

Preliminary Class of 2017 Postgraduate Report

CORNELL CAREER SERVICES surveys Cornell University bachelor's degree recipients for six months following graduation. This Preliminary Report is based on data collected through September 19, 2017, and summarizes postgraduate activities for the University.

Response

■ Response Rates

	<i>Total Surveyed</i>	<i>Responses</i>	<i>Response Rate</i>
University	3,854	1,974	51.2%
Agriculture and Life Sciences	772	346	44.8%
Architecture, Art, and Planning	115	43	37.4%
Arts and Sciences	1,007	500	49.7%
Engineering	877	440	50.2%
Human Ecology	324	158	48.8%
ILR	277	203	73.3%
SC Johnson College of Business–Dyson	210	119	56.7%
SC Johnson College of Business–Hotel	273	166	60.8%

Postgraduate Activities

■ Activities by College

	<i>Employed</i>	<i>Graduate School</i>	<i>Other Endeavors</i>
University	57.2%	25.6%	17.2%
Agriculture and Life Sciences	43.9%	30.9%	17.2%
Architecture, Art, and Planning	51.2%	11.6%	37.2%
Arts and Sciences	52.6%	29.2%	18.2%
Engineering	50.0%	36.4%	13.6%
Human Ecology	48.1%	28.5%	23.4%
ILR	74.9%	14.3%	10.8%
SC Johnson College of Business–Dyson	83.2%	8.4%	8.4%
SC Johnson College of Business–Hotel	88.0%	1.8%	10.2%

Graduate/Professional Studies

■ Most Frequently Selected Fields

Engineering	23.6%	Business and Management	5.4%
Computer and Information Sciences	12.9%	Human Health Fields Other than Medicine	5.4%
Medicine	10.3%	Veterinary Medicine	3.2%
Law	9.5%	Agriculture and Natural Resources	2.8%
Biological Sciences	6.3%	Social Sciences	2.4%

■ Fellowships

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

2016		2017	
Gates Cambridge Scholarship	2	Carnegie Scholarship	1
Goldwater Scholarship	4	Goldwater Scholarship	1
Marshall Scholarship	1	Rhodes Scholarship	1
Schwarzman Scholarship	3	Schwarzman Scholarship	3
Udall Scholarship	1	Truman Scholarship	2
		Udall Scholarship	3

Employment

■ Employers Hiring the Most Cornellians

Amazon	Four Seasons Hotels and Resorts
Bank of America Merrill Lynch	General Electric
Barclays	Goldman Sachs
Blackrock	Google
Capital One	IBM
Citigroup	JPMorgan Chase
Cornell University	Microsoft
Deloitte Consulting	Oracle
EY	Teach for America
Facebook	Unilever

■ How Undergraduates Found Their Jobs

Previous internship, job, or volunteer experience	28.0%
Job Posting	22.9%
Referral, personal contact, or networking	18.3%
Interview through on-campus recruiting	15.8%
Career Fair/Consortium	5.5%
Direct Contact (without knowledge of openings)	5.0%
Entrepreneurial venture	<1.0%

■ Salary Statistics for Bachelor's Degree Recipients

	2016	2017
Mean Salary	\$63,071	\$65,187
Median Salary	\$62,400	\$65,000

■ Salary Statistics by Geographic Location

	Percent of Response	Mean Salary
Metropolitan New York City	40.3%	\$68,425
West	16.6%	\$81,269
Mid-Atlantic	12.3%	\$60,184
New England	9.4%	\$61,876
Midwest	6.1%	\$55,702
Upstate New York	5.0%	\$46,828
Southeast	3.8%	\$46,168
Southwest	3.5%	\$55,638
International	2.4%	\$38,923
Canada	<1.0%	\$43,334

■ Salary Statistics by Employment Sector

	<i>Percent of Response</i>	<i>Mean Salary</i>
Public Sector/Nonprofit		
Education	6.0%	\$41,423
Government	3.0%	\$38,217
Other Nonprofit Organization	2.6%	\$43,187
Labor	<1.0%	\$40,528
Business/Industry		
Technology	17.3%	\$87,082
Financial Services	16.7%	\$77,848
Consulting	13.6%	\$66,207
Hospitality	6.7%	\$51,207
Manufacturing	5.0%	\$66,338
Retail	4.3%	\$73,396
Real Estate	3.5%	\$64,659
Communications/Media	2.9%	\$51,232
Law	2.7%	\$44,004
Architecture/Design	2.6%	\$51,294
Biotechnology/Pharmaceuticals	1.9%	\$60,740
Agriculture	1.8%	\$46,907