

# BIOLOGY

## Post-Graduation Activity

85% of undergraduates and 91% of graduate degree recipients were **actively engaged**.

	Undergraduate degrees 2015–16		Graduate degrees 2014–15 and 2015–16	
	count	percent	count	percent
Actively Engaged	22	85%	21	91%
Employed full time	18	69%	11	48%
Employed part time	2	8%	2	9%
Continuing education	2	8%	8	35%
Not Actively Engaged	4	15%	2	9%
Unemployed and seeking employment	4	15%	1	4%
Not immediately seeking employment	0	0%	1	4%

## Full-time Employment

- Median salary for undergraduates was **\$20,000 to \$25,000** (based on 11 responses from 2015–16 graduates).
- Median salary for graduate students was **\$50,000 to \$55,000** (based on 6 responses from 2014–15 and 2015–16 graduates).
- 74% were located in Michigan.
- 81% indicated their job was **related to their degree**.
- 87% were **satisfied** with their job.

## About the Data

Graduating students were asked to provide their information through the WMU Post-Graduation Activity Survey within three months of their date of graduation. Some additional data was obtained from students' public professional profiles.

This report includes data from students who majored in Biology and Biology: Secondary Education.

All information for graduate degrees is based on the most recent data from 2015–16 graduates, combined with data from 2014–15 graduates which was collected near the time of their graduation. We report two years of data together due to low numbers of responses.

Degree recipients	Post-graduation data was obtained for	
65	49 graduates (75%)	
	Graduates	Responses
Bachelor's	40	26 (65%)
Master's	20	18 (90%)
Doctoral	5	5 (100%)

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## Sample Job Titles and Employers

Adjunct Faculty at Southwestern Michigan College  
Animal Care Tech at Binder Park Zoo  
Assistant Maize Geneticist at Native Traits  
Assistant Professor at Mwenje University, Tanzania  
Associate Scientist at DPT Laboratories  
Associate Scientist at MPI Research  
Biological Science Technician at US Army Corps of Engineers  
Brewing Microtechnologist at Brewing Science Institute  
Field Lab Technician at MSU Kellogg Biological Station  
Formulation Scientist at Eurofins Lancaster Laboratories  
Horticultural Grower and Supervisor at Kalamazoo Specialty Plants  
Hospital and Patient Services Manager at Fresenius Medical Care  
Lab Technician at Kar Laboratory  
Lab Technician at Mastronardi Produce  
Lab Technician at Medline Industries  
Lab Technician at Michigan State University  
Lab Technician at MPI Research  
Marine Mammal Intern at Gulf Coast Research Lab  
Medical Laboratory Technician at Borgess  
Microbiologist at Texas Department of State Health Services  
Microbiology Lab Technician at Perrigo  
Park Ranger at County Parks  
Quality Control Technician at Cyprotex  
Research Associate at Colorado State University  
Research Associate at MPI Research  
Researcher at National Botanical Garden of Santo Domingo  
Scientist/Study Director at MPI Research  
Water Quality Consultant at LGROW

## Sample Continuing Education Choices

Doctorate in Biochemistry at Wilfrid Laurier University  
Doctorate in Biology at WMU  
Doctorate in Chemical Ecology at Max Planck Institute for Chemical Ecology  
Doctorate in Chiropractic at Palmer College of Chiropractics  
Doctorate in Developmental Genetics at WMU  
Doctorate in Neuroscience at University of Notre Dame  
Doctorate in Science Education at WMU  
Masters in Biology at WMU  
Masters in Ecology at University of Tennessee  
Masters in Public Health at Grand Valley State University  
MD/PhD at Wayne State University