

Mason Career Plans Survey Summer and Fall 2015, Spring 2016

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Congratulations on your graduation! Information on your post-graduation plans increases the value of your Mason degree, enhances Mason's reputation, helps us assess the quality of the Mason academic and co-curricular experience, and serves as a tool for advising current and future students. It also provides information for prospective students, their families, and the general public about potential career paths. Please take a few moments (3 – 5 minutes) to complete this survey. At the end of the survey, you will have the opportunity to enter a drawing to win an iPad!

Privacy Statement: The career patterns of Mason graduates will be reported to help students and faculty learn about career and graduate/professional school opportunities. No reports will identify any individual student/alumnus. However, your contact information, job title, and employer name and address will be sent to the Office of Alumni Affairs to update their database. Your data may also be shared with your college/department for internal analyses. Your survey answers and academic program information will be reported in the aggregate (no personally identifiable information) and will be released at the university's discretion.

1. Employment Status: Which of the following BEST describes your PRIMARY post-graduation status?

- Employed full time (on average 30 hours or more per week) (**Go to question 4**)
- Employed part time (on average less than 30 hours per week) (**Go to question 4**)
- Post-graduate intern or fellow part time (**Go to question 6**)
- Post-graduate intern or fellow full time (**Go to question 6**)
- Seeking employment (**Go to question 14**)
- Enrolled in a program of continuing education (e.g., Graduate School or Professional School) (**Go to question 15**)
- Planning to continue education but not yet enrolled (**Go to question 15**)
- Participating in a volunteer or service program (**Go to question 2**)
- Serving in the U.S. military (**Go to question 3**)
- Not seeking employment or continuing education at this time (**Go to question 14**)

Answer if Q1= Participating in a volunteer or service program

2. Please provide the following information about your volunteering assignment:

Organization: _____ Assignment country: _____
Assignment city: _____ Role or title: _____
Assignment state: _____

Answer if Q1= Serving in the U.S. military

3. Please provide the following information about your assignment:

Service: _____ Branch: _____ Rank: _____

Answer Q4 & Q5 if Q1= Employed full time OR Employed part time

4. Please select the category which BEST describes your employment:

- Entrepreneur
- Temporary/Contract work assignment
- Freelancer
- Postdoctoral fellowship, residency, other appointment
- Postdoctoral faculty tenure track position
- Postdoctoral faculty non-tenure track position
- Other full-time/part-time employment opportunity

5. Are you employed in a position already held when you began pursuing the degree?

- Yes
 No

Answer if Q1= Employed full time OR Employed part time OR Post-graduate intern or fellow part-time OR Post-graduate intern or fellow full-time

6. Please answer the following questions regarding the position you will be in after graduation (including self-employment):

Position title: _____ Employer address: _____
Employer full name: _____ City: _____

Answer if Q1= Employed full time OR Employed part time OR Post-graduate intern or fellow part-time OR Post-graduate intern or fellow full-time OR Serving in the U.S. military

7. Is the position related to your career goals?

- Yes
 No

8. In which country is your position?

Country: _____

Answer if Q8= United States

9. In which state or US territory is your position?

State: _____

Answer Q10 & Q11 if Q1= Employed full time OR Employed part time OR Serving in the U.S. military

10. Please select the industry that best characterizes your **company**: (select one)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture and Forestry | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality and Tourism |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arts, Media, and Entertainment | <input type="checkbox"/> Law and Criminal Justice |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Construction | <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacturing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Consulting | <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing, Public Relations, and Advertising |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-profit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy, Petroleum, and Utilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Real Estate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering and Architectural Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Retail and Consumer Products |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Services (including Accounting) | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports and Recreation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Government/Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Technology |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health Care, including Pharmaceuticals and Biotechnology | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Human Services | |

11. How will your employer compensate you?

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Salary | <input type="checkbox"/> Commission only |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hourly/Contract Work | <input type="checkbox"/> I prefer not to respond |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unpaid/Stipend | |

Answer if Q11 = Salary

12. Your first annual salary is defined as your base plus any guaranteed first year bonus. This information is strictly confidential and no individual salary will be identified. If you receive an hourly rate, please calculate your best estimate of your annual salary. (Please enter a whole number)

Salary: _____

13. Bonuses: If you have received a guaranteed first year bonus for this position, please indicate the amount:
(Please enter a whole number; e.g., \$500 should be entered as 500)

Bonus: _____

Answer if Q1= Employed full time OR Employed part time OR seeking employment OR participating in a volunteer or service program OR Serving in the U.S. military

14. Have you been accepted to a graduate or professional program?

- Yes, I have been accepted or I am continuing in a graduate or professional program
- Not yet, but I am exploring or applying
- No, I don't plan to pursue additional graduate/professional education at this time

Answer if Q1= Enrolled in a program of continuing education OR Q1=Planning to continue education but not yet enrolled OR Q14=Yes, I have been accepted or I am continuing in a graduate or professional program OR Q14=Not yet, but I am exploring or applying

15. Which school are you attending/most likely to study?

- George Mason University
- Other: please spell out full name: _____

16. In which field are you most likely to study? (Select one)

- Arts
- Business
- Dentistry
- Education
- Engineering
- Hospitality & Tourism
- Humanities
- Information Technology
- Law
- Medicine/Health
- Sciences
- Social Sciences
- Sports & Recreation
- Theology
- Veterinary Medicine
- Other (please specify): _____

17. Which degree type are you pursuing or will you pursue?

- Professional certificate
- Master's degree
- Doctoral degree
- Law degree
- Medical degree
- Other (please specify): _____

18. School or College:

- College of Humanities and Social Sciences
- College of Science
- College of Education and Human Development
- College of Health and Human Services
- College of Visual and Performing Arts
- School of Business (formerly School of Management)
- School of Policy, Government, and International Affairs
- School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution
- Volegeau School of Engineering
- New Century College
- Krasnow Institute for Advanced Studies

Answer if Q18=School of Business (formerly School of Management)

** School of Business students, the next three questions are specifically for ranking/reporting purposes to U.S. News & World Report. Please answer fully.*

19. Is your position a:

- Full-time permanent position
- Full-time temporary position
- Internship (part time, career related)
- Internship (full time, career related)
- Part-time position (career related)
- Part-time position (not career related)
- Other (please specify): _____

20. Please indicate your job function:

- Consulting (strategic planning, management, etc.)
- Finance/Accounting (auditing, corporate finance, investments, public finance, treasury, etc.)
- General Management
- Human Resources
- Marketing/Sales (public relations, product management, market research, advertising, etc.)
- Management Information Systems
- Operations/Logistics
- Other (please specify): _____

21. Are you currently seeking employment? (Please respond even if you are currently employed)

- Yes, I am currently seeking employment
- No, I plan to continue to work in my current position
- No, I have accepted a new position with my current employer
- No, I have accepted a new position with a new employer
- No, I am starting a new business
- No, I am continuing my education
- No, I am postponing my job search
- No, I am not seeking employment for other reasons

Answer if Q18=School of Policy, Government, and International Affairs

22. Are you currently seeking employment? (Please respond even if you are currently employed)

- Yes, I am currently seeking employment
- No, I plan to continue to work in my current position
- No, I have accepted a new position with my current employer
- No, I have accepted a new position with a new employer
- No, I am continuing my education
- No, I am postponing my job search
- No, I am not seeking employment for other reasons

Answer if Q22=No, I plan to continue to work in my current position OR No, I have accepted a new position with my current employer OR No, I have accepted a new position with a new employer

23. Please indicate the sector in which you work:

- Academia
- Federal Government
- Local Government
- Multilateral/International
- NGO/Non-profit
- Private Sector - Consulting
- Private Sector – General
- State Government
- Other (please specify): _____

24. Which of the following tasks do you perform in your current role? (Check all that apply)

- Write analytically; including, but not limited to, policy/decision memoranda
- Compose brief written analyses on a regular and timely basis
- Make policy recommendations
- Identify and apply quality research and data sources; critically review research literature
- Conduct statistical analysis, using programs such as STATA, SPSS, etc.
- Create graphs, charts and tables to illustrate data
- Lead small or large groups to complete projects
- Make formal or informal presentation of information to colleagues or managers
- Publish original writing, whether online or in a hard format
- None of the above

Answer if Q18=Volegeau School of Engineering

25. How do you expect to use your Volgenau degree in the long-term? (10+ years)

- I will remain in a technical position in engineering or computing as specified by my degree
- I will use my degree to work my way up to a managerial/leadership role
- I will use my degree as a stepping stone to enter another industry
- I will use the skills gained to pursue medical school, law school, or an MBA program
- Unsure
- Other (please specify): _____

26. Was there a major you would have been more likely to pursue if it had been offered through Volgenau School of Engineering?

- Yes
- No

Answer if Q26=Yes

27. Which major?

Major: _____

28. If available, would you be interested in participating in part-time professional/executive education opportunities through Volgenau School of Engineering?

- Yes
- No

Answer if Q18=College of Visual and Performing Arts

29. If engaged in arts education, in which setting are you employed?

- K-12
- Private instruction
- Non-profit
- Other (please specify): _____
- I am not involved in arts education

30. Did you develop a second academic/career interest beyond the scope of your major during your time at Mason?

- Yes
- No

Answer if Q30=Yes

31. Please explain your second academic/career interest beyond the scope of your major:

32. What did you value most during your time as a student in the College of Visual and Performing Arts? (Check all that apply)

- Faculty
- Coursework
- Facilities
- Internships
- Performance/Exhibit opportunities
- Technology
- Other (please specify): _____

33. What are your long-term career aspirations?

Answer if Q18=College of Education and Human Development

34. Considering the academic program you most recently completed, how satisfied are you with your overall educational experience?

- Very satisfied
- Satisfied
- Neutral
- Dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied

35. We are interested in learning about your job or career experience and aspirations associated with the program you most recently completed at Mason. Which of the following best describes you?

- I have applied for and accepted a position
- I have applied for and was offered a position, but have not yet accepted a position
- I have applied for a position, but I have not yet been offered one
- I have not applied for a position, but intend to apply for one in the future
- I have not applied for a position and I do not anticipate applying for one in the future
- I do not intend to pursue a position in a field associated with the program I most recently completed
- Other (please specify): _____

36. We are interested in whether you have applied for and received licensure/certification in the field you studied in your most recent program at Mason. Which of the following best describes you?

- I have applied for and received licensure/certification
- I have applied for licensure/certification, but my application is currently pending
- I have applied, but was initially denied licensure/certification
- I have not yet applied for licensure/certification, but intend to do so in the future
- I have not applied for licensure/certification, and do not intend to do so in the future
- I already have licensure/certification in a different field, and am not seeking an additional credential
- I did not complete a program that qualifies me for licensure/certification
- I already have licensure/certification related to my career goals

Answer if Q36=I applied for and received licensure/certification

37. Please specify the license/certificate you received:

38. Which school within the College of Education and Human Development are you graduating from?

- School of Recreation, Health, and Tourism
- Graduate School of Education

Answer if Q38=School of Recreation, Health, and Tourism

39. How relevant to your career goals and direction were your internship/practicum experiences?

- Highly relevant
- Relevant
- Somewhat relevant
- Not relevant
- I did not participate in an internship/practicum

Answer if Q38=Graduate School of Education

40. Which of the following best describes the program you most recently completed?

- Completed all or most of my courses on a Mason campus (Fairfax, PWC, Arlington, Loudon)
- Completed all or most of my courses as part of an off-campus cohort
- Completed all or most of my courses online
- Other (please specify): _____

Answer if Q18=College of Science

41. Are you expected to be employed in your field within the next year?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

Answer if Q41=Yes

42. What company or which employer do you expect to work for?

43. What company/which agency would be your ideal employer after graduation?

44. Which BEST describes your employment? (Check all that apply)

- I will be working in a laboratory
- I will be conducting research
- I will be doing fieldwork
- I will be working for a government agency (please specify): _____
- I will be working in a position not related to my career goals
- I will not be employed immediately after graduation
- None of the above

45. If you plan to continue your education immediately after graduation, which BEST describes the nature of your coursework?

- Non-degree undergraduate courses
- Non-degree graduate courses
- Masters level degree granting program
- PhD level degree granting program
- Professional school (e.g., medicine, dentistry, public health, law, business)
- I will not be continuing my education at this time

Answer if Q45=Professional School (e.g., medicine, dentistry, public health, law, business)

46. Please specify which professional school you plan to pursue (e.g., medicine, dentistry, public health, law, business): _____

47. Would you like to be added to the College of Science's alumni listserv?

- Yes
- No

Answer if Q47=Yes

48. Please provide your email address:

Answer if Q18=College of Humanities and Social Sciences

49. Are you currently seeking employment? (Please respond even if you are currently employed)?

- Yes, I am currently seeking employment
- No, I plan to continue to work in my current position
- No, I have accepted a new position with my current employer
- No, I have accepted a new position with a new employer
- No, I am continuing my education
- No, I am temporarily postponing my job search
- No, I am not seeking employment

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50. Which of the following activities in the college do you believe have been most helpful in preparing you for your career? (Check all that apply)

- Internship or experiential learning
- Capstone course
- Major research project
- Courses in my major
- A course on "college to career"
- University Career Services
- Other (please specify): _____
- None of the above

51. How do you expect to use your CHSS degree in the long-term (10+ years)?

- I will be in a position closely related to my degree
- I will use my degree to work my way up to a managerial/leadership role
- I will use my degree as a stepping stone to enter another industry
- I will use the skills gained to pursue graduate/professional education in the same field as my major
- I will use the skills gained to pursue graduate/professional education in a different field than my major
- Unsure
- Other (please specify): _____

52. Are you authorized to permanently work in the United States?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

53. What Career Services resources did you use while at Mason? (Check all that apply)

- HireMason
- Mason Career Fairs
- On-campus Interview Program
- Career counseling/advising appointments
- Career workshops, programs, and events
- Career course(s)
- Networking opportunities with Mason alumni
- Networking opportunities with faculty and/or staff
- Other (please specify): _____
- None of the above

54. While a student at Mason, in which did you participate? (Includes independent and class required experiential learning) (Check all that apply)

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Internship/Practicum/Field experience/or field studies | <input type="checkbox"/> Part-time job related to my career goals |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cooperative education (Co-op) | <input type="checkbox"/> Full-time job related to my career goals |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Study abroad | <input type="checkbox"/> Research position |
| <input type="checkbox"/> On-campus job | <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership position in student organization |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Did not have any of the above experiences |

55. Contact information after graduation

Please provide the following information:

First name: _____

Last name: _____

Preferred email address: _____

Address 1: _____

Address 2: _____

City: _____

Zip: _____

Day phone: _____

Evening phone: _____

56. In which country will you be living after graduation?

Country: _____

57. In which state or US territory will you be living after graduation?

Country: _____

58. Thank you for providing your feedback. If you would like to be entered into a drawing for a chance to win an **iPad**, please provide the following information: (Entry is optional; please leave boxes blank if you do not wish to be entered into the drawing.)

Name: _____

Cell phone number: _____

Email address: _____