The Department of Library and Information Science at the Catholic University of America conducted a job placement survey of 39 graduates who graduated in Summer 2015, Fall 2015, and Spring 2016 in June 2017. The results are included in the Library Journal report, published each October, on placement rates of graduates of ALA-accredited programs. Among 39, 8 graduates (20.5%) took part in the survey. A small number of responses 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:

- 85.7% of respondents were employed full-time.
- 83.4% of respondents were employed in a library or information center institution.
- 83.3% of respondents were in a permanent employment position.
- 33.3% of respondents were employed in a government library (state or federal government agency).
- 66.7% of respondents were satisfied with their current job.
- Fieldwork, practicum or internship was the most frequently mentioned activity as the most helpful or important in obtaining the first professional position among the respondents.
- When the respondent was asked to identify the most valuable skills acquired in the MSLIS program, top skills selected were “cataloging/metadata,” “information organization,” and “information technology,”
- 33.3% of respondents remained with an employer or position held prior to or while attending the MSLIS program.
- The average annual salary for six respondents is $59,291.17.

Q5. Is Library/Information Science the first professional career you have pursued?

- Yes, 42.9%
- No, 57.1%
- No, 0.0%
Q6. Were you working in a library or information setting before you started the MSLIS program?

- Yes, 28.6%
- No, 71.4%

Q7. What is your current employment status?

- Employed full-time, 85.7%
- Still seeking employment, 14.3%
Q9. Where are you currently employed?

- Employed in a library or information science institution, 66.7%
- Employed in a library or information science capacity but not in a library or information science institution, 16.7%
- Employed outside of the LIS field, 16.7%

Q10. In which type of organization are you currently employed? Please select one.

- Government library (state or federal government agency), 33.3%
- Nonprofit other than a library, 16.7%
- School Library, 16.7%
- Public Library, 16.7%
- Other (please specify), 16.7%
Q12. Which is your primary job assignment? Select only one.

- Access services, 16.7%
- Administration, 16.7%
- Children’s services, 16.7%
- Reference/information services, 16.7%
- School librarian/School Library Media Specialist, 16.7%
- Other, 16.7%

Q15. Are you satisfied with your current placement?

- Yes, 66.7%
- No, 33.3%
Q18. After graduation, did you remain with an employer or position held prior to or while attending the MSLIS program?

- Yes, 33.3%
- No, 66.7%

Q19. 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: 50.0%
- Received promotion: 50.0%
- No change: 50.0%
Q24. Which experiences/activities do you feel were the most helpful or important in obtaining your first professional position? Check all that apply.

- Subject specialization (Cataloging, reference, etc.)
- Type of information agency specialization
- Technological skills
- Fieldwork, practicum, or internship
- Networking with professionals in the field
- Additional certifications in conjunction with master's degree
- Other

Q25. What are the most valuable skills you acquired in the MSLIS program?

- Analytical Skills
- Cataloging/Metadata
- Critical Thinking
- Information Organization
- Information Technology
- Leadership
- Marketing
- Negotiating
- Programming
- Project Management
- Research
- Other
Q34. Is your position temporary or permanent?
- Temporary, 16.7%
- Permanent, 83.3%

Q37. Did you find employment prior to graduation?
- Yes, 25.0%
- No, 75.0%