

Preliminary Class of 2015 Postgraduate Report

CORNELL CAREER SERVICES surveys Cornell University bachelor's degree recipients for six months following graduation. This Preliminary Report is based on data collected through August 21, 2015, and summarizes postgraduate activities for the University.

Response

■ Response Rates

	<i>Total Surveyed</i>	<i>Responses</i>	<i>Response Rate</i>
University	3,598	1,657	46.0%
Agriculture and Life Sciences	951	394	41.4%
Architecture, Art and Planning	95	23	24.2%
Arts and Sciences	1,028	425	41.3%
Engineering	742	417	56.2%
Hotel Administration	236	138	58.5%
Human Ecology	280	73	26.1%
ILR	269	187	69.5%

Postgraduate Activities

■ Activities by College

	<i>Employed</i>	<i>Graduate School</i>	<i>Other Endeavors</i>
University	58.4%	27.3%	14.3%
Agriculture and Life Sciences	52.0%	31.2%	16.8%
Architecture, Art and Planning	56.5%	17.4.%	26.1%
Arts and Sciences	52.2%	28.0%	19.8%
Engineering	56.6%	36.5%	6.9%
Hotel Administration	91.3%	2.2%	6.5%
Human Ecology	32.9%	37.0%	30.1%
ILR	75.9%	13.4%	10.7%

Graduate/Professional Studies

■ Most Frequently Selected Fields

Engineering	27.4%	Human Health Fields Other than Medicine	5.5%
Biological Sciences	13.7%	Physical Sciences	5.5%
Medicine	11.3%	Veterinary Medicine	4.4%
Law	8.8%	Agriculture & Natural Resources	3.5%
Computer & Information Sciences	5.8%	Business & Management	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.

2015		2014	
Churchhill 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

■ Employers Hiring the Most Cornellians

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

■ How Undergraduates Found Their Jobs

Previous internship, job, or volunteer experience	25.1%
Job Posting	25.0%
Referral, personal contact, or networking	20.1%
Interview through on-campus recruiting	17.2%
Career Fair/Consortium	10.3%
Cold call or letter (without knowledge of openings)	1.7%
Entrepreneurial venture	<1.0%

■ Salary Statistics for Bachelor's Degree Recipients

	2015	2014
Mean Salary	\$62,980	\$60,141
Median Salary	\$63,000	\$60,000

■ Salary Statistics by Geographic Location

	Percent of Response	Mean Salary
Metropolitan New York City	42.8%	\$65,732
West	14.0%	\$74,193
Mid-Atlantic	12.0%	\$59,691
New England	10.8%	\$58,702
Midwest	6.0%	\$60,286
Southeast	4.9%	\$51,470
Upstate New York	4.6%	\$45,551
Southwest	3.3%	\$55,196
International	1.8%	\$56,930

■ Salary Statistics by Employment Sector

	<i>Percent of Response</i>	<i>Mean Salary</i>
Public Sector/Nonprofit		
Education	3.2%	\$39,220
Government	2.0%	\$44,876
Other Nonprofit Organization	1.6%	\$43,563
Labor	<1.0%	\$50,317
Business/Industry		
Financial Services	21.9%	\$74,160
Technology	17.6%	\$79,279
Consulting	17.5%	\$65,860
General Business	12.9%	\$54,309
Hospitality	6.7%	\$47,438
Biotechnology/Pharmaceuticals	3.8%	\$46,899
Law	3.0%	\$45,043
Agriculture	2.3%	\$42,777
Retail	2.1%	\$57,528
Manufacturing	2.1%	\$63,728
Communications/Media	1.8%	\$41,201
Insurance	<1.0%	\$57,513