

Arts and Sciences - Graduate Degrees

Full-Time Employment

- **68%** were **employed full time**.
- Median salary was **\$50,001-\$55,000** (70 responses).
- **66%** had a job in **Michigan**.
- **93%** had a job **related** to their degree.
- **86%** were **satisfied with their job**.

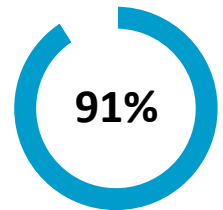
Top Employers

Centria Healthcare	Forensic Fluids	Pfizer	University of Kentucky
Charles River Laboratories	Kalamazoo Autism Center	St. Jude Hospital	University of Michigan
Eficens Systems	Michigan HHS	Temple University	

Experiential Education

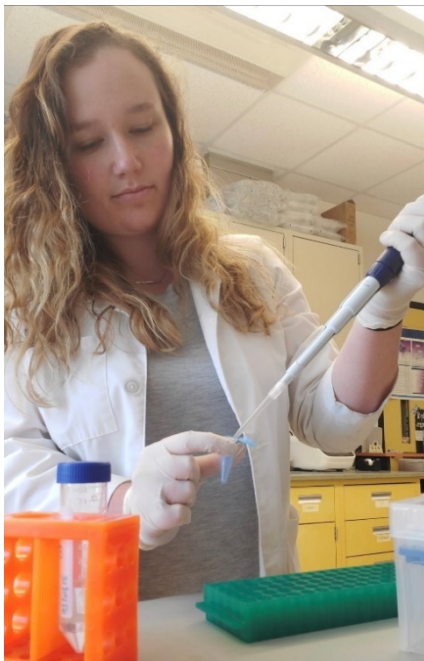
91% of WMU graduates completed at least one experiential education activity.

- **51%** had an internship, co-op, practicum, or field experience where they applied what they were learning in the classroom.
- **69%** had a job (full time or part time; on or off campus) where they applied what they were learning in the classroom.
- **76%** worked on a project that took a semester or more to complete (e.g., capstone, senior design, senior performance project).
- **41%** were very active in extracurricular activities and organizations (e.g., leadership role, or involved in multiple organizations such as RSO, intramurals, club sports, or volunteerism).



Experiences at WMU

- **100%** had at least one instructor who made them excited about learning.
- **96%** felt that their instructors cared about them as a person.
- **84%** had a mentor who encouraged them to pursue their goals and dreams.
- **94%** said that their education and experience as a student at WMU prepared them for their profession.



Dr. Sarah Webster

Ph.D. in biology, 2021

Postdoctoral Research Fellow at Western Michigan University Homer Stryker MD School of Medicine

I'm investigating a specialized immune cell in human patients to better understand natural immunity in context of aging and sex. I love my work to provide new insights into the development and function of the human body, which could lead to better treatment and health outcomes. Our work is challenging, but exciting!

The ability to try new and exciting science while at WMU allowed me to develop critical thinking in the area of being relevant in translational research. Being confident and willing to make mistakes, but learning from them, is how I've been able to be successful.

Biology

This section includes the following majors: Biology, Biological Sciences, and Biology: Secondary Education.

83% of undergraduate and 100% of graduate degree recipients were actively engaged.

	Undergraduate		Graduate degrees	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Actively Engaged	20	83%	18	100%
Employed full time	18	75%	13	72%
Continuing education	2	8%	5	28%
Not Actively Engaged	4	17%	-	-
Looking for work	4	17%	-	-

Full-time Employment

- Median salary for all degrees was \$40,001 to \$45,000 (18 responses).
- 77% had a job in Michigan.
- 93% had a job related to their degree.
- 79% were satisfied with their job.

Job Titles and Employers

Andrologist at IVF Michigan and Ohio	Fisheries Field Crew Lead at U.S. Geological Survey Formulation	Research Associate at Charles River Laboratories
Assistant Laboratory Technician at Forensic Fluids Laboratories	Laboratory Assistant Coordinator at KVCC	Research Associate at Vestaron
Associate Lab Technician at Aerotek	Laboratory Analyst at Pfizer	Research Scientist at Charles River Laboratories
Biological Field Technician at Western EcoSystems Technology	Laboratory Assistant at Bloom Lab	Research Technician at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital
Certifying Scientist at Forensic Fluids Laboratories	Laboratory Manager/ Chemical Safety Officer at Mary Baldwin University	Scientific Researcher at University of Pennsylvania
Customer Engagement Manager at PetSmart	Laboratory Technician at Michigan Milk Producers Association	Stewardship Crew Coordinator at Kalamazoo Nature Center
Environmental Quality Analyst at MI Dept. of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy	Laboratory Technician at University of Michigan	Veterinary Assistant at VCA Animal Hospital
Field Interviewer at RTI International	Postdoctoral Fellow at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital	Veterinary Technician Assistant at Glenview Animal Hospital
Fisheries Assistant at Department of Natural Resources		Wetland Ecologist at Fishbeck

Continuing Education

Doctorate in Biomedical Sciences at WMU
 Master's in Animal Genetics at Clemson University
 Master's in Biomedical Sciences at University of Michigan
 Master's in Science Education at WMU

Internships

Fishbeck
 Innovation Central High School
 Kalamazoo Public Schools
 Pierce Cedar Creek Institute
 WMU Office for Sustainability

Survey Population

	Degrees Awarded	Response Rate	
All degrees	61	42	69%
Bachelor's	36	24	67%
Master's	23	17	74%
Doctoral	2	1	50%

Biomedical Sciences

95% of undergraduate degree recipients were actively engaged.

	Count	Percent
Actively Engaged	62	95%
Employed full time	33	51%
Continuing education	29	45%
Not Actively Engaged	3	5%
Looking for work	3	5%

Full-time Employment

- Median salary for all degrees was \$35,001 to \$40,000 (9 responses).
- 85% had a job in Michigan.
- 89% had a job related to their degree.
- 89% were satisfied with their job.

Internships

Kalamazoo Specialty Plants
 Pride Care
 Robin Healthcare
 U.S. Army

Job Titles and Employers

Certified Nursing Assistant at Evergreen Manor Senior Care Center
 Clinical Laboratory Assistant at Charles River Laboratories
 Covid 19 Screener at Entech Medical Staffing
 CT Scan Technologist at Aya Healthcare
 Drug Product Investigator at Pfizer
 Inpatient Pharmacy Technician at Bronson
 Laboratory Technician at Bell's Brewery
 Laboratory Technician at NOAH Clinical Laboratory
 Manufacturing Associate at TriLink BioTechnologies

Medical Scribe at Robin Healthcare Microbiologist at Marrone Bio Innovations
 Microbiology Laboratory Technician at Pfizer
 Mobility Specialist at Life EMS
 Necropsy Technician at Charles River Laboratories
 Office Administrator at Visiting Angels of SW MI
 Pathology Technician at Charles River Laboratories
 Patient Care Technician at Ascension
 Pharmacy Technician at Meijer
 Veterinary Assistant at Banfield Pet Hospital

Continuing Education

Doctorate in Dentistry at Arizona School of Dentistry and Oral Health
 Doctorate in Dentistry at Boston University
 Doctorate in Dentistry at University of Michigan
 Doctorate in Medicine at Michigan State University
 Doctorate in Medicine at Ohio State University
 Doctorate in Molecular and Cellular Biology at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
 Doctorate in Pharmacy at Saint John Fisher College
 Wegmans School of Pharmacy

Master's in Biomedical Sciences at WMU
 Master's in Chemistry at Oakland University
 Master's in Disaster and Emergency Management at Georgetown University
 Master's in Forensic Science at Arcadia University
 Master's in Microbiology and Immunology at University of British Columbia
 Master's in Physician Assistant at WMU
 Master's in Public Health at University of Michigan

Survey Population

	Degrees	Response Rate
Bachelor's	95	65%