well?

- Yes - This was my only job offer
- No - I had one other job offer as well
- No - I had two other job offers
- No - I had three or more other job offers
- Not applicable (e.g., starting my own business, going into the military)

Which of the following resources were useful in helping you locate and/or get your current position? (Please mark all that apply)

- Campus or college career center
- Consultation with Career Counselor/Coach at NC State
- Applied for job via ePACK
- Employer found your resume via ePACK
- On-campus interviewing
- Career Fair at NC State
- Career Fair off campus (e.g., employer or city-sponsored)
- Employer information session on campus
- Co-op experience

- Internship/externship
- Student teaching experience
- Personal connection(s) within the company
- Faculty member or found job listing in a NC State department
- Professional society (members, events, publication, etc.)
- Staffing agency
- Family/friends/classmates/co-workers
- Internet (please specify site)

- Other (please specify)

Section C: Employment (Seeking employment, if A1=4)

Please tell us about your employment search.

Are you looking for a full-time (35 hours or more per week) or part-time position?

- Full-time
- Part-time
- Either

In thinking about positions you would consider, which of the following statements comes closest to the relationship between the job you hope to get and your major field of study at NC State?

- I am looking for a position directly related to my major field of study
- I am looking for a position that is at least somewhat related to my major field of study
- I am looking for a position that is unrelated to my major field of study
- How closely a position is related to my major field of study is irrelevant in my job search

Please briefly comment on why you are looking for a position unrelated to your major field of study.

Please briefly comment on why your major field of study is irrelevant in your job search.

The following is a list of general occupational classifications. Which one comes closest to the type of work you hope to be doing?

Are you looking for a job in the United States, or are you also looking outside the country?

- U.S. only
- Only outside the U.S.
- Both

Are you looking for a job only in North Carolina, or are you also looking outside the state?

- N.C. only
- Only outside N.C.
- Both

When did you first start seriously/actively looking for post-graduation employment?

- 12 or more months before graduation
- 9 - 11 months before graduation
- 6 - 8 months before graduation
- 3 - 5 months before graduation
- 1 - 2 months before graduation
- Less than one month before graduation
- Within 4 weeks after graduation
- 5 - 8 weeks after graduation
- 9 - 12 weeks after graduation
- More than 12 weeks after graduation
- Not applicable

Have you received any job offers for post-graduation employment?

- No
- Yes - one
- Yes - two
- Yes - three or more

Have you been employed at any time since graduating from NC State?

- No
- Yes - full-time
- Yes - part-time
- Yes - both full-time and part-time

Section D: Further Education (If A1= 5, 6)

Please tell us about your graduate/professional school experience.

What is the name of the institution you are attending?

- NC State University
- Other (please specify)

In which state is the school you are attending located?

In what country is the school you are attending located?

Was this your first choice of graduate/professional schools to attend?

- Yes
- No

In what academic program/discipline are you enrolled?

In which degree program(s) are you enrolled? (Please mark all that apply)

- Master's (MBA, MSW, etc.)
- Doctoral (e.g., PhD, EdD, etc.)
- Professional (e.g., MD, JD, PharmD, DVM, etc.)

The following is a list of Master's degree programs. Please choose the program for which you are enrolled. If you do not see your degree, select the "Other" option.

If your degree was not in the previous list, please tell us in what Master's degree program you are enrolled. (e.g., MALS, MAS)

The following is a list of Doctoral degree programs. Please choose the program for which you are enrolled. If you do not see your degree, select the "Other" option.

If your degree was not in the previous list, please tell us in what Doctoral degree program you are enrolled. (e.g., DFA, PsyD)

The following is a list of Professional degree programs. Please choose the program for which you are enrolled. If you do not see your degree, select the "Other" option.

If your degree was not in the previous list, please tell us in what Professional degree program you are enrolled. (e.g., FNP, RD)

Did you receive any scholarships, honors, awards, or assistantships that you are using while attending graduate/professional school? (Please mark all that apply)

- Scholarship
- Honor/award
- Fellowship
- Teaching assistantship
- Research assistantship
- Other assistantship - not teaching or research (please specify)

For which of the following reasons are you attending graduate/professional school? (Please mark all that apply)

- My chosen career field requires graduate/professional school
- I want to enhance my knowledge in a particular subject area
- I want to improve my marketability
- I will be able to earn a higher salary with an advanced degree
- I have been unable to find a job
- My employer is encouraging me to attend
- Other (please specify)

Section E: Work-related Experiences and Resources (All Answer)

Please tell us about your work-related experiences while in college.

While at NC State, in which of the following work-related experiences did you participate? (Please mark all that apply)

- Co-op
- Internship/externship or job in field
- Practicum
- Student teaching
- Research with faculty
- A class project specifically designed to work with a company/organization outside of NC State
- None of the above

For how many semesters/summers did you participate in a co-op?

- Less than one semester/summer
- 1 semester/summer
- 2 semesters/summers
- 3 semesters/summers
- 4+ semesters/summers

How helpful would you say the co-op was in securing a job offer?

- Very helpful
- Somewhat helpful
- Not very helpful
- Not at all helpful
- Not applicable (i.e., have not sought/will not be seeking employment)

For how many semesters/summers did you participate in an internship/job in field?

- Less than one semester/summer
- 1 semester/summer
- 2 semesters/summers
- 3 semesters/summers
- 4+ semesters/summers

How helpful would you say the internship/job in field was in securing a job offer?

- Very helpful
- Somewhat helpful
- Not very helpful
- Not at all helpful
- Not applicable (i.e., have not sought/will not be seeking employment)

For how many semesters/summers did you participate in a practicum?

- Less than one semester/summer
- 1 semester/summer
- 2 semesters/summers

- 3 semesters/summers
- 4+ semesters/summers

How helpful would you say the practicum was in securing a job offer?

- Very helpful
- Somewhat helpful
- Not very helpful
- Not at all helpful
- Not applicable (i.e., have not sought/will not be seeking employment)

For how many semesters/summers did you participate in student teaching?

- Less than one semester/summer
- 1 semester/summer
- 2 semesters/summers
- 3 semesters/summers
- 4+ semesters/summers

How helpful would you say student teaching was in securing a job offer?

- Very helpful
- Somewhat helpful
- Not very helpful
- Not at all helpful
- Not applicable (i.e., have not sought/will not be seeking employment)

For how many semesters/summers did you participate in research with faculty?

- Less than one semester/summer
- 1 semester/summer
- 2 semesters/summers
- 3 semesters/summers
- 4+ semesters/summers

How helpful would you say the research with faculty was in securing a job offer?

- Very helpful
- Somewhat helpful
- Not very helpful
- Not at all helpful
- Not applicable (i.e., have not sought/will not be seeking employment)

For how many semesters/summers did you participate in a class project specifically designed to work with a company/organization outside of NC State?

- Less than one semester/summer
- 1 semester/summer
- 2 semesters/summers
- 3 semesters/summers
- 4+ semesters/summers

How helpful would you say the class project was in securing a job offer?

- Very helpful
- Somewhat helpful
- Not very helpful
- Not at all helpful
- Not applicable (i.e., have not sought/will not be seeking employment)

While in school, how often did you use the services/information provided by the following NC State career centers?

	Never	Just once or twice	Several times	Many times	On a regular basis
Career Development Center (formerly named University Career Center)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALS) Career Services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
College of Textiles (COT) Career Services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
College of Design Career Services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Poole College of Management Career (PCOM) Development Center	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

How would you evaluate the overall services/information provided by the Career Development Center (formerly named University Career Center)?

Excellent Good Fair Poor Very Poor

How would you evaluate the overall services/information provided by the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Career Services?

Excellent Good Fair Poor Very Poor

How would you evaluate the overall services/information provided by the College of Textiles Career Services?

Excellent Good Fair Poor Very Poor

How would you evaluate the overall services/information provided by the College of Design Career Services?

Excellent Good Fair Poor Very Poor

How would you evaluate the overall services/information provided by the Poole College of Management Career Development Center?

Excellent Good Fair Poor Very Poor

Which of the following resources/activities did you use/engage in while at NC State? (Please mark all that apply)

- ePACK
- Attended presentations to learn about resume writing, interviewing skills, and/or other career-related topics
- Attended employer information sessions
- Visited the NC State Career Development Center (formerly named University Career Center) website
- Spoke with a Career Counselor/Coach about interest areas and/or career direction
- Participated in mock interviews with a Career Counselor/Coach
- Participated in on-campus interviewing with potential employers
- Attended a career fair (either on or off campus)
- Joined a professional society or organization at NC State related to your career field of interest

In the previous question you indicated that you had participated in a Career Fair. In which of the following did you participate? (Please mark all that apply)

- CALS Career Expo
- CHASS Career Fair
- College of Design Networking Fair
- Engineering Career Fair
- Poole College of Management Career & Internship Fair
- Textiles Job Forum
- Law School Fair
- Health Career Expo
- Other fair at NC State
- Career fair at another college/university
- Career fair not affiliated with a college/university (e.g., specific employer, city wide)
- Don't know/ Don't remember which one

Section F: Conclusion (All Answer)

Your Final Comments

Which of the following statements comes closest to how you feel about the career path on which you are now embarking, whatever that may be (e.g., employment, further education, other)?

- Very excited - I'm confident that this is what I want to do at this time and that I am adequately prepared for it
- Pretty excited - I'm fairly sure this is what I want to do at this time and that I'll be okay
- A bit confused/uncertain - I'm really not sure what I want to do and/or what I'm prepared to do
- Very confused/uncertain - I just don't feel ready/prepared to move on

Overall, how satisfied are you with the career guidance you received from your department or college?

Very Satisfied



Satisfied



Neutral



Dissatisfied



Very Dissatisfied



What services and/or programs at NC State did you find particularly useful when preparing for your post graduation plans?



What suggestions for improvement of NC State career services/programs do you have to help us better enable our students to achieve their post graduation goals?



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