Tracking Career Outcomes for Graduate Degree Recipients

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Your institution is:

(a) Research University/Very High or High
(b) Doctoral Research University
(c) Masters College or University/Large
(d) Masters College or University/Small, Med
(e) Other

Large: More than 200 degrees
The total student enrollment FTE at your graduate school is:

(a) Below 2000
(b) 2000 - 5000
(c) 5000 - 10,000
(d) Greater than 10,000

(FTE: full-time plus one-third part-time)
Your graduate school grants graduate degrees in:

(a) Arts and Sciences
(b) Arts, Sciences and Engineering
(c) Education
(d) Health Sciences
(e) Some combination of the above
Graduate School of Arts and Sciences at Tufts:

- Enrollment roughly 1100 students
- 12 doctoral programs
- 27 masters programs, ranging from professional masters programs to academic masters
- Microcosm
Career tracking of graduates and alumni is done:

(a) By program or department
(b) By the graduate school
(c) By alumni relations
(d) Other
(e) Is not done systematically by any of the above
Career Tracking: Questions

(1) Where do our graduates go?
(2) Do they go where they expected to go?
(3) If they had to do it again, would they pursue a graduate degree?
Where do they go? Doctorates 2005-10, compared to SED data for 2007-08

Distribution of Non-Post Docs

- Tufts PostDoc: 19.19%
- National PostDoc: 36.00%
- Tufts All Other: 80.81%
- National All Other: 64.00%
- Tufts Academia: 49.38%
- National Academia: 51.00%
- Tufts Bus/Industry: 19.38%
- National Business: 27.00%
- Tufts Govt/Non-Profit: 6.75%
- Tufts Unknown: 22.50%
- National Govt/Non/Unknown: 12.00%
Career distribution of PhD’s by discipline:
Is this what they expected?

- Exit survey questions
- Did their career plans change?
- Would do they do it again?
- What about those who withdraw and did not complete a degree?
Fraction of graduate students whose career plans changed while in graduate school, Exit Surveys 2002-10
Of those whose career plans changed how many would still choose this graduate program? Masters:
Of those whose career plans changed how many would still choose this graduate program? Doctorates:
What attrition rate in a doctoral program is to be expected?

(a) less than 10%
(b) 10%-24%
(c) 25%-34%
(d) 35%-50%
(e) above 50%

(Withdrawn or left with a masters within 6 years)
? Do you track your doctoral attrition rate? If so, what is it?

(a) no tracking, don’t know
(b) 0 -25%
(b) 26-35%
(c) 35%-50%
(d) over 51%
Role of graduate school in preparing for success in career path:

- Academic track
  - Graduate Institute For Teaching
  - Excellence in teaching to be signature of our doctoral candidates

- Research career in industry
  - Faculty and alumni, dual degree programs

- Career in public service
  - Alumni, dual degree programs
**Dual degrees and career placement:**

- Last year with Boston College Law School we developed a dual JD/MA in environmental law, policy and planning
- Allow students to complete both degrees in 4 years (instead of 5)
- Partnering with business school for management skills
- Masters degrees with teaching licensure
Do you offer dual degrees at your institution or with a partner institution?

(a) none
(b) 1 - 5
(c) 5 - 10
(d) more than 10
Role of alumni in program evaluation: feedback

- Alumni: changing landscape of career opportunities
- Preparing Future Scholars Workshop
- Help network the graduate student community