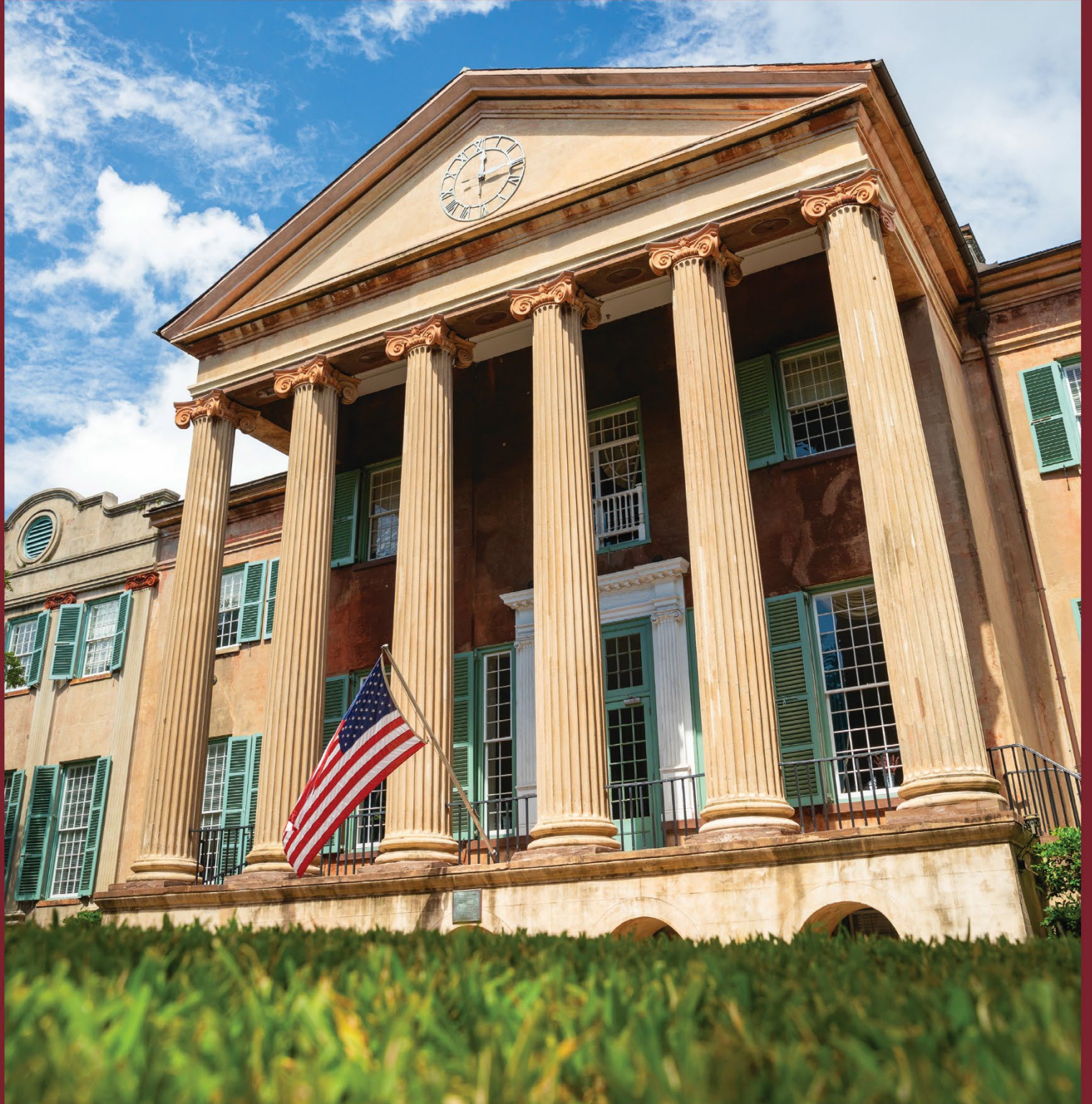




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2020 GRADUATE POST-
GRADUATION SURVEY
ANALYTICAL REPORT-SIX
MONTHS



2020 Graduate Post-Graduation Survey Analytical Report-Six Months

Part A. Graduate Education at the College of Charleston

Please select the program where you received your Master’s degree from the College of Charleston.

#	Answer	Count	Total	%
1	Accountancy, M.S.	3	25	12.00%
2	Business Administration, M.B.A.	1	25	4.00%
3	Child Life, M.S.	0	25	0.00%
4	Communication, M.A.	1	25	4.00%
5	Community Planning, Policy, and Design, M.A.	1	25	4.00%
6	Computer and Information Sciences, M.S.	1	25	4.00%
7	Creative Writing, M.F.A.	1	25	4.00%
8	Data Science and Analytics, M.S.	0	25	0.00%
9	Early Childhood Education, M.A.T.	1	25	4.00%
10	Elementary Education, M.A.T.	0	25	0.00%
11	English, M.A.	1	25	4.00%
12	Environmental Studies, M.S.	3	25	12.00%
13	Environmental Studies and Public Administration (M.S./M.P.A. Concurrent Program)	1	25	4.00%
14	Historic Preservation, M.S.	3	25	12.00%
15	History, M.A.	0	25	0.00%
16	Languages, M.Ed.	1	25	4.00%
17	Marine Biology, M.S.	1	25	4.00%
18	Mathematical Sciences, M.S.	1	25	4.00%
19	Middle Grades Education, M.A.T.	0	25	0.00%
20	Performing Arts, M.A.T.	0	25	0.00%
21	Public Administration, M.P.A.	2	25	8.00%
22	Science and Math for Teachers, M.Ed.	0	25	0.00%
23	Special Education, M.A.T.	0	25	0.00%
24	Teaching, Learning, and Advocacy, M.Ed.	3	25	12.00%

25	Other	0	25	0.00%
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Did you receive a graduate certificate(s) from the College of Charleston?

#	Answer	Count	Total	%
1	Yes	5	23	21.74%
2	No	18	23	78.26%

Please select the certificate(s) you received from the College of Charleston.

#	Answer	Count	Total	%
1	Arts Management	1	3	33.33%
2	Cybersecurity	0	3	0.00%
3	English to Speakers of Other Languages	1	3	33.33%
4	Gifted and Talented Education	0	3	0.00%
5	Information Systems	0	3	0.00%
6	Operations Research	0	3	0.00%
7	Software Engineering	1	3	33.33%
8	Special Education: Post-Baccalaureate	0	3	0.00%
9	Special Education: Post-Masters	0	3	0.00%
10	Statistics	0	3	0.00%
11	Urban and Regional Planning	0	3	0.00%
12	Other	0	3	0.00%

Which of the following sources of financial support did you receive in your graduate program at the College of Charleston?

#	Answer	Count	Total	%
1	Fellowship, scholarship	7	60	11.65%
2	Grant	1	60	1.67%
3	Teaching assistantship	3	60	5.00%
4	Research assistantship	4	60	6.67%
5	Internship	1	60	1.67%
6	Loans from any sources	8	60	13.33%
7	Personal savings	10	60	16.67%
8	Parent support	8	60	13.33%
9	Family gift	4	60	6.67%
10	Graduate, assistant position	10	60	16.67%
11	Other*	4	60	6.67%

Note. Other category includes employment assistance and Segal education award etc.

What was the total amount you borrowed from any sources to finance your graduate degree you received from the College of Charleston?

#	Answer	Count	Total	%
1	\$0	14	25	56.00%
2	\$1 - \$10,000	3	25	12.00%
3	\$10,001 - \$20,000	3	25	12.00%
4	\$20,001 - \$30,000	2	25	8.00%
5	\$30,001 - \$40,000	0	25	0.00%
6	\$40,001 - \$50,000	0	25	0.00%
7	Over \$50,000	3	25	12.00%

Part B. Employment Status

What is your current employment status?

#	Answer	Count	Total	%
1	Employed full-time (35 or more hours per week)	19	25	76.00%
2	Employed part-time (34 hours or less per week)	3	25	12.00%
3	Unemployed, but seeking employment	2	25	8.00%
4	Unemployed; not seeking employment	0	25	0.00%
5	Currently enrolled as a full-time student	1	25	4.00%
6	Other	0	25	0.00%
7	Currently enrolled as a part-time student	0	25	0.00%

How long did it take you to get your FIRST full-time job after completing your graduate degree at the College of Charleston?

#	Answer	Count	Total	%
1	Had the same job before completing degree	6	19	31.58%
2	Accepted the position upon graduation	8	19	42.11%
3	1 - 3 months	2	19	10.53%
4	4 - 6 months	1	19	5.26%
5	7 - 12 months	1	19	5.26%
6	More than 12 months	1	19	5.26%

How many job(s) are you currently working?

#	Answer	Count	Total	%
1	1	15	19	78.95%
2	2	4	19	21.05%
3	3	0	19	0.00%
4	More than 3	0	19	0.00%

Which of these types of organizations best describes your current employer?

#	Answer	Count	Total	%
1	Locally or regionally-owned business	6	16	37.50%
2	National or international corporation	2	16	12.50%
3	Local or regional non-profit	0	16	0.00%
4	National or international non-profit	1	16	6.25%
5	Government agency	7	16	43.75%

How long have you been with your current employer?

#	Answer	Count	Total	%
1	Less than 1 month	0	19	0.00%
2	1 - 4 months	2	19	10.52%
3	5 - 8 months	5	19	26.32%
4	9 - 12 months	1	19	5.26%
5	13 - 16 months	1	19	5.26%
6	17 - 20 months	5	19	26.32%
7	21 - 24 months	0	19	0.00%
8	More than 24 months	5	19	26.32%

What is your gross annual income of the principle job you currently hold?

#	Answer	Count	Total	%
1	Less than \$20,000	0	18	0.00%
2	\$20,000 - \$29,999	1	18	5.56%
3	\$30,000 - \$39,999	2	18	11.11%
4	\$40,000 - \$49,999	8	18	44.44%
5	\$50,000 - \$59,999	2	18	11.11%
6	\$60,000 - \$69,999	2	18	11.11%

7	\$70,000 - \$79,999	1	18	5.56%
8	\$80,000 or more	2	18	11.11%

To what extent is your work related to the graduate degree you received from the College of Charleston?

#	Answer	Count	Total	%
1	Closely related	16	19	84.21%
2	Somewhat related	2	19	10.53%
3	Not related	1	19	5.26%

Do you feel you are under-employed relative to your graduate degree from the College of Charleston?

#	Answer	Count	Total	%
1	Yes	1	2	50.00%
2	No	1	2	50.00%

How well did the graduate program at the College of Charleston prepare you for your current career?

#	Answer	Count	Total	%
1	Extremely well	4	18	22.22%
2	Very well	11	18	61.11%
3	Moderately well	2	18	11.11%
4	Slightly well	1	18	5.56%
5	Not well at all.	0	18	0.00%

How satisfied are you with the following aspects of your current or most recent job?

#	Question	Extremely satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Somewhat dissatisfied	Extremely dissatisfied	Total
1	Intellectual challenge	50.00%	33.33%	5.56%	11.11%	0.00%	18
2	Career growth/opportunities	38.88%	22.22%	16.67%	16.67%	5.56%	18
3	Independence	55.54%	27.78%	5.56%	5.56%	5.56%	18
4	Contribution to field/society	27.76%	55.56%	5.56%	5.56%	5.56%	18
5	Salary	22.22%	33.33%	5.56%	22.22%	16.67%	18
6	Geographic location	72.22%	11.11%	11.11%	5.56%	0.00%	18
7	Flexibility	66.67%	33.33%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	18
8	Work/life balance	55.55%	33.33%	5.56%	0.00%	5.56%	18
9	Overall	44.44%	44.44%	5.56%	0.00%	5.56%	18

Part C. Continuing Education

What level of degree(s) are you currently pursuing?

#	Answer	Count	Total	%
1	Bachelor's degree	0	1	0.00%
2	Master's degree	0	1	0.00%
3	Doctorate degree	1	1	100.00%
4	Other	0	1	0.00%

Note. Other category does not have any data.

How well did the graduate program at the College of Charleston prepare you for the doctoral degree you are currently pursuing?

#	Answer	Count	Total	%
1	Extremely well	0	1	0.00%
2	Very well	1	1	100.00%
3	Moderately well	0	1	0.00%
4	Slightly well	0	1	0.00%
5	Not well at all.	0	1	0.00%

Part D. Quality of Graduate Education

My faculty mentor/advisor:

#	Answer	Count	Total	%
1	Served as an advocate for me while I was a graduate student at the College of Charleston	16	37	43.25%
2	Served as an advocate for me since I have graduated (post-graduation)	7	37	18.92%
3	Was supportive of the career path I chose	9	37	24.32%
4	None of these apply	4	37	10.81%
5	Other*	1	37	2.70%

Note. *Other category includes providing an opportunity to with students.

Looking back to your graduate program at the College of Charleston, how did your training from the College help you develop the following skills and abilities?

#	Question	Excellent	Very good	Good	Fair	Poor	Total
1	Analyzing or synthesizing data	31.82%	36.36%	27.27%	4.55%	0.00%	22
2	Designing and executing research	30.43%	34.78%	26.09%	8.70%	0.00%	23
3	Presenting orally	21.74%	39.13%	13.04%	26.09%	0.00%	23
4	Managing people	9.09%	22.73%	31.82%	22.73%	13.63%	22
5	Thinking critically/problem solving	34.78%	39.13%	26.09%	0.00%	0.00%	23
6	Working in a team	21.74%	47.82%	26.09%	4.35%	0.00%	23
7	Working in a local or regional community	21.74%	30.43%	39.13%	8.70%	0.00%	23
8	Working within interdisciplinary groups	4.35%	52.17%	26.09%	13.04%	4.35%	23
9	Working with people from diverse backgrounds	17.39%	26.09%	52.17%	4.35%	0.00%	23
10	Mentoring/advising students	17.39%	30.43%	26.09%	13.04%	13.05%	23
11	Teaching or training groups of people	9.52%	23.81%	38.10%	19.05%	9.52%	21
12	Writing reports, articles, books, etc.	26.09%	34.78%	30.43%	4.35%	4.35%	23

Overall, how satisfied are you with your graduate education experience at the College of Charleston?

#	Answer	Count	Total	%
1	Extremely satisfied	13	23	56.52%
2	Somewhat satisfied	8	23	34.78%
3	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	2	23	8.70%
4	Somewhat dissatisfied	0	23	0.00%
5	Extremely dissatisfied. Please specify	0	23	0.00%

If you were to do it again, would you:

#	Question	Definitely yes	Probably yes	Might or might not	Probably not	Definitely not	Total
1	Select the same field of study at the College of Charleston?	52.17%	34.78%	0.00%	8.70%	4.35%	23
2	Select the College of Charleston?	34.78%	34.78%	17.39%	8.70%	4.35%	23
3	Choose to pursue a graduate degree?	60.87%	30.43%	4.35%	4.35%	0.00%	23

Part E. Career Preparation

Thinking back to when you graduated from the College of Charleston with a master's degree, how important were each of the following factors in helping you land your first job?

#	Question	Very important	Important	Somewhat important	Not important	Total
1	Perceived quality of my academic work	33.33%	33.33%	19.05%	14.29%	21
2	My academic standing (GPA)	28.57%	33.33%	9.53%	28.57%	21
3	Research I did during my graduate education (conference presentations, journal articles, etc.)	47.37%	10.53%	5.26%	36.84%	19
4	Academic reputation of my advisor	10.00%	25.00%	5.00%	60.00%	20
5	Connections made at academic or professional conferences	15.00%	15.00%	15.00%	55.00%	20
6	Connections formed through community partnerships/engagement	30.00%	20.00%	10.00%	40.00%	20
7	Connections with other College of Charleston alumni	15.00%	10.00%	25.00%	50.00%	20
8	Social connections (family or friends)	10.00%	15.00%	20.00%	55.00%	20
9	Reputation of my graduate program	21.05%	21.05%	36.85%	21.05%	19
10	Reputation of the College of Charleston	10.00%	35.00%	35.00%	20.00%	20
11	Other	50.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	6

Note: Other category includes research opportunities, work experience outside of the College etc.

In your opinion, how important are the following elements of graduate education for students entering jobs in your field?

#	Question	Very important	Important	Somewhat important	Not important	Total
1	Experience gained through an internship or practicum	55.00%	15.00%	10.00%	20.00%	20
2	Practice of academic or professional writing skills	55.00%	30.00%	10.00%	5.00%	20
3	Presentation of work at a professional conference	30.00%	25.00%	30.00%	15.00%	20
4	Practice of research methods in your field	35.00%	30.00%	20.00%	15.00%	20
5	Research participation under your advisor's guidance	30.00%	20.00%	25.00%	25.00%	20
6	Practice of formal analytic technique in your field	45.00%	25.00%	15.00%	15.00%	20
7	Opportunity to interact across disciplines	35.00%	40.00%	20.00%	5.00%	20
8	Opportunity to participate in partnerships with the local or regional community	45.00%	25.00%	25.00%	5.00%	20
9	Experience as a teaching assistant	9.52%	14.29%	33.33%	42.86%	21
10	Experience as a research assistant	25.00%	15.00%	25.00%	35.00%	20

How many internships/practicums/clinical practices did you complete in your graduate school at the College of Charleston?

#	Question	0	1	2	3	4	More than 4	Total
1	Internship	55.00%	35.00%	10.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20
2	Practicum	95.00%	0.00%	5.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20
3	Clinical practices	95.00%	5.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20
4	Teaching assistantship (semester(s))	71.43%	4.76%	14.29%	4.76%	4.76%	0.00%	21

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5	Research assistantship (semester(s))	66.67%	4.76%	14.29%	4.76%	4.76%	4.76%	21
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Part F. Utilizing Institutional Resources

Select the following job search method(s) you utilized to secure your current job?

#	Answer	Count	Total	%
1	College of Charleston Career Center (Handshake, Career Fair, on-campus interviews)	1	20	5.00%
2	Directly applied to an online posting via company website or other job search	6	20	30.00%
3	Contacted the employer directly	5	20	25.00%
4	Family and/or friend referral	3	20	15.00%
5	College of Charleston alumni and/or employee of the College assisted to secure an interview/job	2	20	10.00%
6	Other	3	20	15.00%

Note. Other category includes Teacher fair, job emails from professors etc.

Did you use any of the following College of Charleston Career Center services?

#	Answer	Count	Total	%
1	Career/major consultation or meeting with staff	3	25	12.00%
2	On-campus student employment	3	25	12.00%
3	Internship assistance	0	25	0.00%
4	Handshake	6	25	24.00%
5	Career Center website	4	25	16.00%
6	Attended Career Fair	3	25	12.00%
7	Attended program or workshop	3	25	12.00%
8	On-campus interview	0	25	0.00%
9	Mock interview	1	25	4.00%
10	Grad school preparation	2	25	8.00%

How often have you done the following since graduating from the College of Charleston?

#	Question	Always	Very often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never	Total
1	Attend a racial/cultural awareness workshop	0.00%	19.05%	19.05%	14.29%	47.61%	21
2	Perform community service	5.00%	15.00%	35.00%	30.00%	15.00%	20
3	Demonstrate for a cause (e.g., boycott, rally, protest)	5.00%	5.00%	10.00%	20.00%	60.00%	20
4	Vote in a government election at the local, state, or national level	80.96%	9.52%	9.52%	0.00%	0.00%	21
5	Attend a leadership training/workshop	10.00%	5.00%	30.00%	20.00%	35.00%	20
6	Work for a local, state, or national political campaign	0.00%	0.00%	10.00%	15.00%	75.00%	20
7	Contribute money to a local, state, or national campaign	4.76%	9.52%	9.52%	14.29%	61.91%	21
8	Take on a leadership role in your community	5.00%	35.00%	5.00%	15.00%	40.00%	20