



# **Spring 2019 Employment Report**

The spring 2019 class for the University of Texas at Austin School of Information was comprised of 61 responses from graduates from May 2019 only. Out of the 61 responses received, 58 were from the MSIS program, 1 from the dual degree program, 1 from the PhD program, and 1 from the Certificate program. Responses were received from 61 out of 96 graduates, representing a 64% 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.

### **Highlights**

#### Employment

- School of Information graduates continue to have strong employment prospects with 83% reporting they were employed full-time.
- 44% reported that their current employer was an organization they had worked with prior to, or while attending, the School of Information. This was a 4% increase from the 2018 results.

#### Timeline

- 77% of graduates secured employment prior to, or within, 2 months of graduation. This is a lower percentage when compared with previous years (86% securing employment within 3 months of graduating in 2018), however, we believe this is due to us surveying the graduates much earlier than in previous years. In previous years graduates have been surveyed in the spring of the following year whereas we surveyed our spring 2019 graduates in summer 2019.
- Interestingly, when compared with prior years (79% in 2018), a higher number of graduates (91%) responded that they started job searching up to 12 months prior to graduating.

#### Job Satisfaction

At the time of the survey, 80% of our graduates reported being satisfied in their positions.

#### Location

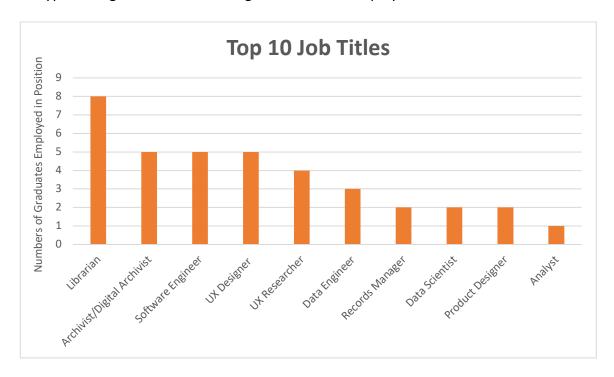
- Over two thirds (71%) of our graduates accepted positions in Texas, of which 45% remained in Austin and 26% outside of Austin.
- Graduates secured positions across 6 states in total with California being the top destination outside of Austin and 1 graduate secured employment in China.

#### Salaries

- 74% of graduates reported earning starting salaries of \$50,000+.
- The overall **average salary** was higher than in previous years at \$78,491. For comparison in 2018 it was \$73,167.

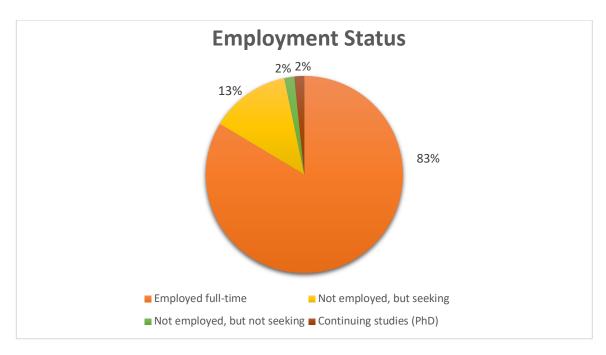
### **Job Titles**

The diversity of the information profession continues to be reflected in the wide variety of job titles reported as well as the types of organizations in which graduates were employed.



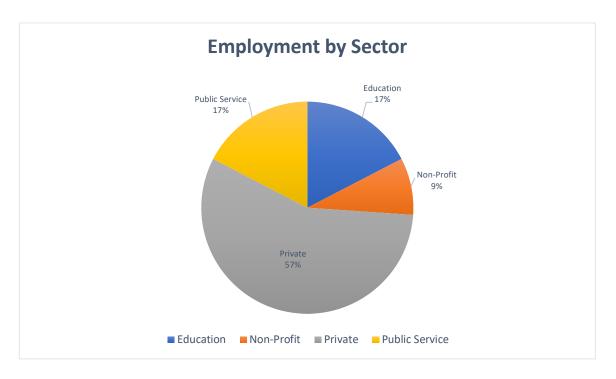
Other position titles reported included; *Chief Information Officer, Offering Manager, Paper Conservation Assistant, Research Assistant, STEM Migration QA*, and *System Developer*.

### **Employment Status**



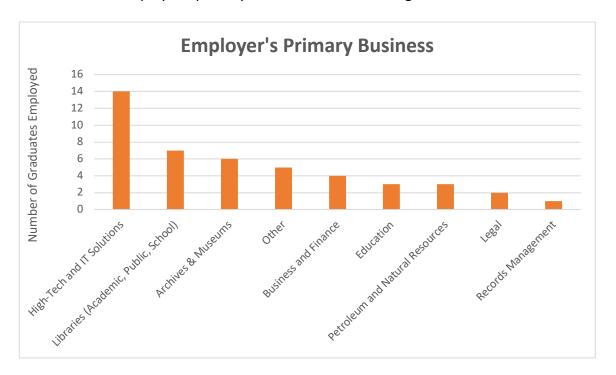
## **Employment Sectors**

The private sector continues to be the largest employers of School of Information graduates with 57% being employed in this sector.



## **Primary Business**

Graduates identified their employer's primary business as the following:

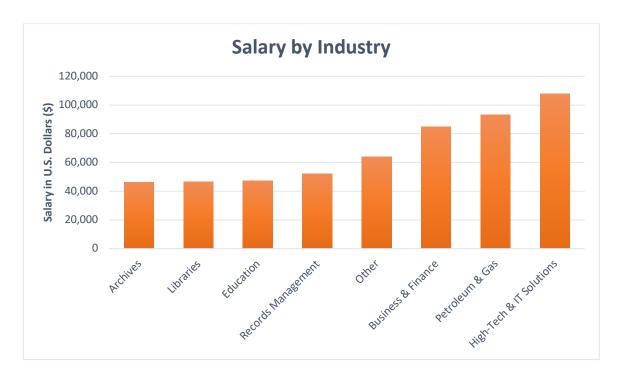


## **Salary Ranges**

Not surprisingly a wide variety in starting salaries remains for the different types of positions and industries, with private sector positions generally offering more competitive compensation.

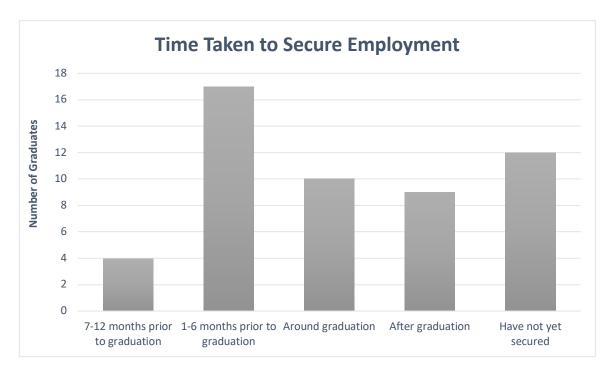


# **Average Salary by Industry**



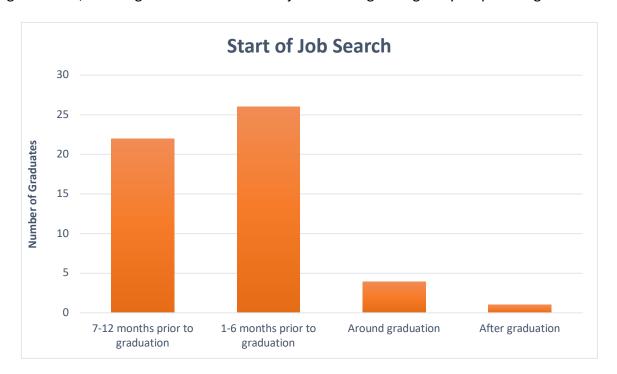
### **Timelines**

The majority of graduates secured employment before or around the time of graduation.



# **Start of Job Searching**

According to results, 91% of graduates started their job searching during the year prior to graduation.



## **Hiring Organizations & Job Titles**

Organization	Title
Amazon	Data Engineer
Arm	Product Designer
AT&T	UX Researcher
Austin Independent School District	School Librarian
Austin Public Library	Library Associate
Balyasny Asset Management	Data Engineer
Booz Allen Hamilton	UX Researcher
BrightEdge	Product Designer
California State University, Fresno	First Year Student Success Librarian
Carrabba Conservation	Paper Conservation Assistant
Cirrus Logic	Digital Asset Management
Cisco	Software Engineer, Data Services
Dell	System Development, UX Research
Deutsche Bank	Associate Data Scientist
EOG Resources	Data Engineer
Episcopal Church	Archival Assistant
Evariant	Business Analyst
ExxonMobil	UX Designer
Houzz	Software Engineer
Huawei	User Experience Researcher
IBM	Offering Manager
Indeed	Associate UX Designer, UX Designer
JCPenney	Data Scientist
Law Office of Alexandria Goff	Chief Information Officer
Leander Public Library	Youth Services Librarian
Macmillan Learning	STEM Migration QA
Office of Attorney General	Records Analyst
Pure Storage	Software Engineer
Revs Institute	Digital Projects Assistant Librarian
Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Atlanta	Records Manager/Assistant Archivist
Sam's Club Technology (Walmart)	Software Engineer II
Texas Archive of the Moving Image	Audiovisual Archivist
Texas State Law Library	Document Delivery/Administrative Assistant
The Wittliff Collections	Archives Assistant
Travis County Law Library	Law/Reference Librarian
Trinity University	Liaison Librarian for the Sciences
University of North Texas	University Archivist
University of Texas at Austin	Circulation Supervisor, Research Assistant

#### **Graduate's Comments**

"Choosing a capstone wisely and networking on my own were essential."

"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."