Mason Career Plans Survey
Summer and Fall 2008, Spring 2009

This instrument is for informational purposes only. If you are eligible to take the Career Plans Survey you will be notified electronically. For more information, contact assessment@gmu.edu.

Congratulations on your graduation! Information on your post-graduation plans enhances the value of your Mason degree and is extremely helpful in advising current and future Mason students. Please take a few moments (3 – 5 minutes) to complete this survey.

Privacy Statement: Your answers are completely confidential. No reports with identify any individual student/alumnus. The career patterns of Mason graduates will be reported to help students and faculty learn about career and graduate/professional school opportunities and the data will be shared internally for additional analyses. By completing this survey, I understand that my survey answers and academic program information about me will be included in aggregate (not personally identifiable) data which may be released at the university’s discretion.

1. Professional Employment: Which of the following statements is most applicable to your current employment status?

☐ I am working or have accepted a position related to my career goals or academic major.  
(Go to question 1.1)

☐ I am working or have accepted a position NOT related to my career goals or academic major.  
(Go to question 1.1)

☐ I am not working, but I am seeking employment.  (Go to question 2)

☐ I am NOT working and NOT seeking employment.  (Go to question 4)

Answer questions 1.1 through 1.2 (unless otherwise noted) if answer to question 1 was “I am working or have accepted a position related to my career goals or academic major” or “I am working or have accepted a position NOT related to my career goals or academic major.”

1.1 Current Position: Please provide the following information on your current position (including self-employment):

Position title: ______________________

Employer full name: ______________________

Employer address:

              (Street)               (City)

1.2 If your employment is in the U.S., in which state is your current position?

State: ______________________

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1.3 In what country is your current position? (required)

Country: ____________________________________________

1.4 Is your position:

☐ Full-time
☐ Full-time

1.5 Salaries and Bonuses: This information is strictly confidential and is only used for statistical purposes. Please enter the salary range for this position:

☐ Below $30,000 ☐ $80,001 - $90,000
☐ $30,001 - $40,000 ☐ $90,001 - $100,000
☐ $40,001 - $50,000 ☐ $100,001 - $125,000
☐ $50,001 - $60,000 ☐ $125,001 - $150,000
☐ $60,001 - $70,000 ☐ Above $150,000
☐ $70,001 - $80,000 ☐ I prefer not to respond

1.6 Bonuses: If you have received a signing bonus for this position, please indicate the amount:

☐ Below $3,000 ☐ I did not receive a signing bonus
☐ $3,001 - $5,000 ☐ I prefer not to respond
☐ $5,001 - $10,000
☐ Over $10,001
☐ I did not receive a signing bonus
☐ I prefer not to respond

*Answer question 2 if answer to question 1 was “I am not working but seeking employment.”*

2. Which PRIMARY resources did you use to gain the position you identified in this survey? (Please check no more than two)

☐ Patriot JobWeb listings
☐ Mason Job/Internship FAIRS
☐ On-Campus Interview Program
☐ Internship/Co-op/part-time job LED to full-time job
☐ Networking with friend, family, professor, colleague, classmate, Mason alumnus
☐ Job ad distributed by my academic department
☐ Job listing websites or internet sources, for example, Monster, CareerBuilder, craigslist
☐ Social networking (e.g., Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, MySpace, YouTube)
☐ Newspaper ad
☐ Company, organization, or government agency website
☐ Previously held a full-time job with the same company, organization, or government agency
☐ Other (please specify): ________________________________
3. What resources or strategies are you using in your job search? (Check all that apply)

- PatriotJobWeb listings
- Mason Job/Internship Fair
- On-Campus Interview Program
- Internship/Co-op/part-time job experience
- Networking with friend, family, professor, colleague, classmate, Mason alumnus
- Job ads distributed by my academic department
- Job listing websites or internet searches, for example Monster, Career Builder, craigslist
- Newspaper ads
- Company, organization, or government agency websites
- Other (please specify): ____________________________

4. While at Mason, did you participate in any of the following? (Check all that apply)

- Internship/practicum/field experience/or field studies
- Cooperative education (Co-op)
- Study abroad
- Part-time job related to my field of study
- Full-time job related to my field of study
- Did not have any of the above experiences

5. Other than the degree(s) you are completing in August, will you pursue (additional) graduate/professional education?

- Yes, I have been accepted or I am continuing as a full-time or part-time degree-seeking student. (Go to question 5.1)
- Yes, I have been accepted in a certificate program. (Go to question 5.1)
- Yes, I have been accepted as a non-degree student. (Go to question 5.1)
- Possibly, I am exploring or applying to a graduate or professional school program. (Go to question 6)
- No, I don't plan to pursue additional graduate/professional education. (Go to question 6)
Answer questions 5.1 through 5.3 if answer to question 5 was “Yes, I have been accepted or I am continuing as a full-time or part-time degree-seeking student,” “Yes, I have been accepted in a certificate program,” “Yes, I have been accepted as a non-degree student.”

5.1 Which school are you attending/most likely to attend for further education?

☐ George Mason University
☐ Other (please spell out full name): ________________________________

5.2 Which program/discipline are you most likely to study?

__________________________________________________________________

5.3 Which degree type will you pursue?

☐ A professional certificate
☐ Master’s degree
☐ Doctoral degree
☐ Law degree
☐ Medical degree
☐ Divinity degree
☐ Other (please specify): ________________________________

6. Contact information after graduation: Please provide the following information:

Preferred e-mail: ________________________________

Address 1: ______________________________________

Address 2: ______________________________________

City: ____________________________________________

Zip: ____________________________________________

Day phone: ________________________________

Evening phone: ________________________________
7. If living in the U.S. after graduation, in which state will you be living?

   State: ____________________________________________

8. In what country will you be living after graduation?

   Country: __________________________________________

8. What comments or recommendations would you like to make to the Career Services professionals at Mason OR to future graduates of your academic program/school/college? (If you do not have comments or recommendations at this time, please hit next to continue.)

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9. Thank you for providing your feedback. If you would like to be entered into a drawing for a chance to win one $100.00 VISA gift card, please provide the following information: (Entry is optional; please leave boxes blank if you do not wish to be entered into the drawing.)

   Name: ____________________________________________
   E-mail address: ____________________________________