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THE UNDERGRADUATE CLASS OF 2017

First destination study six months after graduation

This report represents data from 1,618 (78%) members of the Class of 2017. 2,080 undergraduate students graduated in Fall 2016, Winter 2017, Spring 2017, and Summer 2017, according to the University Registrar.

WHERE IS THE CLASS OF 2017 NOW?

Within six months of graduation:
- **73%** were employed
- **22%** 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
- **3%** were actively job searching
- **1%** were actively applying to graduate or professional school

CLASS OF 2017 EMPLOYMENT

1,178 (73%) recent graduates were employed six months after graduation. Industry information was available for 1,120 of these graduates.

SCHOOL/COLLEGE | NUMBER OF RECENT GRADUATES | AVERAGE SALARY
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Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences | 214 | $54,150
McCormick School of Engineering and Applied Science | 125 | $72,175
School of Education and Social Policy | 61 | $51,824
School of Communication | 55 | $42,683
Medill School of Journalism, Media, Integrated Marketing Communications | 47 | $46,499
Bienen School of Music | 9 | $49,578

SALARY INFORMATION

Starting salary information was available for 511 of the recent graduates who were employed full-time six months after graduation. The average salary overall was $56,263. Salary data is influenced by the industry a student selects.
WHERE ARE THEY WORKING?

Locations were available for 1,074 employed recent graduates.

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES, INTERNSHIPS, RESEARCH, AND DEEP INVOLVEMENT

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES
As part of the 2017 Post-Graduation Survey (one source of information for this study), recent graduates were given a list of 22 experiential learning opportunities and asked to check all those in which they had participated as undergraduates. 775 recent graduates responded to this question.

92% reported that they had engaged in one or more experiential learning opportunities.

INTERNSHIPS
79% reported that they had participated in one or more internship experiences.

RESEARCH
57% reported that they had participated in one or more research experiences.

DEEP INVOLVEMENT
93% reported that they had been “deeply” involved in one or more student organizations, clubs, or varsity athletics.

If you have questions about this study, please contact the Executive Director of Northwestern Career Advancement, Dr. Mark Presnell, at mark.presnell@northwestern.edu.

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