**VCU First Destination Survey: Class of May 2021**

**Undergraduates**

**Background:**

The May 2021 Outcome survey was open from March 2021 to November 2021 and was administered through Handshake The above data reflects analysis that was performed by the IRDS office. An individual was identified as a “Respondent” if the student’s primary status after graduation was reported. The analysis was performed on a question to question basis and response rates for individual statistics may differ from the overall response rate. For additional questions contact IRDS@VCU.EDU.

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| **Response Rate** | |  |
| Respondents | 1,590 |  |
| Sample Size | 2,836 |  |
| Response Rate | 56% |  |

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| **Highlights** | |
| % of students that responded they were employed or continuing their education\* | 70% |
| % of students that responded their employment was very related or somewhat related to their program of study | 83% |
| % of students that had one or more co-curricular experiences | 75% |
| % of students whose co-curricular experience(s) led to an employment offer | 24% |
| *\*Includes students who were Employed Full-Time, Part-Time, Continuing Education, or Seeking additional Education.* | |

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| **Students' Primary status Post-graduation** | |
| Employed Full-Time | 39% |
| Seeking Employment | 28% |
| Continuing Education | 16% |
| Employed Part-Time | 9% |
| Seeking Further Education | 7% |
| Military | 0.6% |
| Not Seeking | 0.5% |
| Volunteering | 0.5% |

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| **Top States Students are Employed** | |
| VA | 83% |
| DC | 3% |
| MD | 3% |
| NY | 2% |
| CA | 1% |
| *Note: The data above represents the top states where students are located for students who reported being employed full time ore part time* | |

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| **Co-Curricular Experience** | |
| Non-Credit Internship | 37% |
| Credit Internship | 33% |
| Research Experience | 28% |
| Service Learning | 21% |
| Field Experience | 19% |
| Independent Study | 16% |
| Clinical or Placement | 16% |
| Teaching Assistantship | 14% |
| Study Abroad | 12% |
| Practicum | 9% |
| Co-Op | 3% |
| Graduate Assistantship | 0.1% |

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| **Satisfaction with post-graduation employment** | |
| % of students that reported either being satisfied or very satisfied with their post-graduation employment | 83% |
| % of students that reported being neither satisfied or unsatisfied with their post-graduation employment | 8% |
| % of students that reported either being dissatisfied or very dissatisfied with their post-graduation employment | 8% |

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| **Top Industries** | | |
| 1 | Healthcare | 20% |
| 2 | Retail Stores | 6% |
| 3 | Government-Local, State, and Federal | 4% |
| 4 | Internet & Software | 4% |
| 5 | Non-Profit - Other | 4% |

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| **Salary** | |
| Average | $44,835 |
| Median | $41,600 |