

POST GRADUATE CAREER PREPARATION

INSIGHTS FROM THE 2023 UC GRADUATE STUDENT EXPERIENCE SURVEY

UC PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC GRADUATE STUDENTS



systemwide

32%

ACADEMIC CAREER INTENTION

37%

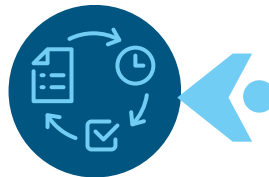
NON-ACADEMIC CAREER INTENTION

32%

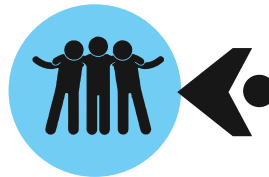
UNDECIDED CAREER INTENTION

TOP THREE DESIRED WORK ACTIVITIES

NON-ACADEMIC AND UNDECIDED CAREER INTENTIONS

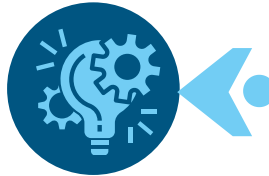


MANAGING PROJECTS



APPLIED RESEARCH

study directed toward gaining knowledge to meet a recognized need



DEVELOPMENT

using knowledge gained from research for the production of materials, devices, and other products



Business/for profit company, research university, and start-up company were the most desirable employment sectors



Work-life balance, salary, and benefits are the most important factors in selecting a first job after graduation

The more
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

activities graduate students participate in, the more

UPBEAT AND PREPARED

they feel for their future job search and career

ENSURE STUDENT SUCCESS FOR ALL

- Professional students were far more likely than academic students to feel prepared and upbeat for their future job search and career
- Nonbinary students and those that preferred to self describe their gender reported feeling less prepared and less upbeat for their future job search and career



METHODOLOGY

- The UC Graduate Student Experience Survey (UCGSES) is administered every two years, beginning in 2021, and covers a wide range of topics related to graduate student experiences
- This report exclusively cites data from the 2023 administration
- The response rate was 26% and was generally representative of the graduate student population