

Class of 2015 Postgraduate Report

Cornell Career Services surveys Cornell University bachelor's degree recipients for six months following graduation. This report summarizes postgraduate activities for the university as a whole. For more comprehensive statistics by college, please refer to college reports.

Response

Response Rates

	Total Surveyed	Responses	Response Rate
University	3,680	2,545	69.2%
Agriculture and Life Sciences	1,007	825	81.9%
Architecture, Art, and Planning	100	54	54.0%
Arts and Sciences	1,035	611	59.0%
Engineering	750	498	66.4%
Hotel	237	191	80.6%
Human Ecology	283	125	44.2%
ILR	268	241	89.9%

Postgraduate Activities

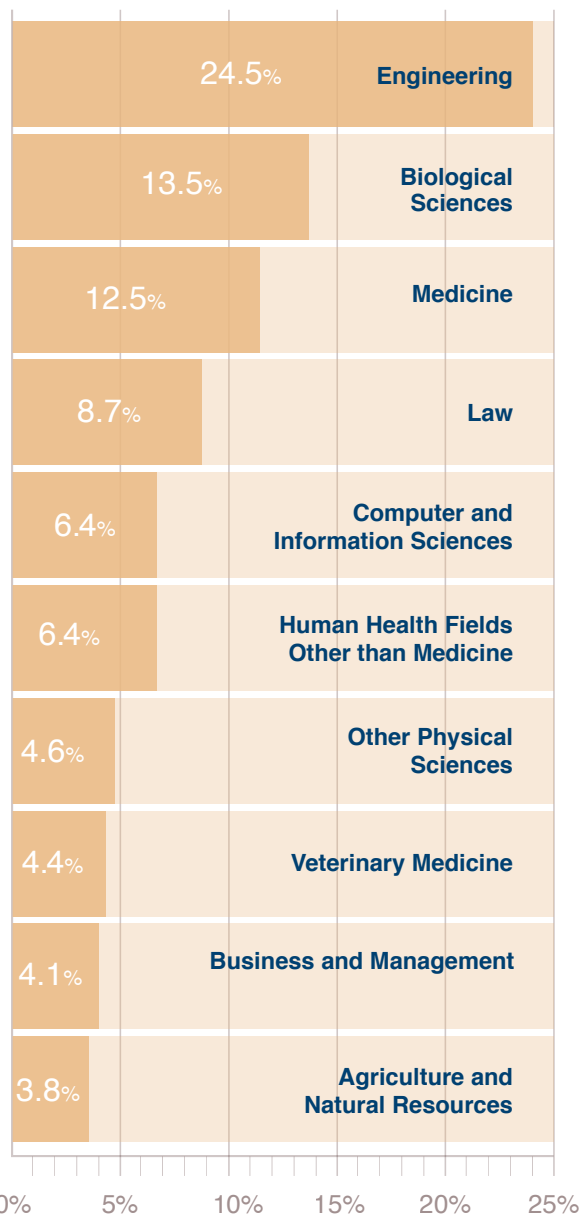
Activities by College

	Employed	Graduate School	Other Endeavors*
University	61.8%	23.9%	14.3%
Agriculture and Life Sciences	57.2%	23.5%	19.3%
Architecture, Art, and Planning	70.4%	11.1%	18.5%
Arts and Sciences	56.3%	25.2%	18.5%
Engineering	60.0%	34.4%	5.6%
Hotel	90.5%	3.7%	5.8%
Human Ecology	43.2%	35.2%	21.6%
ILR	80.9%	12.9%	6.2%

*Includes pursuing graduate school admission or employment, volunteering, and travel, among other activities.

Graduate/Professional Studies

Most Frequently Selected Fields



Legal Careers

Law Schools Most Frequently Attended in 2015

Boston College	Georgetown University
Columbia University	Harvard University
Cornell University	New York University
Duke University	University of Chicago
George Washington University	University of Pennsylvania

Acceptance rates*

Cornell (for 73 applicants)	93%
National	78%

*Based on most recent data available from Law School Admission Council for fall 2015 acceptance.

Medical Careers

Medical Schools Most Frequently Attended in 2015*

Case Western Reserve University	SUNY Downstate
Hofstra University	SUNY Upstate
New York Medical College	University of Buffalo
Rutgers New Jersey Medical School	Thomas Jefferson University
Stony Brook University	Weill Cornell Medical College

Acceptance rates*

Cornell (for 121 applicants in Class of 2015)	67%
Cornell Students with a 3.6 GPA or above	89%
National	39%

*Based on most recent data available from Association of American Medical Colleges for fall 2015 acceptance.

Fellowships

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

2015		2014	
Churchill Scholarship	1	Goldwater Scholarship	3
Goldwater Scholarship	1	Luce Scholarship	1
Keasbey Scholarship	1	Marshall Scholarship	2
Rhodes Scholarship	1	Mitchell Scholarship	1
Udall Scholarship	2	Truman Scholarship	1
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Employment

Full-Time On-Campus Recruiting by Bachelor's Degree Recipients

College of Enrollment	Students	Interviews
Agriculture and Life Sciences	226	592
Architecture, Art, and Planning	45	135
Arts and Sciences	254	721
Engineering	309	946
Hotel	173	805
Human Ecology	66	126
ILR	130	482

Total On-Campus Recruiting Activity* by Sponsoring Office

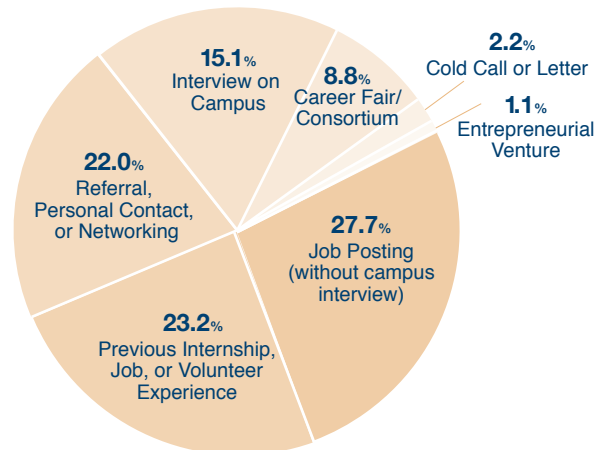
	Employers	Interviews
Cornell Career Services, Barnes Hall	143	3,935
Agriculture and Life Sciences	35	411
Architecture, Art, and Planning	15	177
Engineering	134	2,989
Hotel	98	1,322
Human Ecology	11	55
ILR	57	739

*Includes graduate and undergraduate full-time, internship, and co-op interviews.

Employers Hiring the Most Cornellians

Accenture	EY
Amazon	Goldman Sachs
Bank of America Merrill Lynch	Google
Barclays	IBM
Capital One	JPMorgan Chase
Citi	Morgan Stanley
Cornell University	National Institutes of Health
Deloitte Consulting	Nomura
Deutsche Bank	Oracle
Epic Systems	Teach for America

How Undergraduates Found Their Jobs



Salary Statistics

Salary Statistics for Bachelor's Degree Recipients

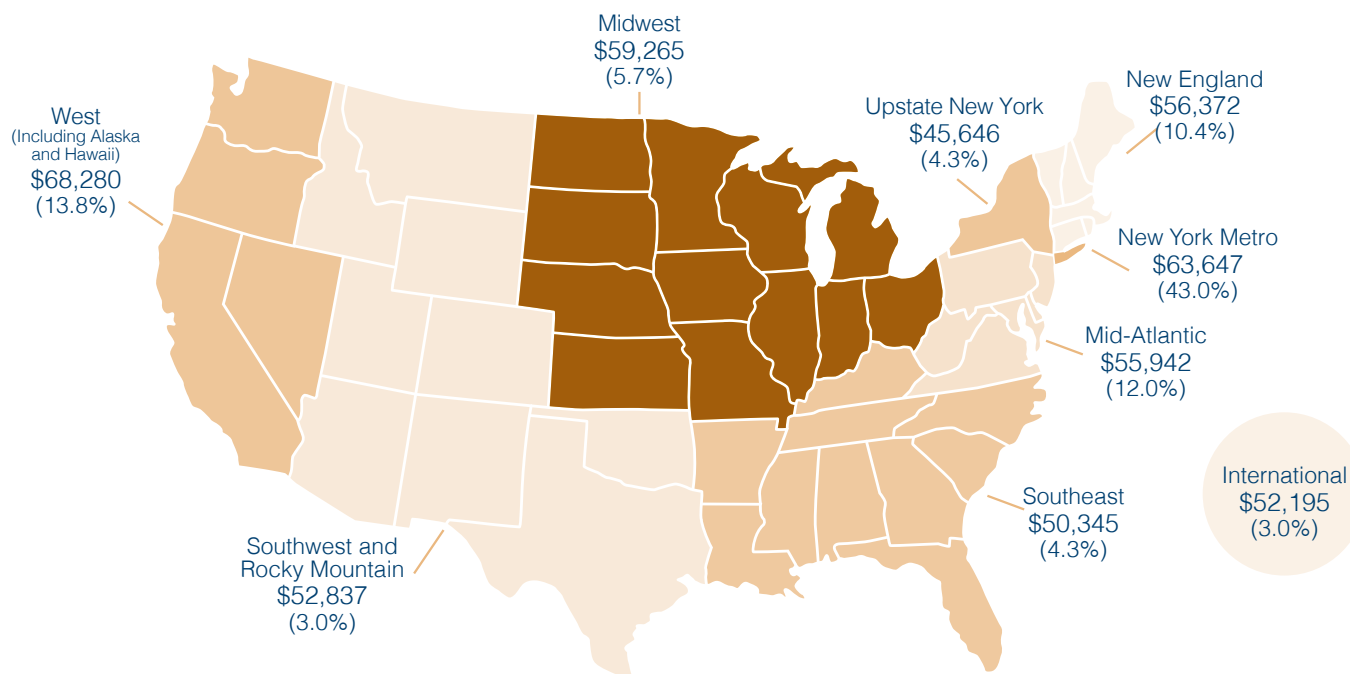
	2015	2014	2013
Mean	\$60,268	\$57,180	\$54,962
Median	\$60,000	\$58,620	\$55,000

Salary Statistics by Geographic Location for Employed Graduates

Mean Salary (Percent of Response)

Starting Salary Means by College

	2015	2014	2013
Agriculture and Life Sciences	\$58,112	\$53,188	\$49,679
Architecture, Art, and Planning	\$51,195	\$42,986	\$43,183
Arts and Sciences	\$56,566	\$52,217	\$51,363
Engineering	\$74,714	\$72,263	\$72,287
Hotel	\$54,493	\$50,597	\$50,676
Human Ecology	\$45,248	\$50,092	\$46,711
ILR	\$58,297	\$56,117	\$53,132



Salary Statistics by Employment Sector for Employed Graduates

Business/Industry	Percent of Response	Mean Salary
Financial Services	21.9%	\$72,683
Consulting	17.4%	\$62,227
Technology	16.1%	\$75,726
General Business	9.0%	\$53,669
Hospitality	5.9%	\$46,418
Manufacturing	4.0%	\$60,817
Communications/Media	2.9%	\$40,339
Biotechnology/Pharmaceuticals	2.8%	\$45,929
Law	2.5%	\$46,141
Retail	2.5%	\$56,887
Agriculture	2.1%	\$44,997
Insurance	<1.0%	\$57,492

Public Sector/Nonprofit	Percent of Response	Mean Salary
Education	5.1%	\$39,447
Other Nonprofit	3.6%	\$39,497
Government	2.7%	\$40,556
Labor	<1.0%	\$49,370

Overview of Services

Cornell Career Services

Offers a broad range of programs and services to assist students with their career development.

Career planning

Career counseling and testing, library and Internet resources, shadowing and networking opportunities.

Job-search strategies

Advice on the job search, workshops, employer career fairs (on and off campus).

Employment services

Interviews (on and off campus), resume referrals, job postings via the Internet.

Graduate and professional school advising

Advice and workshops on the application process and fellowships, information resources, Graduate and Professional School Days.

The mission of Cornell Career Services is to empower students to identify their strengths, interests, and values; discover and explore possibilities; gain experience; and develop strategies for pursuing diverse career paths and making mindful career decisions. We offer an array of career-development activities that inspire students to gain confidence and establish a foundation upon which to build their careers over a lifetime.

Learn more about Cornell Career Services at career.cornell.edu.

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Cornell University

Individual advising appointments and walk-in advising sessions	17,237
Career development and information programs, classroom presentations	612
Students attending programs and presentations	15,218
Schools represented at annual Graduate and Professional School Days	239
Students attending Graduate and Professional School Days	482
Organizations represented at annual Cornell Career Services Career Fair	277
Students attending Cornell Career Services Career Fair	7,803
Organizations represented at annual Summer Opportunities Fair	43
Students attending Summer Opportunities Fair	632
Organizations represented at annual Nonprofit and Government Career Fair	54
Students attending Nonprofit and Government Career Fair	309
Job-shadowing experiences during winter and spring breaks, 2015	609