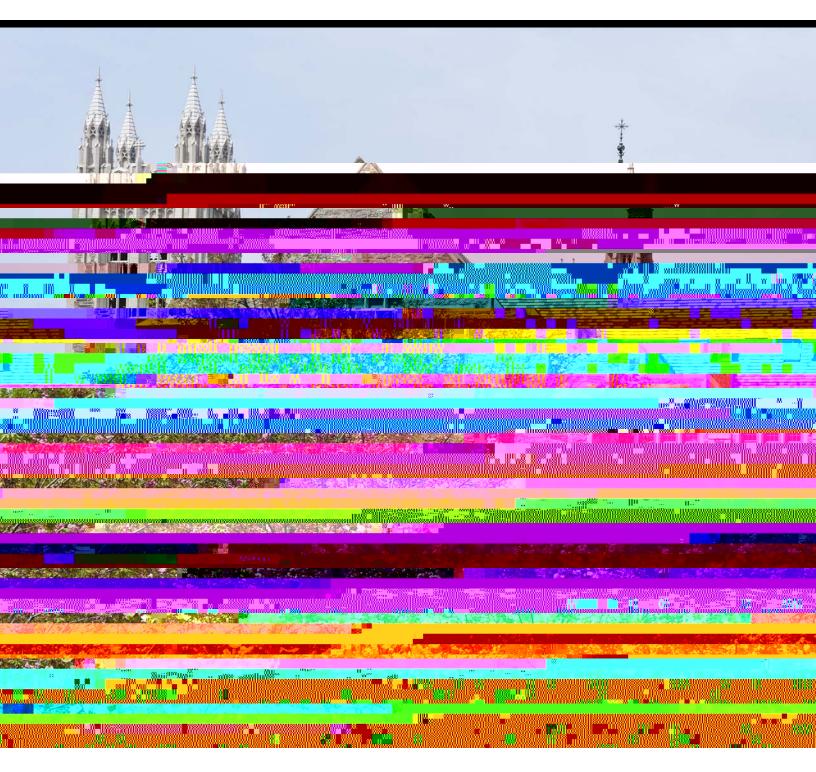
BOSTON COLLEGE POST-GRADUATION PLANS SURVEY CLASS OF 2011



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of the Boston College Post-Graduation Plans Survey is to track recent graduates' future plans via topics such as their primary activity six months post-graduation, top career fields, the timing of offers and starting salary information, graduate school enrollment by program, degree, and institution, and the organizations where recent graduates choose to volunteer, among other areas. The information collected from graduating seniors provides valuable data for faculty, administrators, and employers to better serve students in their career-planning activities.

Survey administration

Administered March 2011 through November 2011 to all members of the undergraduate Class of 2011 Online administration 1,061 respondents (48.5% response rate)

Survey highlights

Approximately 93% of those responding to the Class of 2011 Post-Graduation Plans Survey indicate that they plan to work full-time, attend graduate school full-time, volunteer full-time, or engage in a fellowship or post-graduation internship.

The median salary reported by members of the Class of 2011 is \$54,000 with the middle 50% of students reporting salaries between \$42,000 and \$60,000.

Of those respondents who have accepted a full-time job offer, half are employed in one of the following fields: Teaching, Consulting, Accounting (Public), Investment Banking, Finance, Auditing (Public).

Almost one-fifth (18.9%) of survey respondents indicate that they are/will be pursuing a graduate degree full-time; another 1.7% are enrolled in part-time graduate study.

Among recent graduates pursuing advanced degrees, close to one-quarter (23.8%) are pursuing education degrees and another quarter (24.7%) are pursuing law degrees.

RESPONSE RATES BY SCHOOL

The online administration of the survey generated responses from approximately half of the Class of 2011; the Lynch School of Education (LSOE) had the highest response rate (54%) followed by the Carroll School of Management (CSOM) with a 52% response rate.

School

Number surveyed Number of respondents

Response rate

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TOP TEN CAREER FIELDS

Topping the list of career fields reported by 2011 graduates are consulting and teaching (12.4% and 9.8% of respondents who reported their field of employment, respectively).

Class of 2011, Top ten career fields

Employment field	Total number reporting (N=378)	Percent of total # reporting
Consulting	47	12.4%
Teaching	37	9.8%
Accounting (Public)	24	6.3%
Investment Banking (Corporate Finance)	22	5.8%
Finance - Portfolio Management/Brokerage	21	5.6%
Financial/Treasury Analysis	20	5.3%
Auditing (Public)		

TIMING OF EMPLOYMENT OFFERS

Among students who have received an offer of employment, the majority of full-time employed respondents had secured their positions prior to graduation; however, there was variation in the timing of offers across the colleges. (Note: "Employment field" labels are supplied by the National Association of Colleges & Employers.)

Class of 2011, Timing of employment offers by school

Time Period	A&S	CSOM	CSON	LSOE	All Schools
Prior to senior year	12.0%	29.9%	7.1%	-	19.5%
First semester senior year	20.6%	39.7%	-	15.4%	28.4%
Second semester senior year	55.0%	27.3%	78.6%		

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Employment field	Ν	EagleLink on-campus interviews	Networking	Internship	Other Career Center/ Eagle Link Program	Other job listings (e.g., print, Internet)	Other
Accounting/Auditing (Private)	4	50.0%	-	25.0%	-	25.0%	-
Accounting/Auditing (Public)	42	52.4%	14.3%	26.2%	4.8%	-	2.4%
Commercial Banking	5	40.0%	20.0%	40.0%	-	-	-
Communications	14	-	28.6%	14.3%	14.3%	35.7%	7.1%
Computer Science	12	41.7%	16.7%	8.3%	8.3%	8.3%	16.7%
Consulting	47	66.0%	6.4%	10.6%	14.9%	-	2.1%
Finance (Other)	44	47.7%	11.4%	11.4%	15.9%	9.1%	4.5%
Healthcare (Other)	5	-	20.0%	20.0%	20.0%	20.0%	20.0%
Human Resources	5	40.0%	40.0%	-	20.0%	-	-
Investment Banking	54	61.1%	3.7%	16.7%	9.3%	3.7%	5.6%
Management (Training/General)	10	10.0%	20.0%	20.0%	-	10.0%	40.0%
Marketing	37	8.1%	37.8%	10.8%	21.6%	5.4%	16.2%
Paralegal	13	30.8%	15.4%	-	15.4%	30.8%	7.7%
Public Administration	8	12.5%	12.5%	-	-	50.0%	25.0%
Registered Nurse	12	-	8.3%	-	41.7%	25.0%	25.0%
Research	18	5.6%	16.7%	5.6%	-	44.4%	27.8%
Social Services	3	-	33.3%	33.3%	-	-	33.3%
Teaching	37	2.7%	18.9%	-	18.9%	16.2%	43.2%
Other	4	25.0%	-	-	25.0%	50.0%	-
Total	374	34.8%	15.2%	12.0%	13.1%	11.8%	13.1%

Class of 2011, Primary resources used to obtain current position by field of employment

MEDIAN STARTING SALARIES BY SCHOOL

Salary information was provided

Employment field/job type	Ν	Average	Minimum	Maximum
Finance				
Accounting (Private)*	3			
Accounting (Public)	24	\$55,000	\$52,000	\$62,000
Auditing (Private)*	1			
Auditing (Public)	18	55,000	52,000	59,000
Commercial Banking (Consumer)*	1			
Commercial Banking (Lending)*	4			
Consulting	43	60,000	38,000	72,080
Financial/Treasury Analysis	19	55,000	42,000	65,000
Insurance (Claims)*	3			
Insurance (Underwriting)*	1			
Investment Banking (Corp Finance)	20	70,000	32,000	75,000
Investment Banking (Mergers & Acquisitions)	16	70,000	50,000	125,000
Investment Banking (Real Estate)*	3			
Investment Banking (Sales & Trading)	11	70,000	50,000	70,000
Management Trainee (Entry-Level)	6	43,500	13,000	55,000
Management, General (Mid to Upper Level)*	2			
Portfolio Management/Brokerage	19	55,000	40,000	70,000
Public Administration				
Executive, Legislative & General*	3			
Law Enforcement*	1			
Military*	3			
Urban/Regional Planning*	1			
Computer Science				
Computer Programming*	2			
Computer Systems Analysis*	3			
Technical/Computer Support*	4			
Other Computer Related*	3			
Social Services				
Social Work*	2			
Healthcare				
Administrative (Healthcare)*	1			
Registered Nurse	10	50,500	36,500	60,000
Other Health Related*	2		,	,

Class of 2011, Reported starting salaries by field of employment

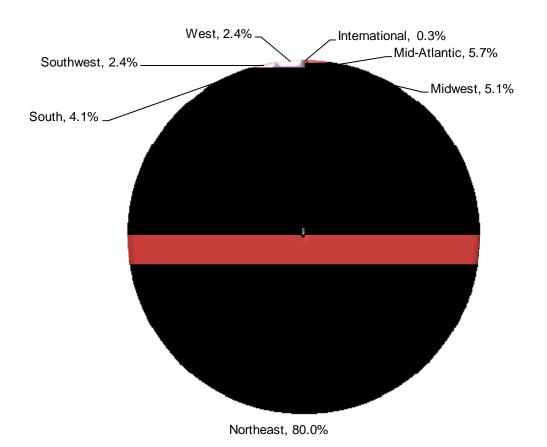
* Salary data are only presented for fields with more than five cases.

Employment field/job type	Ν	Average	Minimum	Maximum
Marketing				
Advertising	7	\$47,000	\$35,000	\$50,000
Brand/Product Management*	4			
Buyer/Merchandising*	1			
Customer Service*	3			
Distribution*	1			
Marketing Research*	4			
Sales	12	50,000	30,000	100,000
Communications				
Media Planning*	1			
Production (Communications)*	4			
Public Relations	6	35,000	30,000	45,000
Writing/Editing*	1			
Other				
Actuarial*	2			
Human Resources/Industrial Relations*	5	50,000	45,000	60,000
Mathematician/Statistician*	1			
Paralegal	12	40,000	30,500	45,000
Religious Occupation*	1			
Research (Nontechnical)*	3			
Research (Technical/Scientific)	12	32,250	26,000	55,000
Teaching	33	40,000	12,000	53,890

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GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION OF EMPLOYED GRADUATES

While the majority of survey respondents noted employment in the Northeast, all areas of the United States were cited; the only international destination represented was the Bahamas. This geographic distribution has remained fairly constant for the past four years.



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GRADUATE SCHOOL ENROLLMENT BY PROGRAM/DEGREE TYPE

Almost one-fifth (18.9%) of the survey's respondents indicated that they are currently pursuing graduate degrees full-time; another 1.7% are enrolled part-time. Of the respondents reporting a degree program, almost one quarter are pursuing education degrees (23.8%) and another quarter are pursuing law degrees (24.7%).

Graduate Degrees	Number reporting	Percent of respondents
Master's Degrees		
Education (M.A., M.A.T., M.Ed.)	53	23.8%
Humanities or Social Sciences (M.A., Other)	18	8.1%
Natural/Applied Science or Math (M.A., M.S.)	12	5.4%
Fine and Performing Arts (M.A., M.F.A.)	3	1.3%
Business (M.S., M.B.A.)	16	7.2%
Health, Policy, or Planning (M.P.H., M.P.P., M.P.A)	5	2.2%
Social Work (M.S.W.)	4	1.8%
Communications (M.A., M.S.)	6	2.7%
Counseling (M.A.)	4	1.8%
Nursing (M.S.)	2	0.9%
Other Master's (M.A., P.A.)	3	1.3%
Ph.D.		
Humanities or Social Sciences	7	3.1%
Sciences or Math	5	2.2%
Applied Doctorates (D.P.T., Pharm.D., Other)	4	1.8%
J.D.	55	24.7%
M.D.	19	8.5%
D.D.S./D.M.D.	3	1.3%
D.V.M.	4	1.8%
Total	223	100.0%

Class of 2011, Distribution of graduate program enrollments

*Students in joint degree programs are listed by the highest degree they are planning to obtain.

GRADUATE SCHOOLS OF ATTENDANCE

The array of institutions attended by Class of 2011 graduates varies by the degree and field of study pursued. Listed below is a sample of the graduate schools currently being attended by members of the Class of 2011, by

VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATIONS

Comparable to the results for the Class of 2010, 4.8% of Class of 2011 members indicated that they are volunteering full-time post their Boston College graduation. While volunteer sites were both domestic and international, the highest proportion of students are volunteer

INTERNSHIPS

Nineteen members of the Class of 2011 reported that they have secured post-graduation internships. The internships range in duration from one season to one year.

Class of 2011, Internship duration

Time Frame	Number reporting	Percent of respondents
3 months	9	47.4%
4 months	2	10.5%
6 months	2	10.5%
1 academic year	3	15.8%
1 calendar year	1	5.3%
Unknown	2	10.5%
Total	19	100%

Class of 2011, Organizations where graduates are interning for at least six months

Organization	Number reporting
Colleges of the Fenway	1
Jesuit High School, Portland, OR	1
Merrill Corporation	1
New York Yankees	1
PlumChoice, Inc.	1
USA Hockey	1
Total	6

FELLOWSHIPS

Of the survey respondents from the Class of 2011, 20 reported that they have been accepted into a fellowship program. The following table lists the fellowship programs to which graduates have been accepted. The Fulbright Fellowship was the most fr