

Five Facts from the Cornell Doctoral Alumni Career Outcomes Survey

A cross-sectional view of the employment status and career-related perceptions of Cornell's doctoral alumni from degree years 1994-2014

1. Most alumni are working in a field related to their study and feel well-prepared.

95%

Work in a field closely-related to their PhD.

93%

Feel that Cornell prepared them for their career.

91%

Would choose Cornell if they could do it again.

2. Alumni from all disciplines work in all employment sectors.

Arts & humanities alumni



89% - Education
8% - Business, industry, non-profit
2% - Government, self-employed, other

Physical science & engineering alumni



35% - Education
57% - Business, industry, non-profit
9% - Government, self-employed, other

Life sciences alumni



52% - Education
34% - Business, industry, non-profit
13% - Government, self-employed, other

Social science alumni



72% - Education
17% - Business, industry, non-profit
11% - Government, self-employed, other

3. Alumni work at over 5,900 different organizations.

Top higher education employers:

1. Cornell
2. Pennsylvania State.
3. (tie)Columbia
National Taiwan University
Ohio State
Rutgers
UC Berkeley



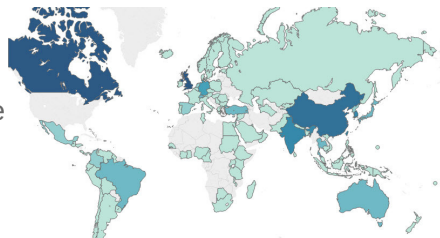
Top business/industry/other employers:

1. Intel
2. Google
3. IBM
4. World Bank Group
5. (tie) Corning,
US Food and Drug Admin.
US Dept. of Agriculture



4. Alumni work in over 95 countries.

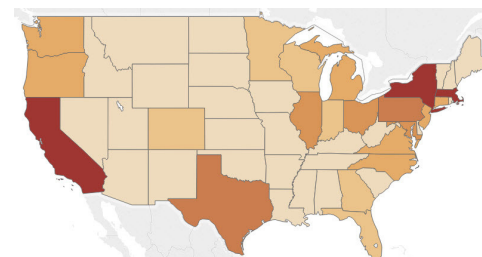
The proportion of alumni employed inside and outside the U.S. differs little across degree-year cohorts.



55%

Of international* alumni work in the U.S.

* Based on citizenship while at Cornell.



5. Factors that helped alumni land jobs are consistent across employment sectors.

Factors that alumni say helped land their first job:

- Perceived quality of academic work
- Cornell's reputation
- Reputation of graduate program

Skills that alumni think will help grads get a job:

- Academic and professional writing skills
- Knowledge of research methods
- Presentation of scholarship at a professional conference

Full results available online at gradschool.cornell.edu/career-outcomes-survey.



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