TEXAS iSchool
The University of Texas at Austin
School of Information

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77% accepted positions in Texas	**81%** secured full-time employment	**62** survey respondents

Class of 2020 Employment Report

The 2020 class for the University of Texas at Austin School of Information was composed of 62 responses from graduates from May, August, and December 2020. Out of the 62 responses received, all were from the MSIS program. Responses were received from 62 out of 119 graduates, representing a 52% response rate. Graduates were surveyed via an online Qualtrics survey. The survey data is self-reported and the following results reflect aggregate responses to identify trends. Unsurprisingly, 2020 data deviated from previous years' averages due to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Highlights

o **Employment**

  ▪ Job markets were in a huge state of uncertainty throughout 2020, but the School of Information graduates that responded to this survey continue to have strong employment prospects with **81%** reporting they were **employed full-time**.

o **Timeline**

  ▪ It took longer than in previous years for graduates to secure employment this year, with 43% of respondents not finding a position until 4-6 months after graduation (compared to 73% of graduates secured employment prior to, or within, 3 months of graduation last year).

o **Job Satisfaction**

  ▪ At the time of the survey, **63%** of our graduates reported being **satisfied in their positions**, down from 80% in 2019. Respondents expressed feeling pressure to take the first position they found, due to the public health uncertainties they faced at the time of graduation.

o **Location**

  ▪ Most reporting graduates accepted positions in Texas (**77%** this year, compared to 73% in 2019), and the rest of respondents stayed in the continental US, with the exception of 1 graduate who secured employment in China.

o **Salaries**

  ▪ The overall **average salary** was **$66,048**, down from $73,150 in 2019.

Hiring Organizations & Job Titles

Organization	Title
Arm	Information Developer
Bose	User researcher
Bose Corporation	User researcher
Care.com	Product Designer
Charles Schwab	Sr. User Experience Designer
ClosedLoop.ai	Product Designer
Dillon Trust	Digital Archivist
Eanes ISD	Tech support specialist
Electronic Arts	XD Researcher
Emmersion	User Experience Designer
Facebook	Software Engineer
Fisk University	Mellon-Rosenwald Project Manager
Fort Bend County Libraries	Librarian I - Adult Services
Google	UX designer
H-E-B	Associate Digital UX Designer
H-E-B	Associate UX Designer
Herman Miller	Project Archivist
Huawei	AI Programmer
IBM	Software Engineer
Institute of Computing Technology of Chinese Academy of Sciences	AI Applied Engineer
Lake Travis Community Library	Librarian I
LCRA	Business Coordinator
Legislative Reference Library of Texas	Reference Librarian
Mathnasium of Westlake	Instructor
MEI Technologies	Research Archivist
Merck	UX Designer
Midland County Public Libraries	Virtual Librarian
Midland county public libraries	Digital resources & virtual librarian
National Oilwell Varco	UX/UI Designer
Public Utility Commission of Texas	Records Manager
Public Utility Commission of Texas	Records Manager
Relyance Inc	UX Designer
SAP	UX Designer
Sentier Strategic Resources	UX Researcher
Sentier Strategic Resources, LLC	UX Designer
State Historical Society of North Dakota	Audiovisual Archivist
tempus labs	Product Designer
Texas Department of Transportation	Special Projects Coordinator
Texas Legislative Reference Library	Reference Librarian
Texas State Library and Archives Commission	Library Technical Services Specialist
Texas Water Development Board	Programmer III
The University of Texas at Austin	Manager of Curriculum and Certification
Travis County Clerk	Records analyst
Trend Micro	UX researcher
Tyrrell Historical Library	Archivist
University of Texas, Office of Admission	Administrative Assistant
University of Washington	Postdoctoral Scholar
UT Health Houston	Scientific Programmer
Waco McLennan-County Library	Library Associate
WellSky	Associate UX Designer

Graduate's Comments

"I found that special projects I completed with my internships and with my student organization were the number one thing brought up during interviews, despite having a ton of career experience."

"I had great personal connections with the archives professors which allowed me to do independent studies and to be really involved in the community with 'side projects' which I think made me much more well-rounded and gave me so much to discuss during interviews and in my cover letters."

"Do mock interviews with Kim! And network as much as you can."

"I believe working with Career Development over the course of my grad school experience helped me be confident in what I wanted in a position and to express that clearly to employers."

"Kim's advice on resume and cover letters was always helpful. I ended up not needing to negotiate salary, but the knowledge that the CDO could help with that made me feel better as well. Career panels were hugely informative to my search."

"The Career Development Office was invaluable for resume guidance and cover letter reviews when I was applying for jobs."

"My current job was my capstone, which was introduced to me by a iSchool faculty member."

"During this uncertain time job-wise, apply to pretty much anything your skills can be applied to. It'll likely take a long time to find something really related to the things you're interested in, but in the meantime you can at least sharpen your skills in different positions."

"I was a long-term intern prior to graduation and secured full-time employment 5 months post graduation with the same organization."

"Kim Wood has always provided very good advice in all areas."