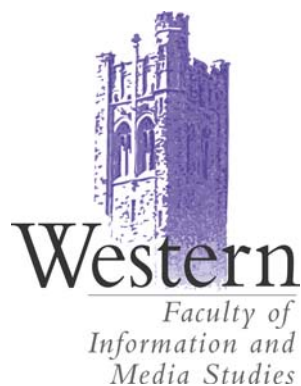


2007 Master of Library & Information Science Placement Survey

FACULTY OF INFORMATION AND MEDIA STUDIES

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**2007 Placement Survey of MLIS Graduates
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SUMMARY

Of the 145 students who graduated from the Master of Library and Information Science program in 2007, 48 completed the placement survey. This represents an overall response rate of 33.1%.

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 48 respondents, 44 reported finding employment. This represents a 92% placement rate. 89% of employed respondents reported working in positions related to the MLIS degree. The majority of respondents are employed in full-time positions (70%).

Salary

Graduates holding full-time positions reported an annual salary range from \$30,000 to \$76,500. 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 (30%) and university or college libraries (26%). The most common primary job assignment reported was reference or information services (30%).

Skill or Knowledge Most Influential in Securing Employment

Approximately one third of respondents (30%) identified their co-op experience as the factor that was most helpful in securing employment. Subject specialization was next at nearly 20%.

Length of Job Search

Approximately 41% of employed respondents reported finding employment within three months of completing the degree, with an additional 9% within three to six months. Twelve students had secured positions prior to graduation. Within six months after graduation, almost 80% of respondents were employed (not including those who had employment before entering the program).

Location of Placement

All employed respondents reported being employed within Canada, with the majority located in Ontario (72%).

SURVEY DATA

Total Number of Survey Respondents: 48

Table 1: Gender		
	No.	%
Female	41	93.2%
Male	3	6.8%
	44	100.0%

Table 2: Employment Status		
	No.	%
Full-Time	33	70.2%
Part-Time	10	21.3%
Not Employed	4	8.5%
	47	100.0%

Table 3: Relation of Employment to MLIS Degree		
	No.	%
Yes (Related)	39	88.6%
No (Not Related)	5	11.4%
	44	100.0%

Table 4: Type of Appointment		
	No.	%
Permanent Professional	20	46.5%
Temporary Professional	14	32.6%
Permanent Non-Professional	6	14.0%
Temporary Non-Professional	3	7.0%
	43	100.0%

Table 5: Reported Full-Time Salaries	
Low Salary	\$30,000
High Salary	\$76,500
Median Salary	\$50,000
Average Salary	\$49,992

Number of respondents who included salary data for a full-time position = 33

Table 6: Range of Reported Full-Time Salaries		
	No.	%
\$30,000 – \$39,999	6	18.2%
\$40,000 – \$49,999	9	27.3%
\$50,000 – \$59,999	10	30.3%
\$60,000 – \$69,999	7	21.2%
\$70,000 – \$79,999	1	3.0%
	33	100.0%

Table 7: Type of Organization		
	No.	%
Government Library	4	9.3%
Public Library	13	30.2%
Special Library	2	4.7%
School Library	1	2.3%
University or College Library	11	25.6%
*Other (please specify)	12	27.9%
	43	100.0%

***Other:**

Children's Treatment Centre (1)
 College Continuing Education (1)
 Consultant (1)
 Data Analyst (1)
 Financial Industry (1)
 Law Firm Records Management (1)
 Manufacturing (1)
 Research and Translation (1)
 Retail (2)
 University Administration (1)
 University Research (1)

Table 8: Primary Job Assignment		
	No.	%
Administration/Management	6	13.6%
Archives	1	2.3%
Circulation	2	4.5%
Collections	1	2.3%
Database Management	2	4.5%
Government Documents	1	2.3%
Indexing/Abstracting	1	2.3%
Information Literacy Instruct.	2	4.5%
Interlibrary Loans	2	4.5%
Reference/Information Services	13	29.5%
Teacher-Librarian	2	4.5%
Youth and Children's Services	4	9.1%
*Other (please specify)	7	15.9%
	44	100.0%

***Other:**

Corporate Records Management (1)
 Information Management (1)
 Liaison Officer (1)
 Research Databases and Writing, Editing Production (1)
 Retail Sales (2)
 Writing and Editing (1)

Table 9: Did you participate in Co-op?		
	No.	%
Yes	22	51.2%
No (Not Related)	21	48.8%
	43	100.0%

Table 10: Skill or Knowledge Most Influential in Securing Employment		
	No.	%
Co-op experience	14	30.4%
Management, marketing, communication skills	7	15.2%
Subject specialization (cataloguing, reference, business, science, etc.)	9	19.6%
Technological skills	4	8.7%
Type of library environment (academic, public, special, school, etc.)	3	6.5%
Other	9	19.6%
	45	100.0%

*Other: Pre-MLIS Experience (1)
Reference Instructional Strategies (1)
Information Literacy Instruction (1)
Already Employed (1)
Knowledge of Social Software (1)
Previous Job Experience (1)
Employment not related at all (1)
Not Employed (1)
None (1)

Table 11: When Employment Was Received		
	No.	%
Before Entering MLIS Program	5	11.4%
Before Completing Degree	12	27.3%
Less Than Three Months After Graduation	18	40.9%
3 – 6 Months After Graduation	4	9.1%
More Than Six Months After Graduation	5	11.4%
	44	100.0%

Table 12: Location of Placement		
	No.	%
Alberta	7	16.3%
British Columbia	3	7.0%
Manitoba	1	2.3%
Ontario	31	72.1%
Saskatchewan	1	2.3%
	43	100.0%

Table 13: Situation of Graduates Currently Not Employed in a Library / Information Field		
	No.	%
Further study in LIS	1	12.5%
Working in another field	2	25.0%
Seeking employment in the LIS field	4	50.0%
Other	1	12.5%
	8	100.0%

***Other:** Joining an organization not related (1)