

# BEYOND NORTHWESTERN

## THE UNDERGRADUATE CLASS OF 2021

highlights

### First destination study six months after graduation

This report represents data from 1651 (80.5%) members of the Class of 2021. 2052 undergraduate students graduated in Fall 2020, Winter 2021, Spring 2021, and Summer 2021, according to the University Registrar.

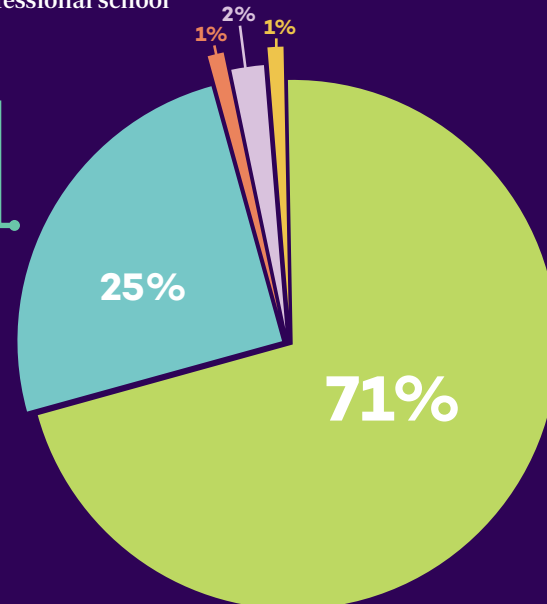
19%	Business Services, Financial Services, Investment Banking
16%	Consulting
14%	Communications, Marketing, Media
13%	Engineering
8%	Technology
6%	Biotechnology, Healthcare, Pharmaceutical
6%	Government, Non-profit
4%	Education, Teaching
4%	Entertainment
3%	Research, Science
3%	Law
2%	Other
1%	Performing, Visual Arts

### WHERE IS THE CLASS OF 2021 NOW?

Within six months of graduation:

- 71%** were employed
- 25%** were enrolled in graduate or professional school, or participating in a fellowship
- 1%** were engaged in military service, volunteer work, or other career-related activities

- 2%** were actively job searching
- 1%** were actively applying to graduate or professional school



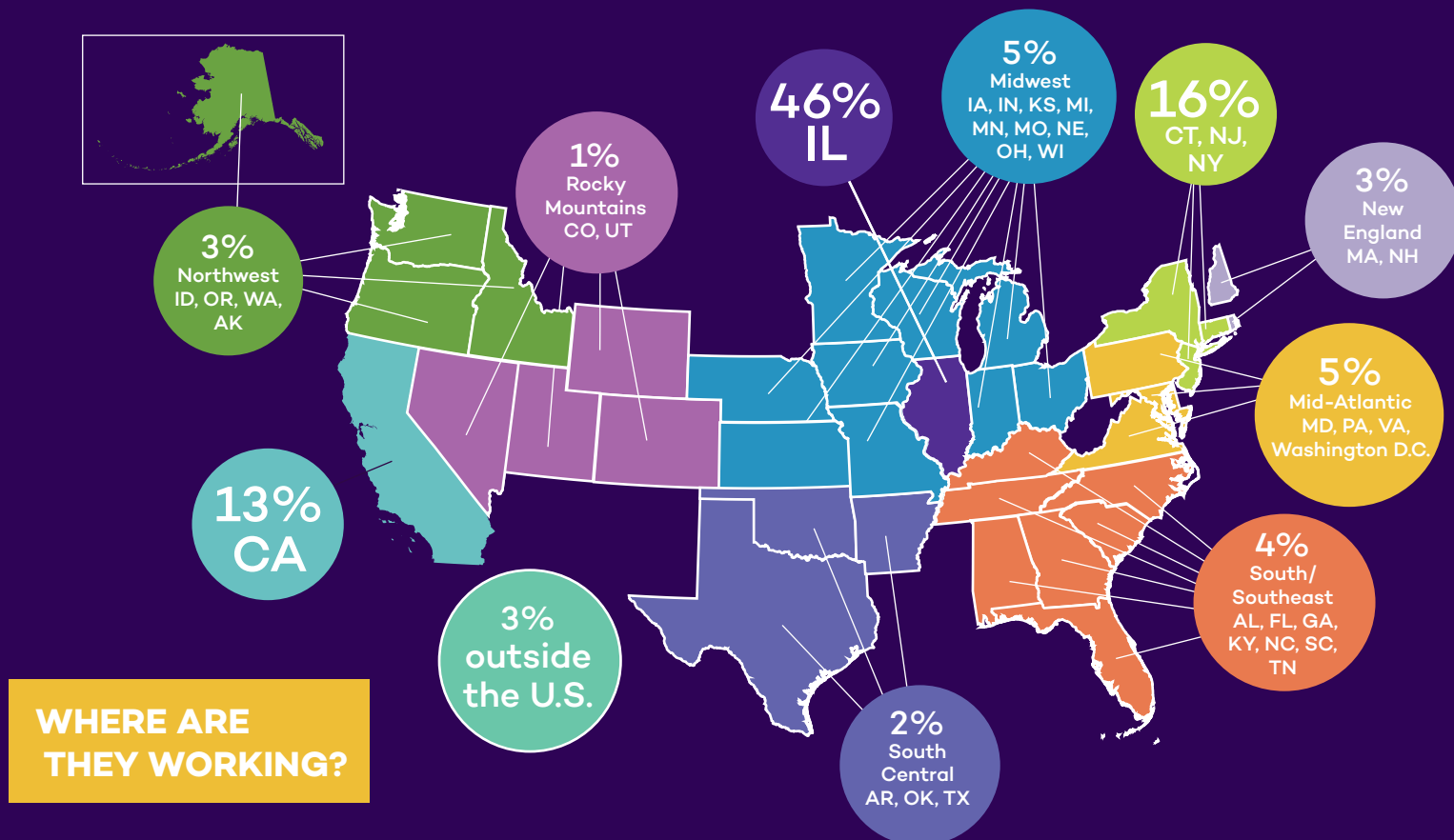
### CLASS OF 2020 EMPLOYMENT

1,870 (71.5%) recent graduates were employed six months after graduation. Industry information was available for 1,114 of these graduates.

### SALARY INFORMATION

Industry	Mean	Range
Biotechnology, Healthcare, Pharmaceuticals	\$50,588	\$20,000-\$83,000
Business Services	\$67,400	\$35,000-\$95,000
Communications, Marketing, Media	\$49,358	\$30,000-\$95,000
Consulting	\$82,340	\$55,000-\$100,000
Education, Teaching	\$37,781	\$16,000-\$80,000
Engineering	\$80,643	\$45,00-\$175,000
Entertainment	\$47,696	\$32,000-\$80,000
Financial Services	\$79,434	\$33,000-\$125,000
Government, Non-profit	\$40,450	\$10,000-\$72,000
Investment Banking	\$98,125	\$65,000-\$110,000
Law	\$46,117	\$30,000-\$60,000
Research, Science	\$44,683	\$32,000-\$101,000
Technology	\$96,880	\$40,000-\$180,000

Starting salary information was available for approximately 435 of the recent graduates who were employed full-time six months after graduation.



Locations were available for 1,012 employed recent graduates.  
For virtual work, location of the company was prioritized over location of the student/alumni.

## EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES, INTERNSHIPS, RESEARCH, AND DEEP INVOLVEMENT

### EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

As part of the 2021 Post-Graduation Survey (one source of information for this study), recent graduates were given a list of 21 experiential learning opportunities and asked to check all those in which they had participated as undergraduates. 572 recent graduates responded to this question.

**86.01%** reported that they had engaged in one or more experiential learning opportunities.

### INTERNSHIPS

**70.63%** reported that they had participated in one or more internship experiences.

### RESEARCH

**56.57%** reported that they had participated in one or more research experiences.

### DEEP INVOLVEMENT

**92.29%** reported that they had been “deeply” involved in one or more student organizations, clubs, or varsity athletics.

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