

Preliminary Class of 2011 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 August 3, 2011, and summarizes postgraduate activities for the University.

Response

■ Response Rates

	<i>Total Surveyed</i>	<i>Responses</i>	<i>Response Rate</i>
University	4,093	1,778	43.4%
Agriculture and Life Sciences	1,052	448	42.5%
Architecture, Art and Planning	128	32	25.0%
Arts and Sciences	1,306	485	37.1%
Engineering	787	374	47.5%
Hotel Administration	241	196	81.3%
Human Ecology	325	93	28.6%
ILR	252	150	59.5%

Postgraduate Activities

■ Activities by College

	<i>Employed</i>	<i>Graduate School</i>	<i>Other Endeavors</i>
University	49.9%	28.8%	21.3%
Agriculture and Life Sciences	46.7%	23.2%	30.1%
Architecture, Art and Planning	31.3%	28.1%	40.6%
Arts and Sciences	40.9%	35.3%	23.8%
Engineering	47.3%	42.2%	10.5%
Hotel Administration	79.6%	5.1%	15.3%
Human Ecology	37.6%	28.0%	34.4%
ILR	67.3%	22.0%	10.7%

Graduate/Professional Studies

■ Most Frequently Selected Fields

Engineering	24.1%	Computer and Information Sciences	4.5%
Law	14.3%	Other Health Fields	4.3%
Medicine	13.9%	Veterinary Medicine	3.5%
Biological Sciences	9.6%	Social Sciences	3.1%
Physical Sciences	4.9%	Business and Management	2.7%

■ Fellowships

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

2011		2010	
Carnegie Scholarship	1	Churchill Scholarship	1
Gates Cambridge Scholarship	3	Goldwater Scholarship	2
Goldwater Scholarship	2	Marshall Scholarship	1
Luce Scholarship	2	Truman Scholarship	1
Marshall Scholarship	1	Udall Scholarship	1
Udall Scholarship	2		

Employment

■ Employers Hiring the Most Cornellians

Barclays Capital	Goldman Sachs
Citigroup	Google
Deloitte Consulting	JPMorgan Chase
Ernst & Young	Morgan Stanley
General Electric	Teach for America

■ How Undergraduates Found Their Jobs

Previous internship, job, or volunteer experience	26.9%
Interview through on-campus recruiting	24.7%
Job posting	20.5%
Referral, personal contact, or networking	18.1%
Career Fair/Consortium	6.8%
Cold call or letter (without knowledge of openings)	2.3%
Entrepreneurial venture	<1.0%

■ Salary Statistics for Bachelor's Degree Recipients

	2011	2010
Mean Salary	\$53,590	\$50,980
Median Salary	\$55,000	\$50,000

■ Salary Statistics by Geographic Location

	Percent of Response	Mean Salary
Metropolitan New York City	39.6%	\$58,316
Mid-Atlantic	16.8%	\$52,316
West	11.5%	\$59,607
New England	9.0%	\$50,856
Upstate New York	6.6%	\$37,017
Midwest	5.7%	\$50,383
Southeast	4.6%	\$45,185
Southwest	4.4%	\$51,524
International	1.8%	\$53,889

■ Salary Statistics by Employment Sector

	<i>Percent of Response</i>	<i>Mean Salary</i>
Public Sector/Nonprofit		
Education	7.9%	\$34,278
Government	3.1%	\$45,183
Other Nonprofit Organization	2.3%	\$35,401
Labor	<1.0%	\$44,947
Business/Industry		
Financial Services	24.5%	\$65,298
Consulting	14.2%	\$57,023
Technology	11.3%	\$67,061
Hospitality	10.4%	\$44,790
General Business	9.8%	\$48,540
Manufacturing	3.3%	\$62,365
Biotechnology/Pharmaceuticals	2.5%	\$36,564
Communications/Media	2.5%	\$40,382
Agriculture	2.3%	\$37,722
Law	2.3%	\$43,342
Retail	2.0%	\$46,946
Insurance	1.0%	\$53,563