

UW Alumni Survey Results

2020-2021 MASTERS Degree Recipients

	Physics		A&S Natural Sciences		Arts & Sciences		UW Seattle	
Graduates Surveyed								
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Total	38	100%	303	100%	630	100%	4305	100%
Women	11	29%	160	53%	358	57%	2398	56%
Men	27	71%	143	47%	272	43%	1907	44%
African American	1	3%	5	2%	19	3%	162	4%
American Indian	0	0%	0	0%	3	0%	49	1%
Asian American	6	16%	33	11%	70	11%	680	16%
Caucasian	23	61%	128	42%	267	42%	1942	45%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	1	3%	3	1%	5	1%	28	1%
Hispanic/Latino	1	3%	20	7%	58	9%	302	7%
Other/Not Indicated	6	16%	114	38%	208	33%	1142	27%
International	6	16%	108	36%	191	30%	1042	24%
Survey Response Rates								
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Total	8	21%	59	19%	152	24%	1174	27%
Women	0	0%	31	53%	91	60%	671	57%
Men	8	100%	28	47%	61	40%	503	43%
African American	0	0%	1	2%	6	4%	37	3%
American Indian	0	0%	0	0%	3	2%	16	1%
Asian American	1	13%	4	7%	13	9%	171	15%
Caucasian	6	75%	32	54%	72	47%	572	49%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0	0%	1	2%	1	1%	8	1%
Hispanic/Latino	0	0%	6	10%	13	9%	81	7%
Other/Not Indicated	1	13%	15	25%	44	29%	289	25%
International	1	13%	15	25%	41	27%	264	22%
Current Status								
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Employed for pay full time	2	25%	30	51%	90	59%	901	77%
Employed for pay part time	0	0%	2	3%	7	5%	47	4%
Participating in a volunteer or service program	0	0%	1	2%	1	1%	4	0%
Serving in the U.S. military	0	0%	0	0%	1	1%	8	1%
Enrolled in a certificate or degree program	4	50%	18	31%	31	20%	88	7%
Planning to continue education	0	0%	0	0%	3	2%	5	0%
Seeking employment	1	13%	4	7%	10	7%	79	7%
A fellowship	0	0%	2	3%	4	3%	18	2%
Not seeking employment or continuing education	1	13%	2	3%	5	3%	24	2%

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Employed Full Time or Part time**Type of employment**

	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Employee working for a company or organization	1	50%	24	80%	76	81%	849	92%
Entrepreneur/self-employed	0	0%	2	7%	4	4%	9	1%
Temporary/contract work assignment	0	0%	1	3%	5	5%	28	3%
Freelance	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Postgraduate internship or fellowship	1	50%	1	3%	2	2%	10	1%
Faculty tenure track position	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4	0%
Faculty non-tenure track position	0	0%	1	3%	3	3%	12	1%
Other	0	0%	1	3%	4	4%	11	1%

Career related

	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Yes	2	100%	27	90%	87	93%	878	96%
No	0	0%	3	10%	7	7%	40	4%

Job location

	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
King, Pierce, Snohomish counties	2	100%	19	63%	58	64%	589	66%
Other Washington	0	0%	0	0%	3	3%	34	4%
Alaska, Idaho, Oregon	0	0%	1	3%	2	2%	18	2%
California, Hawaii	0	0%	5	17%	8	9%	77	9%
Mountain states	0	0%	1	3%	3	3%	24	3%
Central states	0	0%	0	0%	2	2%	30	3%
Eastern states	0	0%	3	10%	9	10%	56	6%
International	0	0%	1	3%	6	7%	63	7%

Type of employer

	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
For-profit company	1	50%	14	52%	51	60%	527	59%
Non-profit/NGO	0	0%	3	11%	14	16%	108	12%
Government	1	50%	7	26%	16	19%	214	24%
Other	0	0%	3	11%	4	5%	39	4%

Search time (weeks)

	N					
	2	16	50	512		
Mean	4.0	5.9	11.8	11.5		
SD	6	5	10	10		
Range	0 8	0 20	0 52	0 53		

Salary

	N					
	1	21	65	724		
Mean	93,000	80,822	83,735	95,246		
SD		29,074	30,532	52,455		
Range	93,000 93,000	44,652 150,000	36,000 186,000	10,000 600,000		

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Participating in a Volunteer or Service Program**Program location**

	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
King, Pierce, Snohomish counties	0	0%	1	100%	1	100%	3	75%
Other Washington	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Alaska, Idaho, Oregon	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
California, Hawaii	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Mountain states	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Central states	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Eastern states	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
International	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	25%

Serving in the US Military**Service branch**

	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Air Force	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	25%
Army	0	0%	0	0%	1	100%	4	50%
Coast Guard	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Marine Corps	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Navy	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	25%

Status

	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Active duty	0	0%	0	0%	1	100%	7	88%
Reserve	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
National Guard	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	13%

Enrolled in Educational Program**Degree program**

	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Certificate	0	0%	1	6%	2	7%	2	2%
Advanced Certificate	0	0%	0	0%	1	3%	1	1%
Associate (AA/AS)	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Bachelor (BA/BS)	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Masters (MA/MS) – terminal degree	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	5	6%
Masters (MA/MS) – leading to doctorate	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	1%
Doctorate (PhD/EdD)	3	100%	16	94%	27	90%	71	85%
Professional (JD, MD, DDS, PharmD)	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3	4%
Non-Degree Seeking	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Postdoctoral Studies	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Other	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	1%

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School location

	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
King, Pierce, Snohomish counties	2	100%	11	69%	18	64%	52	64%
Other Washington	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Alaska, Idaho, Oregon	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	1%
California, Hawaii	0	0%	1	6%	4	14%	5	6%
Mountain states	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3	4%
Central states	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	1%
Eastern states	0	0%	2	13%	2	7%	9	11%
International	0	0%	2	13%	4	14%	10	12%

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All Respondents**Authorized to permanently work in the U.S.**

	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Yes	6	86%	45	82%	115	80%	908	82%
No	1	14%	10	18%	29	20%	204	18%

Amount UW academic program ADVANCED LEARNING

1=Not at all; 2=Somewhat; 3=Moderately; 4=Very much

	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean
Acquiring deep knowledge in your chosen field of study	5	3.8	49	3.4	133	3.4	1058	3.3
Writing effectively	5	3.2	49	2.8	133	3.1	1052	3.0
Speaking effectively about ideas, projects, and plans	5	3.0	49	2.9	133	3.1	1050	3.0
Critically analyzing the research, technical literature, and/or performance in your field	5	3.4	49	3.2	133	3.2	1051	3.2
Identifying important questions in your field	5	3.2	49	3.0	133	3.3	1051	3.3
Identifying and using the best methods for answering specific questions in your field	5	3.2	49	3.3	133	3.2	1050	3.2
Knowing how to generate original/creative ideas, solutions, and research directions	5	3.2	48	3.0	132	3.2	1050	3.0
Knowing how to put research ideas into practice in your field	5	3.0	48	2.9	132	3.0	1047	2.9
Understanding ethics and ethical practice in your field	5	3.0	49	2.7	133	3.1	1048	3.1
Understanding, evaluating, and using the quantitative methods relevant to your field	5	3.2	49	3.1	133	3.0	1048	3.0
Mastering specialized instruments, computer programs, or materials important to your field	5	3.4	49	3.2	133	2.9	1049	2.7
Learning independently	5	3.4	49	3.3	133	3.3	1044	3.2
Working collaboratively with others within your field	5	2.8	48	3.0	132	3.2	1046	3.2
Working collaboratively with interdisciplinary groups	5	2.4	49	2.6	133	2.9	1045	3.0
Understanding and valuing diverse people and cultures	5	3.0	48	2.7	131	3.2	1045	3.2
Using self-reflection and self-assessment to guide next directions	5	3.2	49	2.9	133	3.2	1049	3.1

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IMPORTANCE to current work and life	1=Not at all; 2=Somewhat; 3=Moderately; 4=Very							
	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean
Acquiring deep knowledge in your chosen field of study	5	3.8	47	3.6	127	3.7	994	3.5
Writing effectively	5	3.6	48	3.3	127	3.5	985	3.3
Speaking effectively about ideas, projects, and plans	5	3.4	47	3.4	125	3.6	982	3.5
Critically analyzing the research, technical literature, and/or performance in your field	5	3.8	48	3.4	125	3.4	982	3.3
Identifying important questions in your field	5	3.4	48	3.4	126	3.4	983	3.4
Identifying and using the best methods for answering specific questions in your field	5	3.4	46	3.5	123	3.5	979	3.4
Knowing how to generate original/creative ideas, solutions, and research directions	5	3.6	48	3.5	126	3.5	982	3.4
Knowing how to put research ideas into practice in your field	5	3.6	48	3.3	126	3.3	982	3.2
Understanding ethics and ethical practice in your field	5	2.6	48	3.3	126	3.3	982	3.4
Understanding, evaluating, and using the quantitative methods relevant to your field	5	3.4	47	3.2	124	3.1	982	3.2
Mastering specialized instruments, computer programs, or materials important to your field	5	3.8	48	3.3	126	3.3	986	3.2
Learning independently	5	3.8	48	3.5	126	3.5	978	3.4
Working collaboratively with others within your field	5	3.4	47	3.5	125	3.6	981	3.6
Working collaboratively with interdisciplinary groups	5	3.2	48	3.3	126	3.5	983	3.5
Understanding and valuing diverse people and cultures	5	3.4	48	3.4	126	3.5	985	3.5
Using self-reflection and self-assessment to guide next directions	5	3.4	48	3.5	126	3.5	984	3.4

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Overall UW experience	1=Poor; 2=Fair; 3=Good; 4=Excellent							
	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean
The help you received from your graduate thesis (MA/MS graduates) or dissertation (PhD graduates) committee members	4	3.3	43	2.8	118	2.9	943	3.0
The help you received from graduate student colleagues	4	3.0	46	3.1	125	3.2	1003	3.2
The help you received navigating the job market	4	2.3	45	2.2	122	2.3	988	2.4
Your overall learning experience at the UW	4	3.0	47	3.0	124	3.1	993	3.2
	1=Strongly Disagree; 2=Disagree; 3=Agree; 4=Strongly Agree							
	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean
Faculty treated students respectfully - regardless of race, gender, ethnicity, sexuality, and country of origin.	4	3.3	46	3.5	125	3.5	1006	3.6
Students in my major treated each other respectfully - regardless of race, gender, ethnicity, sexuality, and country of origin.	4	3.5	47	3.6	127	3.6	1011	3.6
Classrooms, labs, and other campus spaces were accessible.	4	3.3	46	3.0	126	3.0	994	3.1
If I had to make my college choice over again, I would choose to attend UW.	4	3.3	47	3.2	127	3.3	1013	3.3
	1=Strongly Dissatisfied; 2= Dissatisfied; 3= Satisfied; 4= Strongly Satisfied							
	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean
How satisfied are you with your overall experience at UW?	3	3.3	46	3.1	124	3.2	989	3.2

Current activity roster**Employed Full Time or Part time**

Job title	Employing organization
Optical Technician II	Basic Solutions
Postdoctoral scholar	University of Washington

Enrolled in Educational Program

Program of study	Institution
	University of Washington
	University of Washington
	University of Washington