ABOUT THE GRADUATE STATUS REPORT

The Executive Summary contains post-graduation plans for Cal Poly’s class of 2015-16. This report provides information about graduate outcomes (employment, graduate school, and other intentional pursuits), timeline for securing work, job locations based on California state regions, and median salary.

The figures reported are based on data collected from 2,465 graduates of the Fall 2015 and Spring 2016 classes for a total of 54 percent. This represents a three percent student increase compared to the 2014-15 graduating class and 10 percent increase since the 2013-14 graduating class. Career Services utilized commencement fairs, email, employer and college information, university records, and knowledge rate sources to obtain student survey responses and outcomes.

The comprehensive Graduate Status Report includes additional graduate outcome information delivered in the following format: university-wide summary sheet, college specific summary sheets, and detailed college status reports by major. Other relevant data highlighted are majors related to jobs percentage, top employers, California employment regions, graduate schools and graduate degree programs, and job location. The detailed college status reports also includes job titles obtained by graduates, their employers, and where they are attending graduate school.

To view the detailed results from the 2015-16 Graduate Status Report, please visit our website at careerservices.calpoly.edu/gsr.

GRADUATE OUTCOMES

94% POSITIVELY ENGAGED

ATTENDING GRADUATE SCHOOL 17%
WORKING FULL TIME (+11% over 2014-15) 73%
WORKING PART TIME 2%
OTHER PURSUITS** 2%
STILL SEEKING 6%

EMPLOYMENT TIMELINE

OF THOSE EMPLOYED, 99%
ARE EMPLOYED WITHIN 9 MONTHS OF GRADUATION

67% before graduation, 18% within 3 months, 14% within 9 months

Cal Poly graduates successfully obtained their career goals with 94 percent securing positive post-graduation outcomes: work, graduate school, and other intentional pursuits (e.g. research, travel, gap year experience, travel, artistic pursuits, and personal commitments). The 2015-16 graduating class experienced an 11 percent increase obtaining full-time jobs. Overall, positive engagement increased three percent among 2015-16 graduates, compared to the previous class.

These results are based on a 54 percent response rate for the 2015-16 graduating class with 67 percent having secured work by graduation and 99 percent within nine months of graduation. This represents a four percent increase of students securing work before graduation compared to the 2014-15 class.
The majority of graduates (88 percent) start their careers in California. Their top three career choice areas are the Bay Area (40 percent), Los Angeles and Southern Counties (30 percent), and San Luis Obispo County (24 percent). Out-of-state employment is consistent with the 2014-15 graduation class. Other career destination cities for the 2015-16 graduation class are scattered throughout central and northern counties of California with 10 percent of graduates working in other states and 2 percent in international countries.

The overall median salary is $60,000, a seven percent increase compared to the 2014-15 graduation class and with a higher deviation in Engineering ($70,000).