

Class of 2002 Postgraduate Report

Cornell Career Services surveys Cornell University bachelor's degree recipients for six months following graduation. This report summarizes postgraduate activities for the university as a whole. For more comprehensive statistics by college, please refer to college reports.

Response

■ Response Rates

	<i>Total Surveyed</i>	<i>Responses</i>	<i>Response Rate</i>
University	3,373	2,338	69.3%
Agriculture and Life Sciences	784	531	67.7%
Architecture, Art, and Planning	90	57	63.3%
Arts and Sciences	1,048	655	62.5%
Engineering	683	498	72.9%
Hotel	203	166	81.8%
Human Ecology	379	296	78.1%
Industrial and Labor Relations	186	135	72.6%

Postgraduate Activities

■ Activities by College

	<i>Employed</i>	<i>Graduate School</i>	<i>Other Endeavors</i>
University	45.2%	32.4%	22.4%
Agriculture and Life Sciences	43.1%	23.6%	33.3%
Architecture, Art, and Planning	28.1%	19.3%	52.6%
Arts and Sciences	41.4%	36.5%	22.1%
Engineering	40.4%	41.6%	18.0%
Hotel	81.3%	6.0%	12.7%
Human Ecology	46.6%	40.6%	12.8%
Industrial and Labor Relations	50.4%	33.3%	16.3%

Graduate/Professional Studies

■ Most Frequently Selected Fields

Engineering	20.6%
Law	17.8%
Medicine	12.9%
Biological Sciences	8.9%
Computer and Information Sciences	5.4%
Physical Sciences	3.6%
Education	2.9%
Other Health Fields	2.9%
Veterinary Medicine	2.8%
Architecture and Environmental Design	2.5%

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■ Legal Careers

Law schools most frequently attended in 2002*

American University
Brooklyn Law School
Cardozo School of Law
Cornell University
Fordham University

Georgetown University
Harvard University
New York University
St. John's University
University of Pennsylvania

Acceptance rates*

Cornell (for 232 applicants)	86%
National	62%

* Based on most recent data available from Law School Admission Council for fall 2002 acceptance.

■ Medical Careers

Medical schools most frequently attended in 2002*

Albert Einstein
New York University
SUNY at Buffalo
SUNY Downstate
SUNY at Stony Brook

SUNY Upstate
Tufts University
University of Miami
University of Pennsylvania
Weill Cornell Medical College

Acceptance rates*

Cornell (for 187 applicants)	81%
Cornell students with a 3.4 GPA or above	88%
National	52%

* Based on most recent data available from Association of American Medical Colleges for fall 2002 acceptance.

■ Fellowships

Cornell consistently gains national recognition for the fellowship successes of its students. The competitions are highly selective and there are few awards annually.

	2002		2001
Carnegie Junior Fellowship	1	Beinecke Scholarship	1
Goldwater Scholarship	4	Churchill Scholarship	1
Marshall Scholarship	1	Gates Cambridge Trust Scholarship	2
Udall Scholarship	2	Goldwater Scholarship	3
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Employment

■ On-Campus Recruiting

	<i>Employers</i>	<i>Interview Schedules</i>	<i>Interviews</i>
University	578	1,120	9,321
Cornell Career Services, Barnes Hall*	142	307	2,995
Agriculture and Life Sciences	63	71	677
Architecture, Art, and Planning	51	55	184
Engineering	160	382	3,827
Hotel	70	180	602
Human Ecology	9	12	87
Industrial and Labor Relations	83	113	949

* Employers seeking diverse majors from all colleges; includes Arts and Sciences.

■ Jobs Listed on Cornell MonsterTRAK

	2002	2001	2000
Full-time positions	21,181	22,617	24,772
Internships and summer jobs	1,111	7,118	3,170

■ Employers Hiring the Most Cornellians

Aramark	J. P. Morgan Chase & Co.
AmeriCorps	Lockheed Martin
Cornell University	Morgan Stanley
Four Seasons Hotels & Resorts	U.S. Air Force
Goldman Sachs	U.S. Navy

■ How Undergraduates Found Their Jobs

Cornell Career Services	41.2%
Interview through on-campus recruiting	20.6%
Cornell MonsterTRAK listing or resume referral	7.9%
Career fair/forum contact on or off campus	4.3%
Previous externship/internship/co-op/employment	7.2%
Alumni referral	1.2%
Other Methods	23.9%
Internet posting, excluding MonsterTRAK	11.6%
Used other means, including newspaper ads, ROTC, employment agencies	9.0%
Applied directly to employer	3.3%
Personal, Alumni, or Faculty Contact	24.8%
Personal contact	17.9%
Networked with alumni	3.9%
Faculty/department referral or job posting	3.0%
Internship or Previous Employment	10.1%
Previous internship/co-op/employment (not found through Career Services)	10.1%

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Salary Statistics

■ Salary Statistics for Bachelor's Degree Recipients

	2002	2001	2000
Mean	\$39,429	\$41,895	\$41,197
Median	\$37,500	\$40,000	\$40,000

■ Starting Mean Salaries by College

	2002	2001	2000
Agriculture and Life Sciences	\$36,598	\$37,512	\$36,965
Architecture, Art, and Planning	\$33,458	\$33,004	\$31,738
Arts and Sciences	\$35,175	\$38,881	\$38,381
Engineering	\$51,358	\$53,549	\$50,825
Hotel	\$38,380	\$40,349	\$36,773
Human Ecology	\$34,631	\$34,949	\$36,163
Industrial and Labor Relations	\$39,914	\$44,941	\$44,116

■ Mean Salaries by Geographic Location

	Percent of response	Mean salary
New York State	41.1%	\$39,360
Mid-Atlantic	18.9%	\$36,958
New England	12.3%	\$39,008
West	9.9%	\$43,776
Midwest	5.0%	\$40,678
Southeast	4.3%	\$36,021
Southwest	3.3%	\$41,159
Other	5.2%	\$42,243

■ Salary Statistics by Employment Sector

	Graduates responding	Mean salary
Public Sector/Nonprofit		
Education	10.1%	\$27,733
Government	7.2%	\$32,531
Other Nonprofit	4.4%	\$26,075
Labor	<1.0%	\$27,600
Business/Industry		
Other Business	28.6%	\$36,492
Financial Services	17.4%	\$47,615
Technology	9.5%	\$51,370
Consulting	8.8%	\$43,219
Retail	5.1%	\$36,745
Manufacturing	4.4%	\$48,214
Law	2.8%	\$34,892
Insurance	1.2%	\$40,800

Cornell Career Services

■ Overview of Services

Cornell Career Services offers a broad range of programs and services to assist students with their career development.

Career planning Career counseling and testing, library and Internet resources, shadowing and networking opportunities

Job-search strategies Advice on the job search, workshops, employer career fairs (on and off campus)

Employment services Interviews (on and off campus), resume referrals, job postings via the Internet

Graduate and professional school advising Advice and workshops on the application process and fellowships, information resources, credentials service, Graduate and Professional School Days

■ Annual Activities

Individual advising appointments and walk-in advising sessions	11,577
Career development and information programs	541
Organizations attending annual Graduate and Professional School Days	146
Students attending Graduate and Professional School Days	1,400
Organizations represented at annual Cornell Career Services Career Fair	182
Students attending Cornell Career Services Career Fair	5,000
Job-shadowing experiences during winter and spring breaks, 2002	609
568 students completed 609 externships, offered by 641 alumni	

The mission of Cornell Career Services is to contribute to the Cornell community of learning by providing outstanding career development services that help students apply their education and experiences toward advancing their career goals over a lifetime.

Cornell Career Services educates students about career planning and the job-search process and promotes linkages between students and employers or graduate and professional schools.

To learn more about Cornell Career Services, please visit our Web site at career.cornell.edu.

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