The Executive Summary contains post-graduation plans for Cal Poly's class of 2016-17. 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 3,262 graduates of the Fall 2016 and Spring 2017 classes for a total of 65 percent. This represents a 24-percent increase compared to the 2015-16 graduating class. Career Services utilizes an online survey, email, telephone solicitation, employer and faculty information, and LinkedIn to secure data for this report.

The comprehensive Graduate Status Report includes additional graduate outcome information in the form of a university-wide summary sheet, and college specific summary sheets. Other relevant data highlighted include majors related to jobs percentage, top employers, California employment regions, graduate schools and graduate degree programs, and job location. The detailed college status reports are located on our website and include job titles obtained by graduates, their employers, and where they are attending graduate school.

To view the detailed results from the 2016-17 Graduate Status Report, please visit our website at careerservices.calpoly.edu/gsr.

**GRADUATE OUTCOMES**

- **94% Positively Engaged**
  - 75% Working Full-Time
  - 1% Working Part-Time
  - 15% Attending Graduate School
  - 3% Other Pursuits**
  - 6% Still Seeking

Cal Poly talent continue to successfully obtain their career goals, with 94 percent securing positive post-graduation outcomes (work, graduate school, and other intentional plans). The job market remains strong, with 76 percent of our graduates working (full-time and part-time) and 15 percent enrolled in graduate education. A minority of graduates seek other intentional plans (three percent), such as travel, gap year experience, artistic pursuits, and family care. The percent of students still seeking employment is six percent.

**EMPLOYMENT TIMELINE**

- **99%** of those employed have jobs within 9 months of graduation
- **72%** before graduation, **14%** within 3 months, **13%** within 9 months

These results are based on a 65-percent response rate for the 2016-17 graduating class, with 72 percent securing work by graduation and 99 percent within nine months of graduation. This represents a seven-percent increase of students securing work by graduation, compared to the 2015-16 class.
The majority of graduates (88 percent) start their careers in California. Their top three career choice areas are the Bay Area (47 percent), Los Angeles and Southern Counties (30 percent), and San Luis Obispo County (16 percent). Other Cal Poly graduates started their careers in other states (11 percent) and abroad (one percent). Following California, the top states receiving Cal Poly talent are Washington, Colorado, Texas, Oregon, Arizona, New York, Massachusetts, Nevada, Illinois, and Virginia. The top countries receiving Cal Poly talent are Spain, New Zealand, Norway, Japan, and the Netherlands.

The overall median salary is $62,000, comparable to last year and with higher deviation in Engineering ($72,000). This is a three-percent increase since last year, with an overall 19-percent increase in salary since post-recession year 2013. Whereas the salary differences reflect the conditions and demands of the economic market, Career Services has increased recruiting, on-campus interviewing, networking, and job/internship posting opportunities for all majors.

The majority of our graduates (88.4%) still start their careers in California with 47% of these graduates pursuing careers in California’s Bay Area, 43% in Los Angeles and Southern Counties, and San Luis Obispo County (16%). Other career destination cities were scattered throughout the state of California (10%). Other Cal Poly graduates started their careers in other states (10.4%) and abroad (1.2%). Following California, the top states receiving Cal Poly talent are Washington, Colorado, Texas, Oregon, Arizona, New York, Massachusetts, Nevada, Illinois, and Virginia. The top countries receiving Cal Poly talent are Spain, New Zealand, Norway, Japan, and the Netherlands.

The Cal Poly Graduate Status Report (GSR) is valued and utilized by the university, employers, admission officers, academic advisors, community colleges, high school counselors, advancement officers and accreditation teams. An on-line version of the GSR can be found at: careerservices.calpoly.edu/gsr.