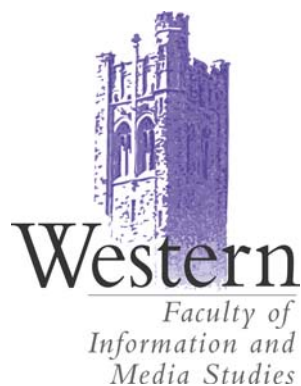


2006 Master of Library & Information Science Placement Survey

FACULTY OF INFORMATION AND MEDIA STUDIES

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SUMMARY

Of the 143 students who graduated from the Master of Library and Information Science program in 2006, 45 completed the placement survey. This represents an overall response rate of 31.4%.

Note: The majority of statistics that follow in this report (e.g. type of employment, location, etc.) pertain to those respondents who reported finding employment.

Placement Rate

Of the 45 respondents, 43 reported finding employment. This represents a 96% placement rate. 93% of employed respondents reported working in positions related to the MLIS degree. The majority of respondents are employed in full-time positions (87%), most in permanent positions (76%).

Salary

Graduates holding full-time positions reported an annual salary range from \$33,000 to \$70,000. The median full-time salary was \$50,000.

Types of Placement and Job Assignment

Graduates accepted positions in many different types of organizations, the most common being public libraries (28%) and university or college libraries (23%). The most common primary job assignment reported was reference or information services (31%).

Co-op Program Most Influential in Securing Employment

Nearly 64% of respondents participated in the MLIS Co-op Program. Nearly half of respondents (48%) identified their co-op experience as being the factor that was most helpful in securing employment.

Length of Job Search

Approximately 33% of employed respondents reported finding employment within three months of completing the degree, with an additional 26% within three to six months, including 11 students who secured positions prior to graduation. Nearly 84% of employed respondents had secured employment within six months of graduation.

Location of Placement

Nearly all employed respondents reported being employed within Canada, with the majority located in Ontario (77%).

SURVEY DATA

Total Number of Survey Respondents: 45

Table 1: Gender		
	No.	%
Female	31	70.5%
Male	13	29.5%
	44	100.0%

Table 2: Employment Status		
	No.	%
Full-Time	39	86.7%
Part-Time	4	8.9%
Not Employed	2	4.4%
	45	100.0%

Table 3: Relation of Employment to MLIS Degree		
	No.	%
Yes (Related)	40	93.0%
No (Not Related)	3	7.0%
	43	100.0%

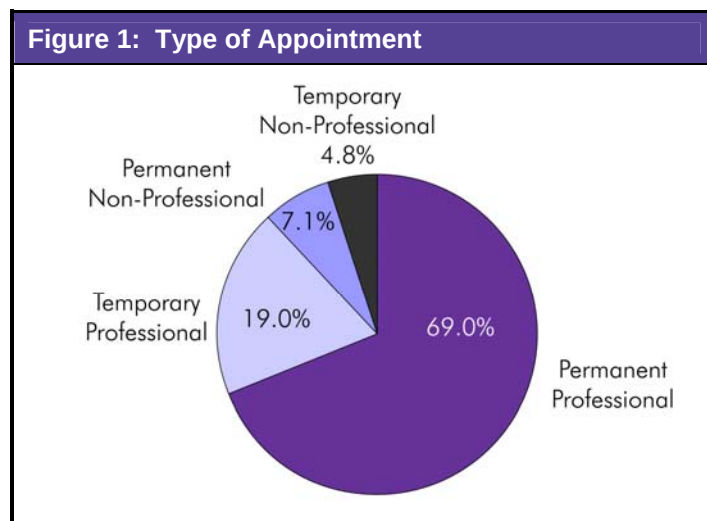


Table 4: Reported Full-Time Salaries	
Low Salary	\$33,000
High Salary	\$70,000
Median Salary	\$50,000
Average Salary	\$48,466

Number of respondents who included salary data for a full-time position = 39

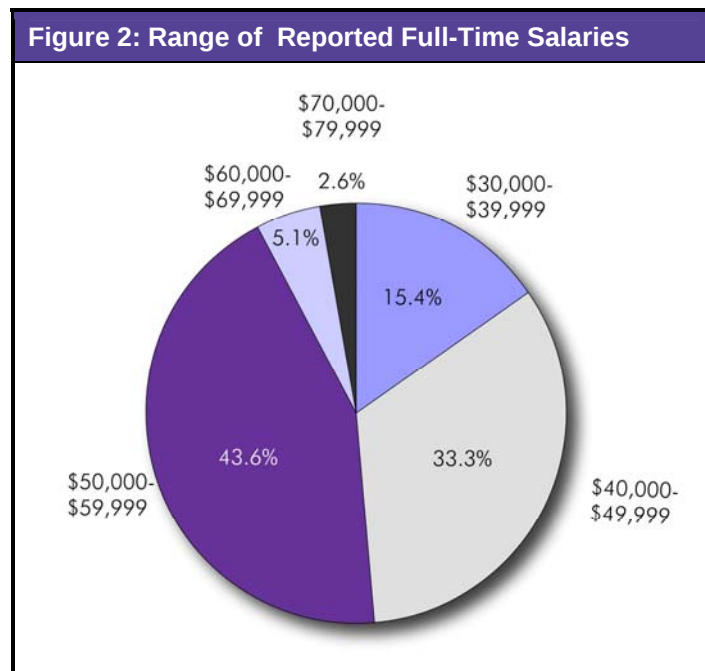


Table 5: Type of Organization		
	No.	%
Archives	1	2.3%
Government Library	5	11.6%
Public Library	12	27.9%
Special Library	4	9.3%
University or College Library	10	23.3%
*Other (please specify)	11	25.6%
	43	100.0%

*Other: Bookseller (1)
University (3)
Government (Non-Library) (2)
High School (1)
Hospital Foundation (1)
Non-Profit Organization (1)
Provincial Public Library Service (1)
Scholarly Press (1)

Table 6: Primary Job Assignment		
	No.	%
Acquisitions	1	2.4%
Administration/Management	3	7.1%
Archives	1	2.4%
Cataloguing	2	4.8%
Circulation	1	2.4%
Collections	1	2.4%
Database Management	2	4.8%
Information Literacy Instruct.	6	14.3%
Interlibrary Loans	1	2.4%
Marketing, Outreach, Public Relations	1	2.4%
Reference/Information Services	13	31.0%
Systems/Network Manager	1	2.4%
Youth and Children's Services	3	7.1%
*Other (please specify)	6	14.3%
	42	100.0%

*Other: Advising (1)
Editor (1)
Privacy Officer (1)
Serials (1)
Teacher (1)

Table 7: Did you participate in Co-op?		
	No.	%
Yes	28	63.6%
No (Not Related)	16	36.4%
	44	100.0%

Table 8: Skill or Knowledge Most Influential in Securing Employment		
	No.	%
Co-op experience	20	47.6%
Management, marketing, communication skills	4	9.5%
Subject specialization (cataloguing, reference, business, science, etc.)	4	9.5%
Technological skills	3	7.1%
Type of library environment (academic, public, special, school, etc.)	6	14.3%
Other	5	11.9%
	42	100.0%

*Other: Instructional Strategies course (1)
Prospect Research & Fundraising course (1)
Instructional skills (1)

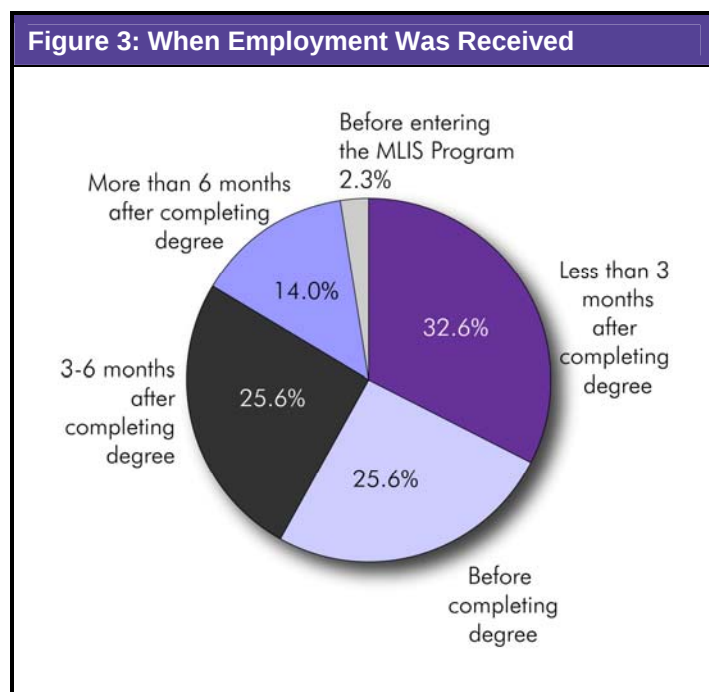


Table 9: Location of Placement		
	No.	%
Alberta	1	2.3%
British Columbia	2	4.7%
Manitoba	1	2.3%
New Brunswick	3	7.0%
Ontario	33	76.7%
Saskatchewan	2	4.7%
U.S.	1	2.3%
	43	100.0%

Table 10: Situation of Graduates Currently Not Employed in a Library / Information Field		
	No.	%
Working in another field	3	50.0%
Seeking employment in the LIS field	2	33.3%
Other	1	16.7%
	6	100.00%