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## Class of 2018 Employment Report

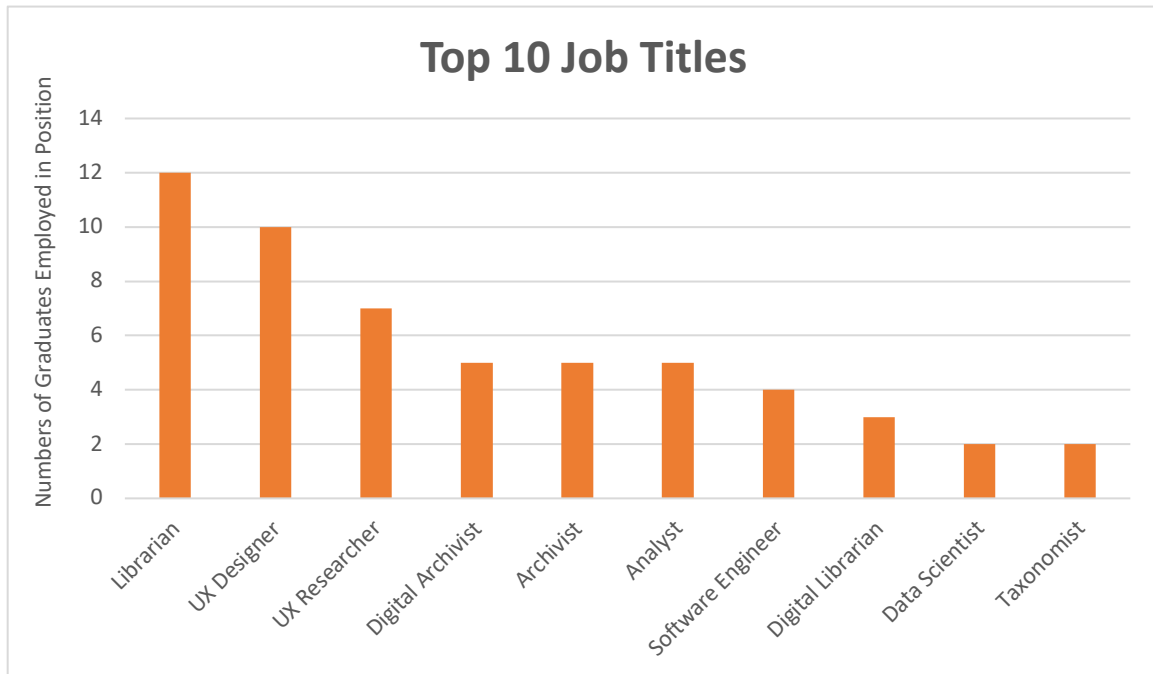
The class of 2018 for the University of Texas at Austin School of Information was comprised of 93 responses from masters and PhD graduates combined from May, August, and December 2018. Out of the 93 responses received, 86 were from the MSIS program, 2 from the MSIMS programs, 2 from the dual degree program, and 3 from the PhD program. Responses were received from 93 out of 111 graduates, representing an impressive 84% 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 **89%** reporting they were **employed full-time** (at the time of survey).
  - **40%** reported that their current employer was an organization they had worked with prior to, or while attending, the School of Information.
- **Timeline**
  - **86%** of graduates **secured employment prior to, or within, 3 months of graduation**, as compared to 82% in 2017.
  - **80%** of graduates 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 (**67%**) of our graduates accepted positions in **Texas**, of which **45%** remained in **Austin** and **22% outside of Austin** (Dallas, Houston, and San Antonio being top destinations).
  - On the other hand, graduates are increasingly more mobile and secured positions across **16 states** in total with California, Florida, and New York being top destinations.
  - Two graduates secured employment in Canada.
- **Salaries**
  - Starting salaries continue to increase with **76%** of graduates **earning \$50,000+**. This is an increase when compared to 2017 salary data where 60% of graduates earned above \$50,000.
  - The overall **average salary** continues to increase and was reported to be **\$73,167** in 2018.

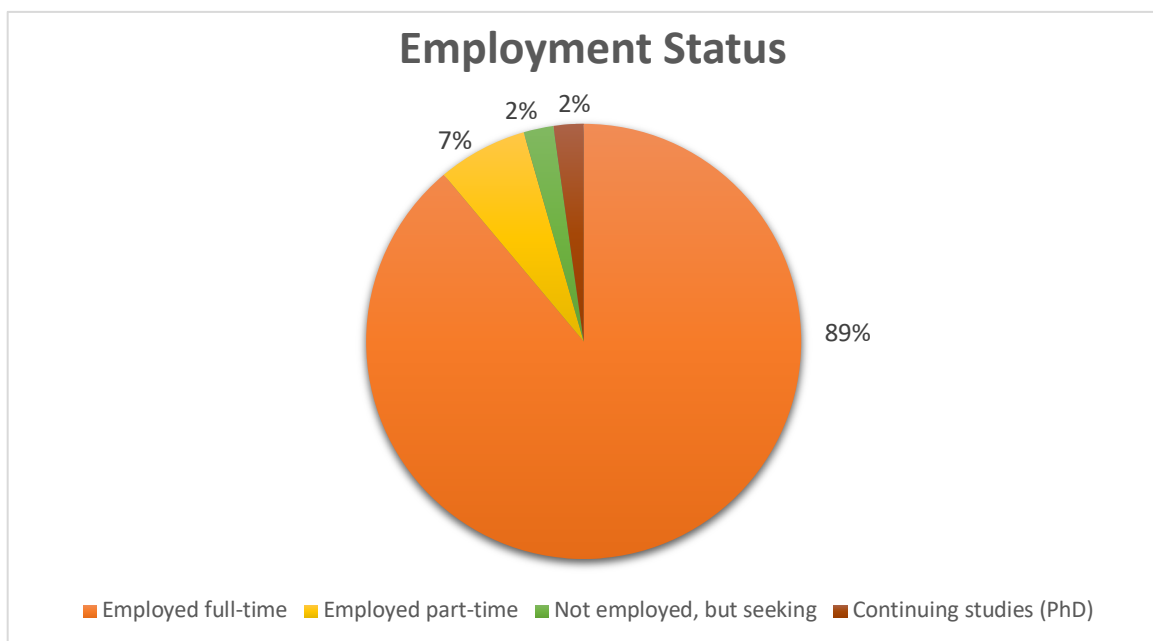
## Job Titles

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.



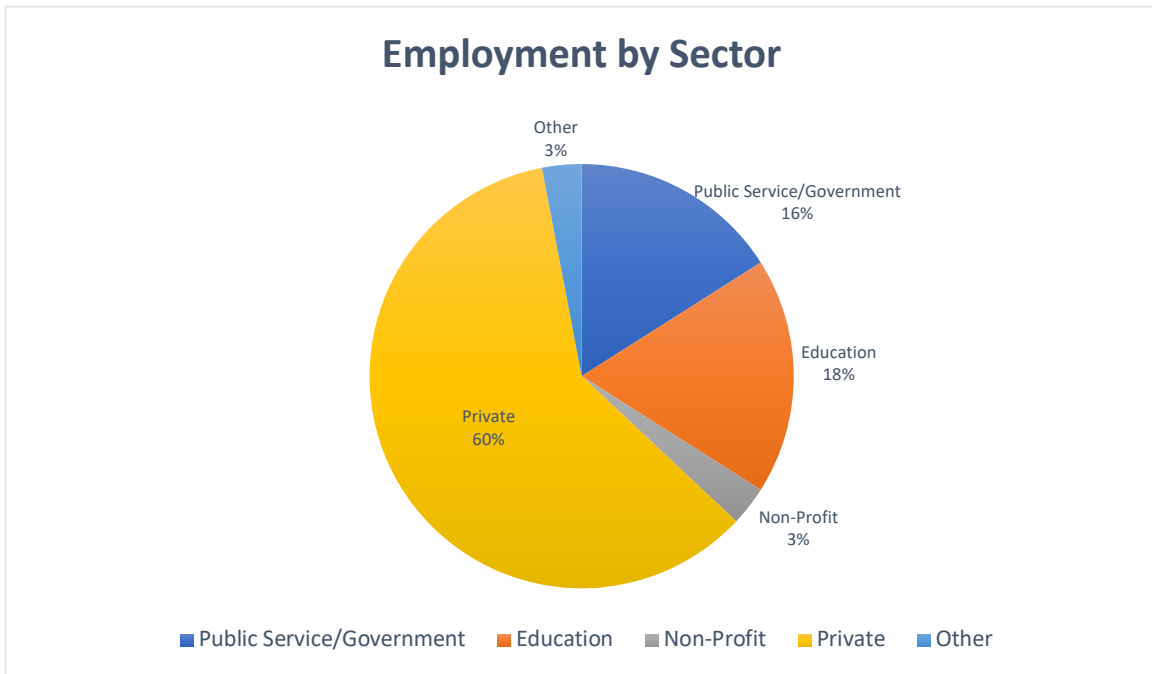
Other position titles reported included; *Senior Interaction Designer, Technical Writer, UX Engineer, Data Engineer, Senior Application Developer, Records Manager, Programmer, Head of Architectural Collections, Cataloguer, Communication Strategist, BI Developer, Engineering Specialist, Marketing Manager, Marketing Advisor, Interim Director.*

## Employment Status



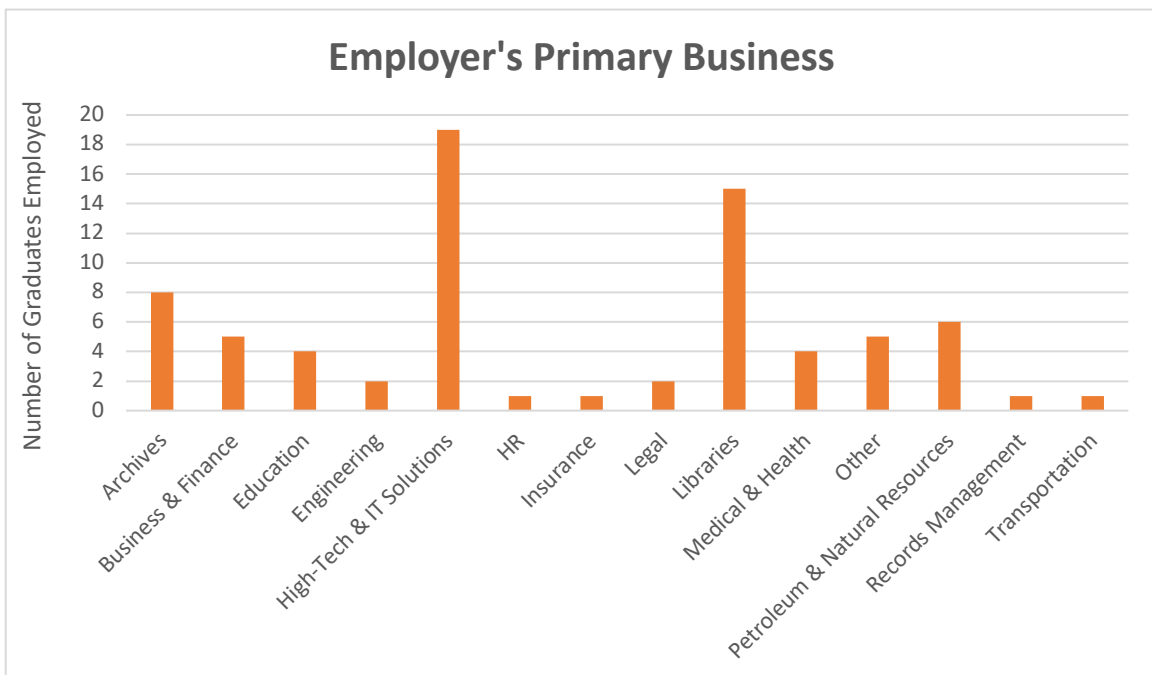
## Employment Sectors

The private sector continues to be the largest employers of School of Information graduates with 60% being employed in this sector.



## Primary Business

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

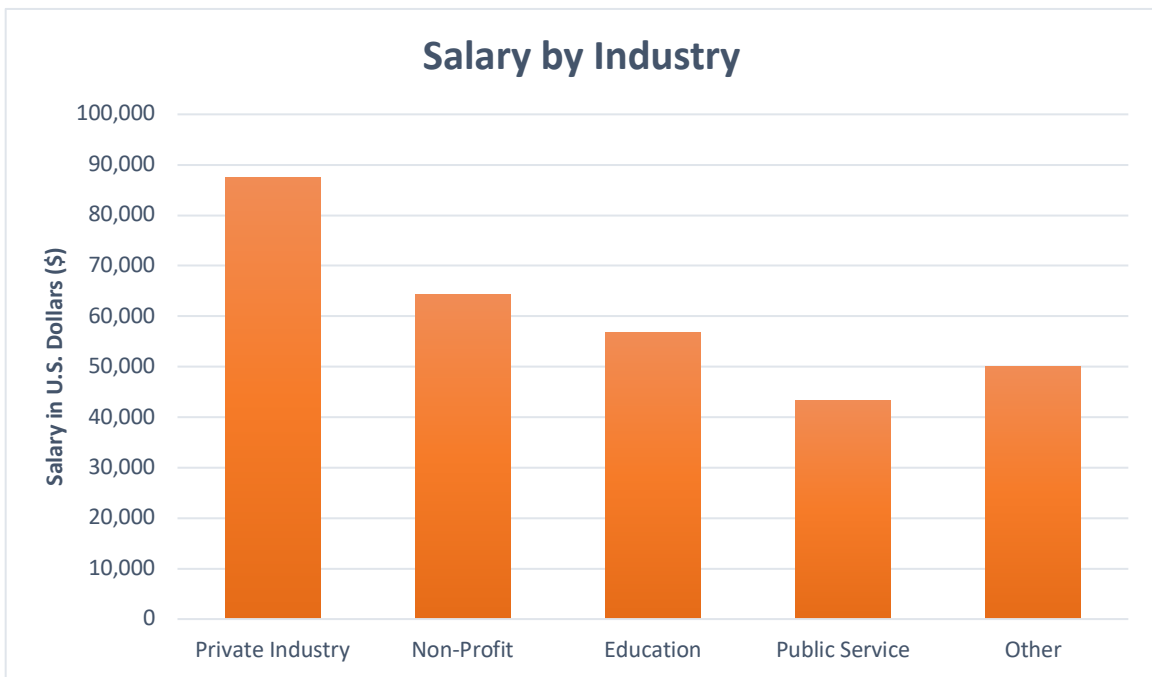


## Salary Ranges

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.

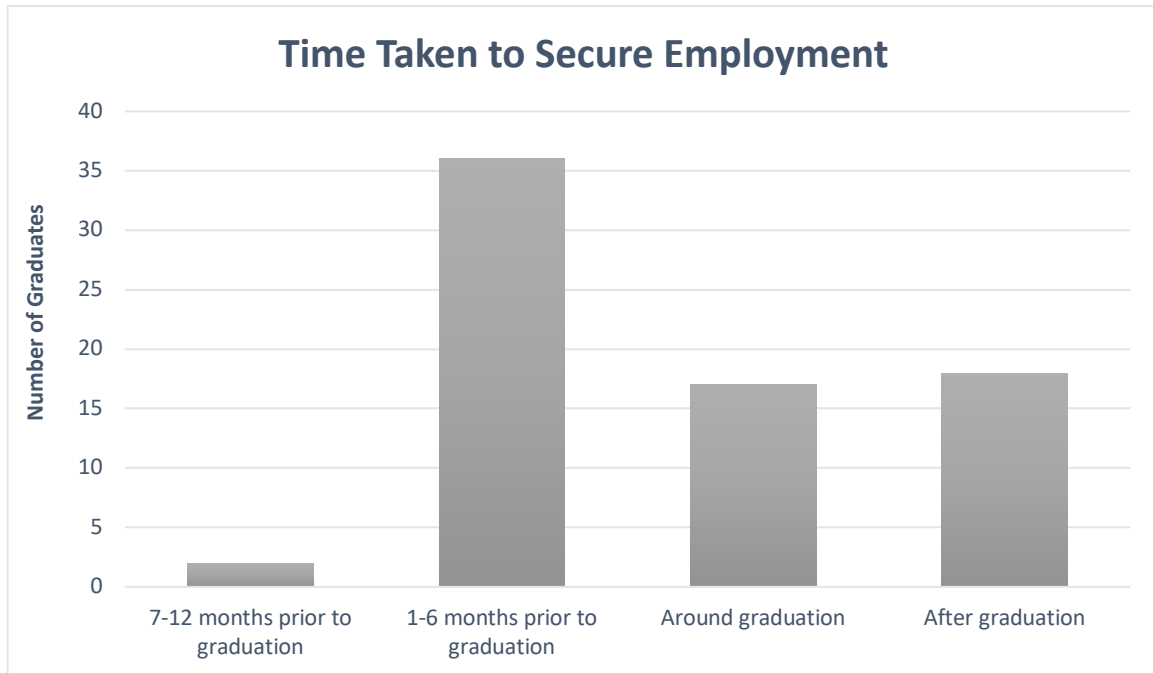


## Average Salary by Industry



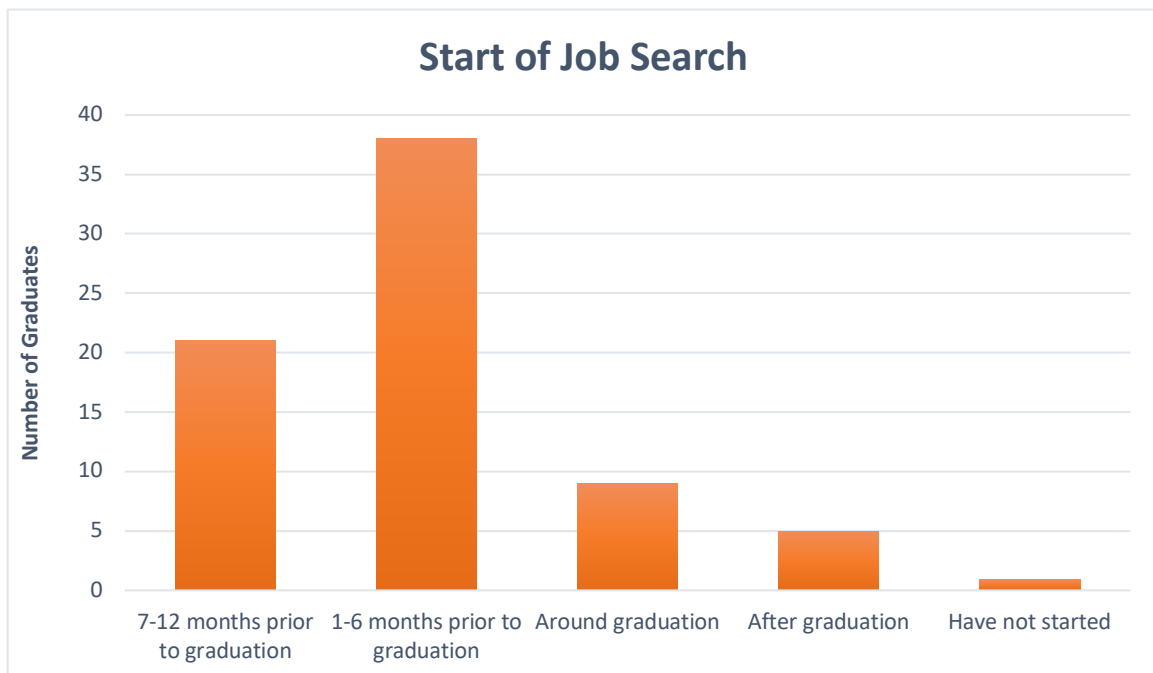
## Timelines

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



## Start of Job Searching

According to results, 80% of graduates started their job searching during the year prior to graduation.

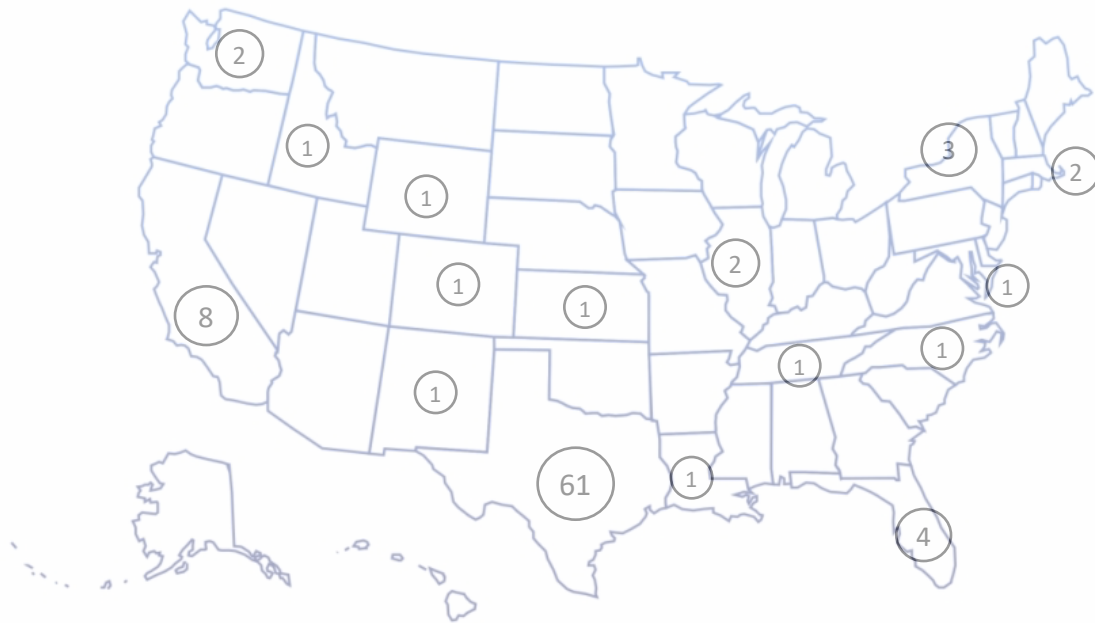


## Hiring Organizations & Job Titles

Organization	Title
Accenture	AI Researcher, Senior Analyst
Amazon	Software Engineer
AT&T	Data Scientist
Austin Public Library, City of Austin	Librarian I (Youth Librarian), Librarian I
Catholic Archives of Texas	Archivist
Cerner	Software Engineer
Collins Aerospace	Engineering Specialist
Cox Automotive	Software Developer
cPanel	UX/UI Designer
Creditshop LLC	Data Science Analyst
Dell	Business Analyst, Marketing Operations Senior Advisor, Senior Interaction Designer
Dell Technologies Inc.	Digital Librarian
Dell EMC	Senior Interaction Designer
Deloitte Services LP	Senior Application Developer
Elevation Energy Group	Operations Analyst
Express Scripts	UX Researcher
ExxonMobil	Senior UX Researcher, UX Designer
Facebook	Software Engineer
Georgia Tech Research Institute	Digital Project Specialist II
Greening Youth Foundation	Digital Archives Intern
Harry Ransom Center, UT Austin	Archivist (Professional Librarian)
Harvard University	Digital Archivist
Hindman Auctions	Cataloguer
Hireteammate	UI/UX Designer
HP Inc.	UX Engineer II
Indeed	Taxonomy Analyst
Lake Travis Community Library	Librarian
Leander Public Library	Youth Services Librarian
McDermott Will and Emery	Information Governance Analyst
National Instruments	Technical Writer
National Library of Medicine	Associate Fellow
National Oilwell Varco	UX/UI Designer
National Park Service	Digital Archives Intern
Neubus, Inc.	Records Management Coordinator
North Carolina State University	Librarian
Optum	Associate UX Designer
Pasco County Libraries	Librarian I - Reference
Pitney Bowes	BI Developer
PricewaterHouseCoopers LLP	Data Engineer
Private Foundation	Archivist
Salve Regina University	Digital Scholarship & Instruction Librarian
Schlumberger	UX Designer
Slavic401k	UX/UI Designer
St. Edward's University	Public Services & Outreach Librarian
Tarlton Law Library, UT Austin	Reference Librarian
Texas Digital Library	Communication Strategist
University of Louisiana at Lafayette	Digitization Archivist
University of Texas at Austin	Head of Architectural Collections, Reference Archivist, Social Sciences Librarian
University of Washington Libraries	Data Visualization Librarian
University of Wyoming	Instructional Design Librarian
US Army	Archivist
Visa	UX Researcher
WellSky	UX Researcher
WeWork	Global Product Marketing Manager

## Employment by Location

Graduates are increasingly more mobile and in 2018, School of Information graduates accepted positions across 16 states. Although not shown below, two graduates also accepted positions in Canada.



## Graduate's Comments

*"Start early and be persistent. Hiring personnel are people too so do not be afraid to talk to them or ask them questions like you would anyone else."*

*"It is challenging to not get discouraged during this process. Stay optimistic and keep applying."*

*"Be open to different titles in your search. Different companies present a multitude of titles for similar information professional positions."*

*"It was really all about networking in my experience - I knew someone who needed an intern..."*

*"Leverage your master's degree, don't be afraid of applying to jobs asking for more years of experience than you actually have."*

*"Being prepared - researching the mission, work, etc. of each job I applied to helped me tailor my resumes and cover letter and do well at interviews."*