MS AND MLA CAREER INFORMATION

This information comes from a survey administered to MS (NRE) and MLA students who graduated between December 2015 and April 2016.

Of 108 graduates, 72% (78/108) completed the survey. About 2% of survey respondents are employed in fields outside of environment and sustainability, so their responses are excluded from these statistics.

SALARY DATA

Yearly averages for MS (NRE) and MLA graduates working full-time in environment and sustainability fields within nine months of graduation.

- Dual-degree graduates (MS/MBA, MS/Law, etc.): $89,200
- MS and MLA graduates: $56,200
- Overall: $64,200

QUICK FACTS:

- 21% of survey respondents graduated with a dual degree. Examples of degrees paired with MS or MLA degrees include business, public health, engineering, economics, public policy, social work, law, and urban planning
- On average, it took MS and MLA graduates seven months from starting a job search to securing a job
- MS and MLA graduates secured employment on average three months after graduation
- Nine months after graduation, 74.3% of respondents had full-time positions; 4.1% were continuing their education
- An additional 12.2% of students had part-time employment, temporary/contract positions, or were engaged in service work
- Graduates first contact with their current employer was through:
  - Networking via alumni and personal connections (46.7%)
  - Online job postings, including eRecruiter (33.3%)
  - Previous work experience, including internships and master’s projects (10%)
  - U-M on-campus resources (10%)

WHERE 2015-2016 GRADUATES ARE EMPLOYED

* Includes full-time, part-time, and temporary positions
EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION ON MS (NRE) AND MLA GRADUATES WORKING IN ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY FIELDS - DATA FROM THE 2015-2016 ALUMNI SURVEY

PRIVATE

- AECOM (Water Resource Engineer) ++
- Boston Consulting Group (Consultant)
- Circlepoint (Project Associate) ++
- Customized Energy Solutions (Analyst - Renewable Services) ++
- DTE Energy (Finance & Strategy Associate) #
- Forum Studio (Landscape Architect)
- FWOLD (Landscape Designer) ++*
- Geronimo Energy (Solar Development Associate)
- Groovy Hopster Farm (Farm Manager)
- Huron Capital Partners (Vice President)
- ICF (Analyst) ++
- ICF (Analyst – Distributed Grid Strategy) #
- Jerry Pate Design (Design Associate) ++*
- Mission Throttle (Associate) +++#
- Mission Throttle (Associate)
- New South Package (Operations Manager)
- Nike (Supply Chain Innovation Manager) #
- Novomer, Inc. (Business Associate) #
- PA Consulting Group (Analyst)
- PA Consulting Group (Consulting Analyst) #
- Pacific Gas & Electric (MBA Leadership Associate) #
- Puget Sound Energy (Product Development Manager) #
- Land Planning and Design Associates (Project Designer) ++
- Southern California Edison (MBA Leadership Development Program Associate)
- Técnicas Reunidas (Assistant Project Coordinator) ++

ACADEMIC

- IFRI Forests & Livelihoods: Assessment, Research, Engagement (FLARE) (Database Management & Research Assistant) ++
- Michigan Sea Grant College Program (Communications Editor)
- Michigan Sea Grant/MSU Extension (Extension Educator)
- Michigan Tech Research Institute (Assistant Research Scientist)
- University of Michigan (Project Manager)
- University of Minnesota (Research Scientist) **

NON-PROFIT

- Environmental and Energy Study Institute (Policy Associate)
- Fair Food Network (Communications Associate)
- Friends of Waterfront Seattle (Public Space Activation Assistant)
- Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority (Interpreter)
- IslandWood (Environment Educator) ++
- Legacy Land Conservancy (Land Protection Coordinator)
- NSF International (Senior Project Manager)
- Project Healthy Schools (Wellness Coordinator) #
- The Stewardship Network (Project Coordinator)
- The William Davidson Institute (Research Associate)
- World Wildlife Fund (Program Officer)
- Ya’axche Conservation Trust (Botanical Research Project Manager)

GOVERNMENT

- American Conservation Experience (AmeriCorps Member)
- City of Detroit (Associate Landscape Architect)
- EPA (Environmental Protection Specialist)
- EPA (Ecologist)
- EPA Great Lakes National Program Office - ORISE (EPA ORISE Fellow)
- Lenawee County Conservation District (MAEAP Technician)
- New York Power Authority (Strategy Analyst)
- Peace Corps (Urban Garden Specialist)
- Port Authority of New York & New Jersey (Senior Energy Analyst) #
- San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (Strategic Planning Analyst)

* Master of Landscape Architecture (MLA)
** International Student
# Dual Degree
EMPLOYMENT SECTOR
QUICK FACTS

A total of 90.6% of survey respondents are employed in full-time positions, temporary jobs, or internships, or are continuing their education.

*Of the graduates working in government, 50% work for the federal government, 8.3% work for a state, and 41.7% work for a city government agency.

THE CAREER ADVANTAGE

JANA STEWART
MS/MPH ’16 (BEC)
Wellness Coordinator
at Project Healthy Schools

“The work and classroom experiences I had during my time at U-M are a large reason why my employer was interested in working with me. They liked that I completed several internships and had practice applying for funding and IRB proposals. My master’s project, independent study, internships, and coursework all provided me with a wide range of skills for which I also had real-life practice. They wanted someone who could be a self-guided, independent employee with a lot of different skills, from education and public speaking to project management and grant writing.”

PARKER ANDERSON
MLA/MS ’15 (LA/SS)
Research Scientist at
University of Minnesota

“After several years in the professional world, I was hesitant to return to school. That feeling was quickly eliminated once I took advantage of all the school and university communities had to offer. My program not only provided me with a deep understanding of the science behind the issues of my interest, but provided me with actual real world experience in addressing these issues and developing solutions. I could not have asked for a better graduate school experience. Go Blue!”
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT

QUICK FACTS
About 23% of survey respondents were international students. 67% of these graduates were employed full-time, nine months after graduation. 11% were enrolled in further education and 11% held temporary positions.

2015-2016 international students’ employment sectors

STUDENTS AND ALUMNI CAN:
- Upload resumes
- Apply for jobs and internships online
- Receive customized job postings via email
- View and RSVP for career events (students only)
- Find alumni

EMPLOYERS CAN:
- Post jobs and internships
- Search student and alumni resumes
- Set up on campus visits
- Create customized resume books

CAREER SERVICES
- Personalized job search assistance
- General career advising
- Mock interviews
- Career workshops and events
- Resume, CV, and cover letter reviews
- Connections with alumni

For more information about career services and to access eRecruiter, visit: http://seas.umich.edu/careers

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VITOR LIRA
MS ‘16 (BEC/EJ)
Project Associate at Circlepoint

“Not only did my master’s degree make the difference in the hiring process and my performance at work, the connections I made at Michigan helped me blaze a trail very few people are able to, especially since I am an international student.”

MEREDITH REISFIELD
MS ‘16 (SS)
Senior Project Manager at NSF International

“The interdisciplinary environment and emphasis on real-world capstone experiences, along with an open and enthusiastic alumni group, all helped me create the grad-school experience I was looking for and find a job that was exactly what I wanted to be doing upon graduating.”

BRITTANY BENNETT
MS ‘16 (Con Eco)
Ecologist at the EPA

“The interdisciplinary focus was crucial to my success in securing a position at the EPA. It was my diverse background in ecology, communications, and policy that set me apart from the rest.”

ALUMNI NETWORKING:
- Over 8,000 living alumni of the school
- Over 575,000 living alumni of the university
- Many alumni actively engaged in recruiting and networking with students