TEXAS iSchool
The University of Texas at Austin
School of Information

94% satisfied in positions		$81,203
88% accepted positions in Texas	**88%** secured full-time employment	average salary
		34 survey respondents

Class of 2021 Employment Report

The 2021 class for the University of Texas at Austin School of Information was composed of 34 responses from graduates from May and August 2021. Out of the 34 responses received, all were from the MSIS program. Responses were received from 34 out of 76 graduates, representing a 45% response rate, and graduates were surveyed via an online Qualtrics survey. The Career Development Office is attempting to redistribute the survey using different contact information for students, in an effort to increase the response rate and gather more data. The survey data is self-reported and the following results reflect aggregate responses to identify trends. Based on the data as it exists currently, employment outcomes were better than in 2020, and represent a different job market and approach to work than in 2019.

Highlights

- o **Employment**
  - ▪ School of Information graduates that responded to this survey continue to have strong employment prospects with **88%** reporting they were **employed full-time**, **12%** reporting they were **employed part-time**, and only **12%** reporting that they were **still seeking employment**.

- o **Timeline**
  - ▪ Hiring timelines started to look more like they did in 2019, but are still slower than in previous years. **44%** of students were hired **before or around the time of their graduation**, **22%** were hired within **1-3 months** of graduation, and **34%** had to continue looking over **four months** past graduation. Last year (2020), 43% of respondents did not find a position until 4-6 months after graduation, and in 2019 73% of graduates securied employment prior to, or within, 3 months of graduation.

- o **Job Satisfaction**
  - ▪ At the time of the survey, **94%** of our graduates reported being **satisfied in their positions**, which surpasses even the 2019 level of 80% satisfaction.

- o **Location**
  - ▪ We've seen a steady increase of graduates staying in Texas – **88%** of reporting graduates accepted **positions in Texas** (compared to 77% in 2020 and 73% in 2019), and the rest of respondents stayed in the continental US, with the exception of 1 graduate who secured employment in Ukraine.

- o **Salaries**
  - ▪ The overall **average salary** was **$81,203**, up from both $66,048 in 2020 and $73,150 in 2019.

Hiring Organizations & Job Titles

Organization	Title
Allied Electronics	Junior UX Designer
Amazon	UX designer
Briscoe Center for American History, University of Texas at Austin	Library Assistant
California Revealed, California State Library	Digital Services Librarian and Print Preservation Assistant
CGI	Machine Learning Engineer
Dell Technologies	Senior UX Designer
Dell Technologies	Usability Engineer
Dematic	Software Engineer II
Durham County Library	Adult Services Librarian
Exxon	UX Researcher
Flintco	Marketing Coordinator
GeoControls Inc.	Payload Data Integrator
Google	Software Engineer
Harris County Law Library	Assistant Law Librarian
Jellyvision	BI Analyst
Kyndryl	Design Researcher
Library of Congress	Digital Collection Specialist
Microsoft	Software engineer
Oracle	Software Engineer
Oracle	UX designer
Railroad Commission of Texas	Customer Service Representative II/Oil & Gas Records Researcher
Renzoe box	Data Science Intern
Sentier	UX Researcher
Tarlton Law Library	Access Services Librarian
The University of Texas at Austin	Office Assistant
Walmart Global Tech	Data Scientist
WellSky	User Experience Designer

Graduate's Comments

"Being willing to move helped a lot in my search!"

"Networking, talking to peers, getting a mentor" (re: *"What was most helpful to you in your search?"*)

"My friend referred me to this job. Connections are everything!"

"To me, getting referrals from ex-UT students was helpful to me getting called for interviews."