LIS Job Placement Survey of Class of 2016

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.

























