

2021 MASTER OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE PLACEMENT SURVEY

SUMMARY OF REPORT:

A total of 120 students graduated from the Master of Library and Information Science program in 2021. Of those graduates, 23 completed the placement survey. This represents an overall response rate of 19.2%.

Note: Response rate continues to be impacted due to the Covid-19 pandemic in 2021. The majority of graduates attended very few in-person courses as distance courses remained the norm.

Placement Rate

Of the 23 respondents, 23 reported finding employment. This represents 100% placement rate. Of those employed, 100% have secured a position related to their MLIS degree. Of the 23 respondents with employment related to their MLIS degree, 17 obtained full-time employment (74%), including 17 people who are in permanent positions.

Salary

The responding graduates holding full-time positions related to their MLIS degree reported an annual salary range from **\$40,000 to \$112,000**. The average full-time salary was **\$64,000**.

Types of Placement and Job Assignment

Positions were obtained in many different types of organizations with the most common being public libraries (40%) and academic libraries (26%). The primary job / assignment reported most often was Reference/Information Services (35%), followed by Programming (30%) and Collection Management (22% respectively).

Skill or Knowledge Most Influential in Securing Employment

This year, 13 respondents (57%) with employment related to their MLIS degree participated in the MLIS Co-op Program during their studies. All respondents also identified co-op or practicum experience as most helpful in securing their first job.

Length of Job Search

Of the 23 respondents employed in various LIS related fields, none were employed prior to entering the program, while 30% of the respondents reported securing employment before graduation. An additional 26% indicated that they found employment in less than three months after graduation and another 39% reported obtaining employment within three to six months. Altogether, 95% of the respondents were engaged in LIS employment within 6 months of graduation.

Location of Placement

All respondents reported being employed within Canada, with the majority of positions located in Ontario (83%).

SURVEY DATA

Total Number of Survey Respondents: 54

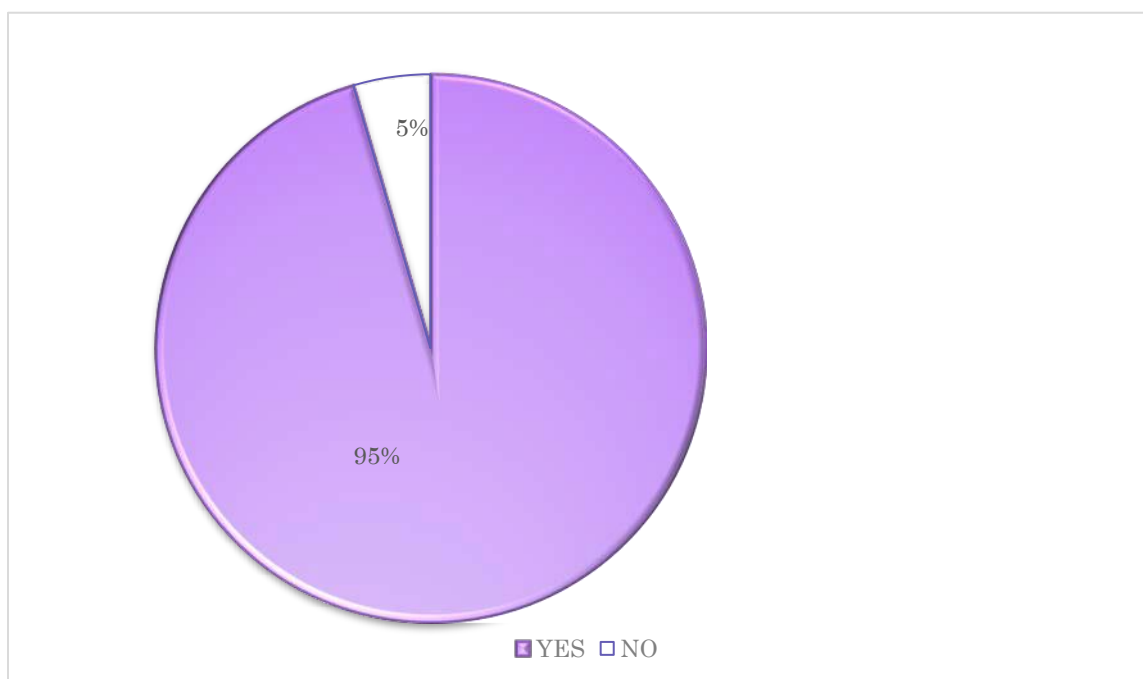
What is your current employment status?

	Count	%
Full-Time	21	91%
Part-Time	2	8.7%
Not Employed	0	0%
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3. (For those who found employment)

Is your current employment related to your MLIS degree?

	Count	%
Yes	22	96%
No	1	4.5%
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The statistics that follow in this report pertain to those respondents who reported finding employment related to their MLIS degree.

4. What is your current type of appointment / employment?

	Count	%
Permanent Professional	17	74%
Temporary Professional	6	26%
	23	

5. Reported Full-time Annual Salaries

Lowest Salary	\$40,000
Highest Salary	\$112,000
Average Salary	\$64,000
Total # of respondents	21

6. Range of Reported Full-Time Salaries

	Count	%
\$39,999 & under	0	0%
\$40,000 – \$49,999	1	4.8%
\$50,000 – \$59,999	6	29%
\$60,000 – \$69,999	7	33%
\$70,000 & above	7	33%
Total # of respondents	21	100

7. In what type of organization is your current position? (Select ONE only)

	Count
Academic Library	5
Public Library	10
School Library	2
Special Library	1
Other*	5
	23

*Others included:

Research Institute

Law firm

Regional Government (Records Management)

Software company

8. What is your primary job assignment (may select up to a maximum of 3 options)

	Count
Access to Information / Privacy Officer	1
Administration/Management	4
Archives	6
Cataloging / Metadata	4
Collections Management	6
Communication & Public Relations	3
Database Management	2
E-Resources	2
Govt. Information	2
Information Literacy	3
Liaison	1
Outreach Community Development	2
Programming	9
Records / Information Management	2
Reference/Information Services	8
Research / Consultation	2
Scholarly Communication	1
Other	2
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Other options include:

Law Librarian

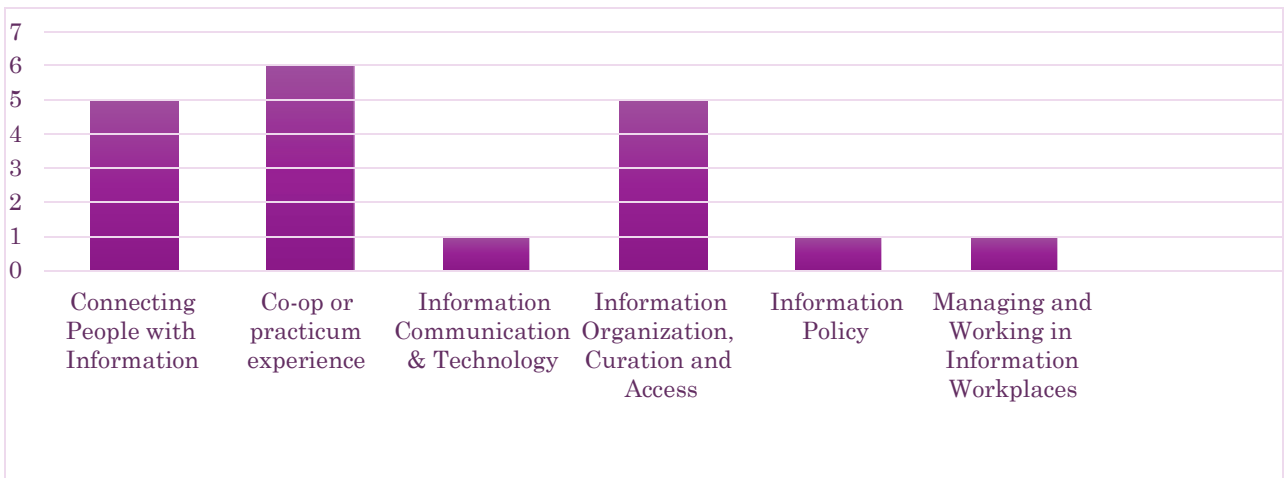
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9. Did you participate in Co-op?

	Count
Yes	13
No	10
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10. What is the ONE area of knowledge / skill you've acquired while in your MLIS program that you considered most helpful in securing your first job?

	Count
Connecting People with Information	5
Co-op or practicum experience	6
Information Communication & Technology	1
Information Organization, Curation and Access	5
Information Policy	1
Managing and Working in Information Workplaces	1
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11. When did you obtain employment?

	Count
Before entering MLIS program	2
Before completing degree	15
Less than three months after completing degree	11
Three-six months after completing degree	11
More than six months after completing degree	4
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12. Location of Placements

	Counts
Alberta	1
Saskatchewan	1
Manitoba	2
Ontario	18
New Brunswick	1
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