

# Preliminary Class of 2009 Postgraduate Report

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CORNELL CAREER SERVICES surveys Cornell University bachelor's degree recipients for six months following graduation. This Preliminary Report is based on data collected through July 31, 2009, and summarizes postgraduate activities for the University.

## Response

### ■ Response Rates

	<i>Total Surveyed</i>	<i>Responses</i>	<i>Response Rate</i>
<b>University</b>	<b>3,354</b>	<b>1,888</b>	<b>56.3%</b>
Agriculture and Life Sciences	811	405	49.9%
Architecture, Art and Planning	101	17	16.8%
Arts and Sciences	966	564	58.4%
Engineering	679	341	50.2%
Hotel Administration	239	148	61.9%
Human Ecology	324	283	87.3%
ILR	234	130	55.6%

## Postgraduate Activities

### ■ Activities by College

	<i>Employed</i>	<i>Graduate School</i>	<i>Other Endeavors</i>
<b>University</b>	<b>38.3%</b>	<b>33.4%</b>	<b>28.3%</b>
Agriculture and Life Sciences	36.5%	26.7%	36.8%
Architecture, Art and Planning	35.3%	17.6%	47.1%
Arts and Sciences	32.8%	36.5%	30.7%
Engineering	38.7%	47.2%	14.1%
Hotel Administration	69.6%	4.7%	25.7%
Human Ecology	27.5%	35.4%	37.1%
ILR	55.4%	34.6%	10.0%

# Graduate/Professional Studies

## ■ Most Frequently Selected Fields

Engineering	18.9%	Computer and Information Sciences	4.2%
Law	17.3%	Physical Sciences	3.9%
Medicine	15.3%	Veterinary Medicine	3.7%
Biological Sciences	9.4%	Business and Management	3.6%
Other Health Fields	4.7%	Education	2.9%

## ■ Fellowships

Cornell consistently gains national recognition for the fellowship successes of its students. The competitions are highly selective and there are few awarded annually.

<b>2009</b>		<b>2008</b>	
Goldwater Scholarship	4	Goldwater Scholarship	2
Jack Kent Cooke Graduate Scholarship	1	Marshall Scholarship	1
Truman Scholarship	1	Udall Scholarship	3

# Employment

## ■ Employers Hiring the Most Cornellians

Americorps	General Electric
Barclays	JPMorgan Chase
Cornell University	Merrill Lynch
Deloitte Consulting	Peace Corps
Ernst & Young	Teach for America

## ■ How Undergraduates Found Their Jobs

<b>Career Services at Cornell</b>	<b>51.7%</b>
Interview through on-campus recruiting	21.1%
Cornell CareerNet listing or resume referral	8.4%
Career fair/forum contact on or off campus	8.5%
Previous externship/internship/co-op/employment found through Career Services	11.8%
Alumni referral	<1.0%
College-office job listings	1.9%
<b>Alumni, Faculty or Personal Contact</b>	<b>20.3%</b>
Personal contact	14.1%
Networked with alumni	3.7%
Faculty/department referral or job posting	2.5%
<b>Other Methods</b>	<b>14.9%</b>
Used other means	9.0%
Internet posting, excluding Cornell CareerNet	2.3%
Applied directly to employer	3.6%
<b>Internship or Previous Employment</b>	<b>12.6%</b>

## ■ Salary Statistics for Bachelor's Degree Recipients

	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
Mean Salary	\$48,753	\$51,464
Median Salary	\$50,000	\$54,000

## ■ Salary Statistics by Geographic Location

	<b>Percent of Response</b>	<b>Mean Salary</b>
Metropolitan New York City	34.2%	\$53,287
Mid-Atlantic	18.4%	\$49,654
New England	12.3%	\$42,769
West	9.0%	\$55,044
Upstate New York	8.0%	\$39,465
Southeast	5.7%	\$43,608
Midwest	5.1%	\$51,709
Southwest	5.1%	\$44,752
International	2.1%	\$36,392

## ■ Salary Statistics by Employment Sector

	<i>Percent of Response</i>	<i>Mean Salary</i>
<b>Public Sector/Nonprofit</b>		
Education	14.4	\$34,437
Other Nonprofit Government	4.5%	\$21,905
Government	4.2%	\$37,718
Labor	<1.0%	\$41,054
<b>Business/Industry</b>		
Financial Services	20.0%	\$58,957
Consulting	13.2%	\$56,275
General Business	9.5%	\$50,251
Technology	9.5%	\$69,521
Hospitality	8.5%	\$41,021
Biotechnology/Pharmaceuticals	4.7%	\$39,629
Agriculture	2.6%	\$37,723
Manufacturing	2.6%	\$56,625
Insurance	1.8%	\$51,045
Retail	1.8%	\$58,318
Law	1.6%	\$39,580
Communications/Media	<1.0%	\$28,500