

Boston College First Destinations: Class of 2019

Executive Summary

The purpose of the Boston College Post-Graduation Plans Survey is to track recent graduates' future plans via topics such as their primary activity six months post-graduation, employment industries, the timing of offers and starting salary information, graduate school enrollment by program, degree, and institution, and the organizations through which recent graduates engage in fellowships and service work.

Serving as partners in this data collection effort, the Career Center and Institutional Research & Planning have utilized a variety of resources to supplement information gathered via the traditional survey administration process, resulting in a set of information collected from graduating seniors that provides valuable data for faculty, administrators, and employers to better serve students in their career-planning activities. The survey administration process, and methods in which the data are reported, both conform to the guidelines put forth by the National Association of Colleges and Employers, the leading resource for information on post-graduation plans, hiring forecasts, job market trends and employment-related best practices and benchmarks.

Summary

- The survey was administered online from April 2019 through December 2019 to all members of the undergraduate Class of 2019 and yielded a 54.5% response rate.
- Data from the National Student Clearinghouse, internal Boston College sources, and public data were compiled to supplement survey data, yielding an additional 23.5%.
- Input was collected for 1,735 students (a 78% knowledge rate).

Highlights

- More than 9 out of 10 members of the Class of 2019 (95%) indicated that they are employed, attending graduate school, engaging in service/volunteering, or participating in a fellowship.
- The median salary reported by members of the Class of 2019 is \$60,000 with the middle 50% of students reporting salaries between \$47,250 and \$71,000.
- A broad range of industries is represented for those

cal Sciences, Environment (16%); and Business Services, Consulting, Management (13%).

- For graduates who are employed, the majority received job offers by the end of their second semester senior year (76%).

