



THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

School of Information

Faculty of Arts

Annual Alumni Survey Results 2022

Introduction

The following online survey was distributed to graduates of the Master of Archival Studies (MAS), Master of Library & Information Studies (MLIS), and Master of Archival Studies/Master of Library & Information Studies (MASLIS) graduates whose degrees were conferred between September 2021 and May 2022.

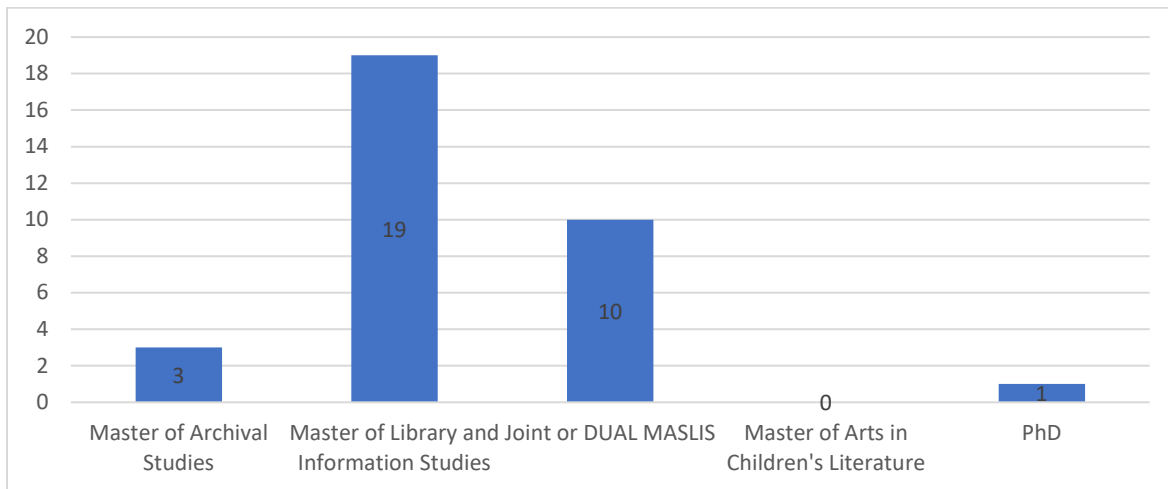
A total of 77 graduates were eligible to complete the survey: 47 MLIS, 5 MAS, 21 MASLIS, 2 MACL, and 2 PhD graduates. A total of 33 graduates completed the survey for a total response rate of 42.86%. Of the 33, 19 are MLIS graduates, 3 are MAS graduates, 10 are dual MAS/MLIS graduates, and 1 is a PhD graduate.

Questions about the survey can be directed to the Educational Services Manager at ischool.edsm@ubc.ca.

Key findings

- **93.94%** of the respondents are currently employed, which is comparable to 94.87% last year.
- Of the 31 respondents who indicated that they are employed, 28 (**90%**) reported being employed in a position related to their iSchool degree, comparable to 92% of last year.
- 82% of respondents were either employed before completing their degree or within six months of graduation, comparable to 87% of last year.
- Alumni' self-assessment of iSchool Competencies aligns with last year's trend in all areas.

What degree did you complete at the iSchool?



Did you transfer from one program to another?

DUAL to MAS	0
DUAL to MLIS	1
MAS to DUAL	0
MLIS to DUAL	1
I did not transfer programs	33

If you did change your degree program, can you please provide your rationale for the decision?

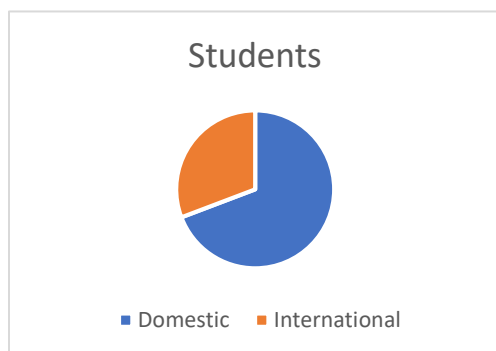
Pandemic stress, financial stress (lack of scholarship opportunities to help pay for tuition and living expenses).

I initially applied to the Dual, only got into the MLIS, began the MLIS, then applied to transfer

Did you complete any sub-specializations or concentrations as part of your degree?

First Nations Curriculum Concentration	6
Designing for People	1
Blockchain@UBC	1

Were you attending as a domestic or international student?



Responses:

Domestic	18
International	15

When was your degree conferred?

Answer	Response	%
November 2021	11	34%
May 2022	21	66%
Total	32	100%

What is your age group?

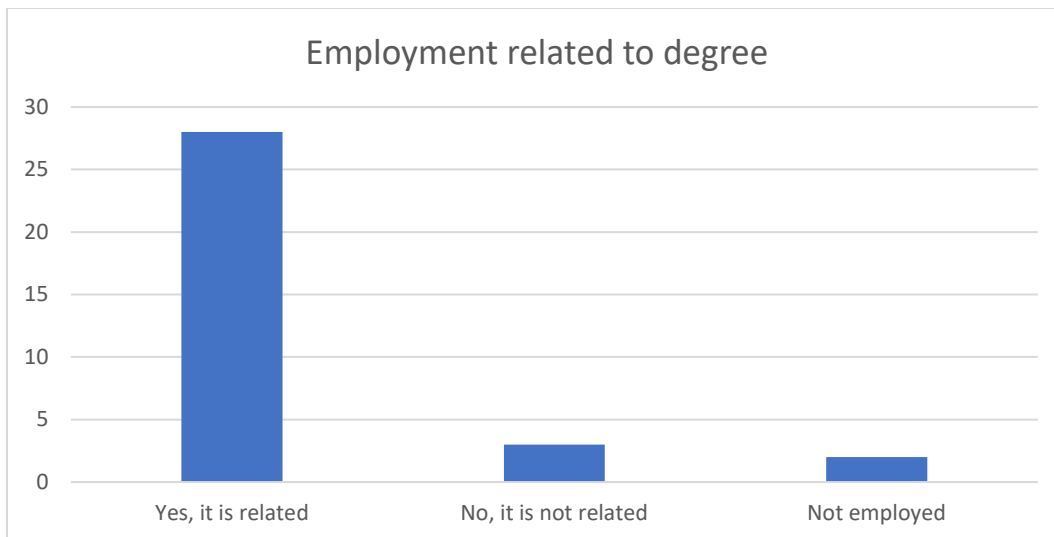
Answer	Response	%
20-29	16	50%
30-39	14	43.75%
40-49	2	6.25%
50-59	0	0%
60+	0	0%
Total	32	100%

Are you currently employed?



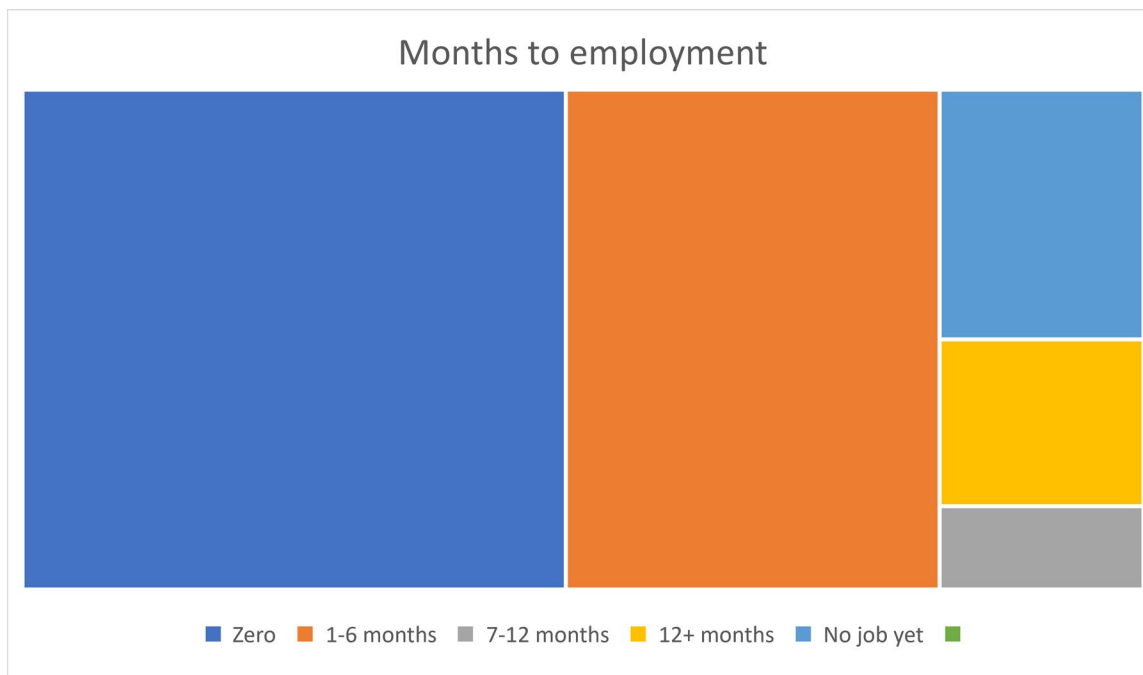
Yes	31 (94%)
No	2 (6%)

If you are currently employed, is your employment related to your iSchool degree?



Yes, it is related	28 (85%)
No, it is not related	3 (9%)
Not employed	2 (6%)

How many months elapsed between the completion of your degree and your first job placement?



Answer	Response	%
Zero – I obtained the position before completing my degree	16	49
1-6 months	11	33
7-12 months	1	3
More than 12 months	2	6
I have not received my first job placement	3	9
Total	33	100%

What best describes your work status?

Answer	Response	%
Employed full-time in a single position	11	33
Employed full-time in multiple positions	1	3
Employed part-time in a single position	0	0
Employed part-time in multiple positions	3	9
Not employed	2	6
Employed full-time in a single contract position	13	39

Employed part-time in a single contract position	3	9
Total	33	100%

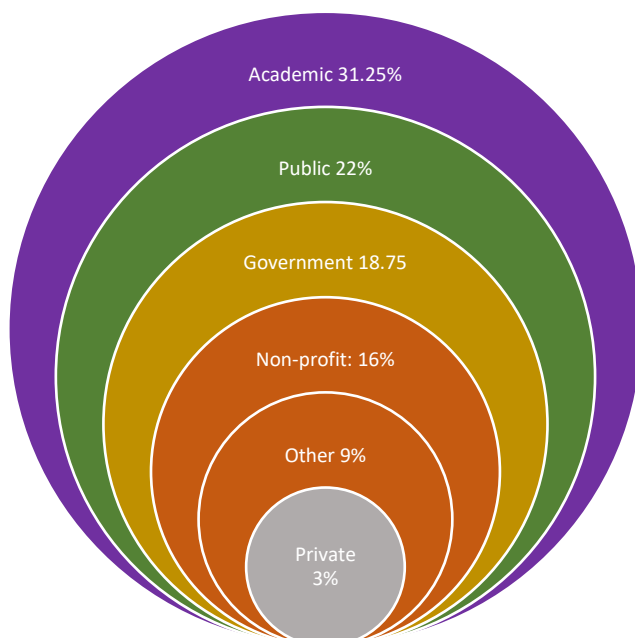
Did you obtain your full-time position as your first job placement?

Answer	Response	%
Yes	16	70
No, I worked multiple contract positions prior to obtaining full-time employment	7	30
No	0	0
Total	23	100%

What is your current salary range?

Answer	Response	%
Less than \$25,000	3	9
\$25,000-49,999	7	22
\$50,000-74,999	16	50
\$75,000-99,999	5	16
\$100,000 or more	1	3
Total	32	100%

In what type of organization is this position?



Answer	Response	%
Academic	10	31.25
Public	7	22
Private	1	3
Government	6	18.75
Non-profit	5	16
Other	3	9
Total	32	100%

Where is this position located?

Answer	Response	%
Metro Vancouver	12	38
Lower Mainland (Whistler to Hope)	3	9
Other part of BC	3	9
Other Canadian province/territory	5	16
Outside Canada	9	28
Total	32	100%

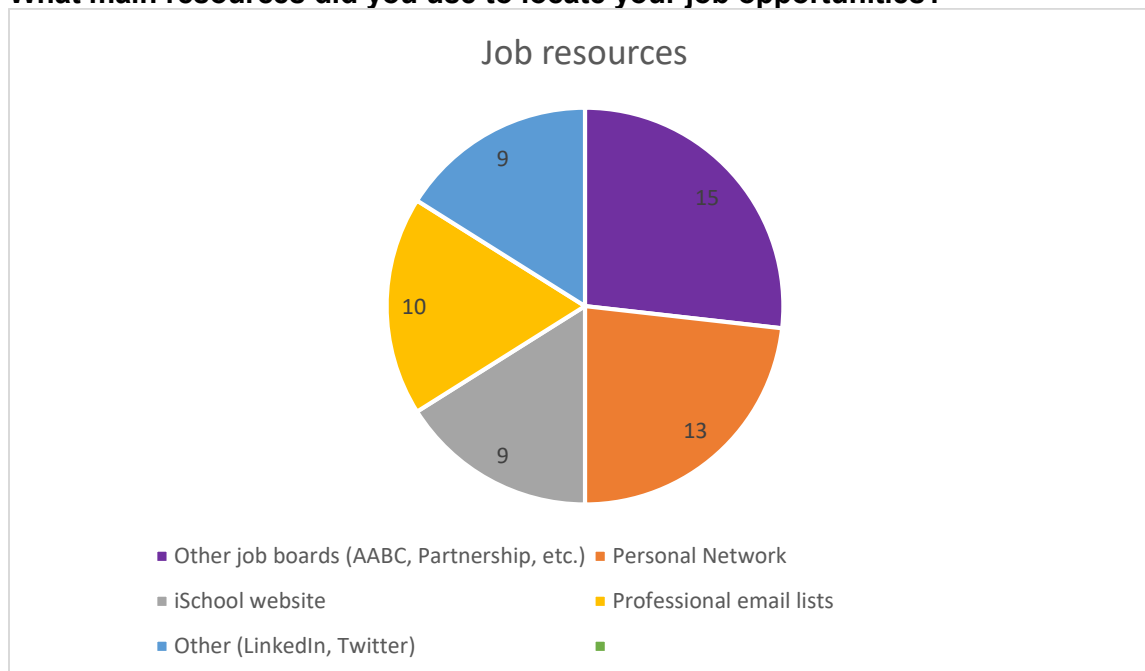
Job titles

digital transformation analyst
Information Analyst
Branch Head Librarian
Library Assistant (Recreation Leader)
Reference and Backlog Archivist
Public Safety Records Specialist
Auxiliary archivist
Assistant Professor & Reference/Instruction Librarian
Archivist
Records management specialist
Teaching and Learning Librarian
Student Success Librarian
Librarian
Records Management Researcher
Special Collections Librarian
Senior Library Public Service Associate
Learning & Instruction Support Librarian
Librarian for Research & Learning, STEM
Economic Policy Analyst
Archivist
Campus Librarian
Digital Repository Librarian (term)
Temporary Archives Librarian
Health sciences librarian
Senior Media Librarian, Music Library, CBC/Radio-Canada
Director of Development

How would you rate your job satisfaction in your current role? (10 being a perfect job, and 1 being the worst job possible)

Answer	Response	%
10	2	6
9	5	16
8	8	25
7	7	22
6	5	16
5	2	6
4	0	0
3	1	3
2	0	0
1	2	6
Total	32	100%

What main resources did you use to locate your job opportunities?



Are you a member of a professional organization?

Yes 19 (58%)
 No 14 (42%)

Upon graduation, please rate the level to which you felt prepared for the job market in the following areas:

Ability to assess the needs of diverse groups of people and respond to those needs through the design and provision of information resources, services and systems							
Scale (5 fully prepared, 1 unprepared)	1	2	3	4	5	Responses	Average
	1	3	8	18	3	33	3.58
Ability to organize and manage information for effective preservation, discovery, access and use							
Scale (5 fully prepared, 1 unprepared)	1	2	3	4	5	Responses	Average
	1	6	8	12	6	33	3.48
Ability to apply knowledge of information technology and resources to real world situations							
Scale (5 fully prepared, 1 unprepared)	1	2	3	4	5	Responses	Average
	1	5	8	14	5	33	3.52
Ability to reflect in a critical and informed manner on the role of information professions in society							
Scale (5 fully prepared, 1 unprepared)	1	2	3	4	5	Responses	Average
	1	2	5	15	10	33	3.94
Ability to communicate effectively							
Scale (5 fully prepared, 1 unprepared)	1	2	3	4	5	Responses	Average
	1	0	5	12	15	33	4.21
Ability to be an effective manager							
Scale (5 fully prepared, 1 unprepared)	1	2	3	4	5	Responses	Average
	3	6	11	11	2	33	3.09
Ability to conduct research and assess information resources							
Scale (5 fully prepared, 1 unprepared)	1	2	3	4	5	Responses	Average
	1	0	6	13	13	33	4.12
Ability to represent your chosen profession through advocacy initiatives, professional development, teaching, research, etc.							
Scale (5 fully prepared, 1 unprepared)	1	2	3	4	5	Responses	Average
	2	2	13	10	6	33	3.48

What continuing education or professional development activities have you participated in since graduation? (check all that apply)

Answer	Response	%
Participated in a course or workshop	16	39
Delivered a course or workshop	4	10
Attended work-related conference	13	32
Other continuing education activities	8	19

What, if any, of the following activities during your iSchool degree contributed to your career success to date?

Answer	Response	%
Co-op	11	17
Professional Experience (for credit)	14	21
Internship or Practicum (for credit)	1	1
Employment at iSchool (such as STA or research assistant-ship)	4	6
Employment at UBC (such as GAA or student librarian)	15	23
Student Leadership (such as LASSA, ACA Student Chapter, ASIS&T Student Chapter)	9	14
Networking with graduates and other professionals during your time as a student	12	18

Thinking of your education at the iSchool, what areas or topics best prepared you for the positions you have been in since graduation?

Work Experience: 22 Group Work: 11 Children's Service: 7 Management: 4 Cataloging: 3 Research: 9 Arrangement and Description: 7 Communication: 10 Reference Services: 12 Public Librarianship: 8 Info Design: 4 Programming: 5 Database Design: 6 Collection Management: 9 Legal Courses: 4 Information Technology: 7 Records Management: 10	Archival Theory: 6 Project Management: 9 Preservation / Digital Preservation: 8 Aboriginal Literature / Material: 5 Marketing: 2 Info Visualization: 5 None: 2
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The following questions are UBC Faculty of Arts Co-op Education related questions.

Did you apply to and were you accepted into the Arts Co-op program during your time at the iSchool?

Yes 58% (29)
No 42% (14)

If no, why didn't you apply to co-op?

Answer	Response	%
I already have relevant work experience.	2	14
I am not interested in work experience.	1	7
I am an international student.	5	36
I don't have time to do Co-op work.	1	7
I prefer short-term work placements or unpaid work.	0	0
Other (please specify)	5	36
Total	14	100%

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- I didn't want to extend the length of my program.
- COVID 19 lockdowns
- Prefer to receive credits to graduate in a reasonable time
- I got the student job I wanted at UBC.

For those accepted in the Co-op program, how many Co-op terms did you complete?

Answer	Response	%
Zero	7	39
1 term	4	22
2 terms	6	33
3 terms	1	6
Total	18	100%

If you didn't complete any work terms, what was the reason?

Answer	Response	%
Applied for jobs but didn't get hired	3	30
I did not see any jobs that interested me	0	0

My personal or academic plans changed	1	10
Found a job outside of Co-op	2	20
Others	4	40
Total	10	100%

Did you feel the Co-op Program (training, advising, and work experience) gave you a competitive edge when searching for a full-time work?

Yes 44% (8)
 Maybe 17% (3)
 No 39% (7)

After your experience in our Co-op Program, would you recommend other students to participate in the Co-op Program?

Yes 55% (10)
 Maybe 28% (5)
 No 17% (3)