Job Placement Survey of Class of 2018

The Department of Library and Information Science at the Catholic University of America conducted a job placement survey of 27 graduates who graduated in Summer 2017, Fall 2017, and Spring 2018. The results will be included in the Library Journal report, published each October, on placement rates of graduates of ALA-accredited programs. Six (22%) of the 27 graduates invited to participate took part in the survey. The low response rate makes it hard for the department to understand the overall employment development and status of its graduates. However, it is believed that the following data are still valuable for the department to learn the career development of graduates.

Major findings:

- 80% of respondents were employed full-time
- 33% of respondents were employed in a library or information setting before beginning the program
- 80% of respondents were in a permanent employment position.
- 20% of respondents were employed in a government library (state or federal government agency)
- 50% of respondents are responsible for digital content management in their current placement
- 60% of respondents were satisfied with their current job
- 100% received a raise upon granting of the MSLIS degree
- The average annual salary for the 6 respondents is $54,250
Do you have a full-time or part-time position?

80% Full-time
20% Part-time

Which type of position do you hold?

- Librarian working in a library: 80%
- Librarian not working in a library: 70%
- Non-librarian working in a library: 60%
- Non-librarian not working in a library: 10%
When did you begin your job search?

- A year or more prior to graduation: 20%
- 7 to 11 months before graduation: 15%
- 4 to 6 months before graduation: 10%
- 1 to 3 months before graduation: 10%
- Upon graduating: 35%
- More than a month after graduation: 20%

If you remained with an existing employer upon graduation, did the granting of the Master's degree change your employment status? Check all that apply.

- Moved from support staff to professional staff: 0%
- Received promotion: 50%
- Eligible for tenure: 0%
- Received a raise: 50%
- No change: 0%