
UNC Alumni Survey of 1999-2000 Graduates

Background

The UNC Alumni survey is a system-wide project that is scheduled every other year. It is designed to be conducted during the summer months one year after the population graduates. Because of Office of the President budget constraints, the survey scheduled for 2001 was postponed until the summer of 2002. As a consequence, respondents to this survey had two years of work and/or educational experience after graduation before completing the survey.

An external firm was contracted to conduct the telephone survey. Samples were not stratified by discipline or major of the alumni. Two hundred nineteen UNCA alumni (44% of 1999-2000 class) were contacted and responded to the survey.

Highlights from the survey of 1999-2000 UNCA alumni conducted in Summer 2002

Employment

- Percent employed since graduation - 96%
- Percent employed in NC since graduation - 86%
- Percent employed at time of interview (if not full-time students) - 80% full-time, 11% part-time
- Percent of full-time employed who thought UNCA prepared them well for employment - 76%
- Median range of earnings for full-time employed over last 12 months - \$22,501-\$25,000

Additional Study after College

- Percent seeking advanced degree (Masters, PhD or first professional) - 21%
- Percent of those who applied that were accepted - 92%
- Percent of those enrolled who received a non-repayable award such as assistantship or fellowship - 40%
- Percent who thought UNCA prepared them well/adequately for additional study - 98%
- Percent intending to pursue advanced degree in next ten years - 70%

Paying for College

- Percent who received need-based financial aid - 42%
- Percent who received other types of aid - 46%
- Percent who borrowed for college - 44%
- Median range of total loan amount at graduation - \$12,501- \$15,000
- Percent working 20 or more hours per week in senior year - 45%

Career Counseling and Job Placement

- Percent using faculty career counseling *often, some or little* and percent who thought it helpful - 80% and 94%
- Percent using departmental career counseling *often, some or little* and percent who thought it helpful - 73% and 89%
- Percent using career center counseling *often, some or little* and percent who thought it helpful - 52% and 76%
- Percent using job services *often, some or little* and percent who thought them helpful - 38% and 63%

Off-campus Experiences (internships, student teaching, etc.)

- Percent involved in off-campus experience - 64%
- Percent who rated the experience good or excellent - 83%

Undergraduate Research

- Percent who were actively involved in a research project with faculty member - 26%
- Percent who rated that experience as good or excellent - 84%

Overall Experience

- Percent who rated quality of instruction in the major as good or excellent - 94%
- Percent who rated the overall quality of education as good or excellent - 92%

- Percent who would choose same major - 74%
- Percent who would choose UNCA again - 80%

A table showing results from the past three Alumni surveys along with comparisons to the UNC system averages follows .