Class of 2018

Surveyed upon graduation (class of 2018), 70% of students planned to pursue employment and 21% planned to attend graduate or professional school, with the remaining 9% planning to travel, conduct other academic study or remain undecided. Within five years of graduation, 81% plan to enroll in graduate or professional school.

Employment Trends (first jobs upon graduation, 2014-2018)

Among graduating seniors, the largest percentages have entered research and business careers over the past five years. Additional career fields with higher concentrations of graduates have included education, public service, technology/engineering, and law.

25% of graduates chose business careers including consulting, investment banking, financial/actuarial services, marketing/advertising, human resources and management

24% of graduates chose research careers:
- 15% scientific research in academic settings, medical or pharmaceutical laboratories
- 6% economics and policy research
- 3% other types of research

18% of graduates chose technology/engineering careers

10% of graduates chose education careers, primarily teaching in the US or abroad

10% of graduates chose public service careers including roles in international development, voluntary service, government, non-profits, public health, religious and environmental organizations, counseling and community development

6% of graduates chose law careers

The top geographic locations where graduating students began their careers, 2014-2018:
- New York City 20%
- Philadelphia 19%
- Washington, D.C. 14%
- International 8%
- Boston 8%
- Northern California 6%

Advanced Study Trends

Of the seniors who enter graduate school immediately upon graduation:
- 46% enter Ph.D. programs
- 31% enter Master’s programs
- 11% pursue medical degrees
- 9% pursue law degrees
Advanced Study Trends - Continued

The top attended universities of those students immediately entering graduate school are:

1. Harvard University
2. University of Pennsylvania
3. Yale University
4. Princeton University
5. Stanford University
6. Massachusetts Institute of Technology
7. Cornell University
8. University of Oxford
9. Columbia University
10. University of Chicago

The top graduate fields are:

- Math and Physical Sciences 31%
- Life Sciences 20%
- Humanities 19%
- Social Sciences 18%
- Engineering 13%