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Post-Graduation Activity 2014–15 and 2015–16

83% of undergraduates and **90%** of graduate degree recipients were **actively engaged**.

	Undergraduate degrees		Graduate degrees	
	count	percent	count	percent
Actively Engaged	19	83%	26	90%
Employed full time	12	52%	20	69%
Employed part time	2	9%	2	7%
Continuing education	4	17%	4	14%
Military service	1	4%	0	0%
Not Actively Engaged	4	17%	3	10%
Unemployed and seeking employment	4	17%	3	10%

Full-time Employment

- Median salary for undergraduates was **\$35,000 to \$40,000** (based on 7 responses).
- Median salary for graduate students was **\$45,000 to \$50,000** (based on 11 responses).
- 56% were located in Michigan.
- 84% indicated their job was **related to their degree**.
- 94% 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 Earth Science; Earth Science: Secondary Education; Geochemistry; Geology; Geophysics; Geosciences; and Hydrogeology.

All information 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	
84	52 graduates (62%)	
	Graduates	Responses
Bachelor's	41	23 (56%)
Master's	38	26 (68%)
Doctoral	5	3 (60%)

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Sample Job Titles and Employers

2nd Lieutenant at United States Army
7th Grade Science Teacher at Warsaw Community
School District
Analytical Chemist at Imerys
Associate Scientist at Phillips Environmental
Consulting Services
Driller Helper at Tona Tec Exploration
Entry Level Geologist at Sample Serve
Exploration Intern at Lundin Mining Corporation
Field Geologist at August Mack Environmental
Geologist at Chesapeake Energy
Geologist at Environmental Consultants
Geologist at Exxon Mobile
Geologist at GHD Group
Geologist at Golder Associates
Geologist at Horizon Well Logging
Geologist at Ohio Division of Geological Survey

Geophysicist at Geofitec
Hydrogeologist at Prism Science and Technology
Hydrotechnician at the U.S. Forest Service
Industrial Hygienist at Fibertec
Junior Procurement Engineer at Epsa Labco,
Ingenieros Consultores
Lecturer at King Saud University, Saudi Arabia
Long Term Substitute at PESG
Motor Fuel Quality Specialist at State of Michigan
MWD Field Specialist at Baker Hughes
Oil/Gas Worker at Aramco Company, Saudi Arabia
Postdoctoral Fellow at WMU
Project Geologist at ERM
Staff Assistant Geologist at Roux Associates
Technical Professional-Geology at Amec Foster
Wheeler

Sample Continuing Education Choices

Doctorate in Environmental Chemistry at Ohio State University
Doctorate in Geochemistry at WMU
Doctorate in Geological Sciences at Michigan State University
Doctorate in Geology at WMU

Doctorate in Geosciences at WMU
Masters in Agriculture at Texas Tech
Masters in Geochemistry at WMU