The 2009 OSU Survey of Alumni of Graduate Programs was conducted to assess perceptions of various aspects of graduate programs and services and to identify areas where improvements may be needed. A full copy of the report can be obtained from the OSU office of University Assessment and Testing (744-6687). This sheet describes highlights from the survey results.

**Population:** The target population for this survey was alumni of graduate programs who completed their degrees in calendar years 2003 and 2007. The total number of alumni in the target population was 2,195.

**Methods:** The survey was administered as an online survey and as a telephone interview by the office of University Assessment and Testing (UAT) in January and February of 2009. UAT conducted data collection, analyzed and summarized data, and prepared the reports.

**Results:** A total of 989 surveys were completed by alumni of graduate programs, resulting in a 45.1% response rate. There were 822 respondents with a master’s degree and 167 respondents with a doctorate.

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### OVERALL SATISFACTION

*How satisfied are you with the overall educational experience at OSU?*

- 97% of master’s and 99% of doctoral alumni were either employed or were not currently seeking employment.
- 55% of alumni were living in Oklahoma and 45% were out-of-state (17% were living in surrounding states).
- 88% of master’s alumni and 87% of doctoral alumni said they were ‘very satisfied’ or ‘satisfied’ with the overall educational experience in their OSU graduate programs.

For a detailed report on alumni survey results for your college or program, please contact the OSU Office of University Assessment and Testing (744-6687).
EMPLOYMENT

Which of these best describes your employer?

- lg bus/corp
- sm bus/corp
- fed/state/local gov't
- nonprof org
- educ inst
- self-empl

0% 10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80%

- 91% of master’s and 95% of doctoral alumni were employed; of those, 91% and 94% were employed full-time.
- 82% of master’s and 94% of doctoral alumni said their current position was ‘highly’ or ‘moderately related’ to their OSU graduate studies.
- 92% of master’s and 97% of doctoral alumni said their graduate studies had prepared them ‘very well’ or ‘adequately’ for their current position.
- The most common employers of master’s program alumni (33%) were large corporations, while the majority of doctoral program alumni (71%) were employed in educational institutions or organizations.
- The median salary range for both recent OSU master’s and doctoral program alumni was $55,000 to $64,999/yr.

What is your approximate annual salary, including bonuses?

- 21% of graduates with a master’s and 6.0% of graduates with a doctorate were currently enrolled in or had completed another graduate program since they received their OSU graduate degree.
- 90% of these master’s and 70% of these doctoral alumni said their OSU graduate studies prepared them ‘very well’ or ‘adequately’ for their additional graduate program.
- 59% of alumni stayed in Oklahoma for their further graduate education.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

How well did your OSU graduate program prepare you for your additional graduate or professional school program?

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