Class of 2010 Employment Report
The Class of 2010 including graduates from May, August, and December of 2010 was comprised of 108 students. The School of Information Career Services Office officially surveyed these graduates in June 2011 and there were 55 respondents representing a 51% response rate. Partial data on an additional 32 graduates was collected manually through phone calls, emails and in-person visits. This report includes basic employment data on all 87 respondents (both formal and informal), which represents 80% of the class. With 80% of the class accounted for, the report is representative of the cohort.

**Key Points:**

- Information Science is the first professional career for 56% of our graduates
- 96% reported professional job outcomes or are continuing their education
- Job Satisfaction is reportedly high at 81% satisfied
- The majority of students begin their job search at least 3 months before graduation (58%)
- 45% are able to secure employment within 3 months; 71% within 6 months
- 70% of our graduates work in public service and non-profits, with 30% in the private sector
- Twenty diverse industries are employing our graduates
- The state of Texas is retaining 54% of our graduates, with the rest sprinkled across the country
- Starting salaries vary widely with the emerging fields accounting for higher salaries and archives the lowest with libraries in the middle
- An internship and/or the capstone experience was reported to be the most helpful activity in obtaining employment, followed by networking and career services
- 32% returned to an employer they worked with while at the iSchool or previously indicating the potential for intern conversion and networking.
- 81% consulted with Career Services

The job market in 2010 continued to be a tough economic climate especially for the traditional fields of libraries and archives. The tech community started to recover from the recession much quicker and many graduates who had initially only pursued public service looked to the private sector for career opportunities.

The interdisciplinary nature of the iSchool prepares graduates for a wide range of careers and the diverse skill sets of iSchool talent are valued in many industries. The versatility of the program allows grads to switch fields readily and take advantage of the opportunities offered by the Austin tech community and beyond.
What Percentage of Graduates Secure Professional Positions?

Percentage of Graduates in Professional Positions

- Underemployed: 3
- Continuing Education: 3
- Professional Jobs: 93

Job Satisfaction

55 respondents

- 45 Yes
- 10 no’s (health issues, management is hard, same job, 2 part-time jobs)
  - 2 unemployed

= 81% satisfied
Employment Sector Entered

Number of Grads Entering 4 major employment sectors

- Education (includes HigherEd) 42%
- Private 30%
- Nonprofit 7%
- Government (local, state, federal) 21%

Subtracted the unemployed (2) and the continuing students (3) from the data, looking at 82 responses

Top 8 Employing Industries

- Libraries 40%
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- Communications (news, media, publishing) 7%
- Consulting 5%
- Medical, Health, Pharma 6%
- Museum, Arts & Humanities 9%
- Education (e-learning, instructional design) 7%
- High Tech 10%

Percentages from 82 respondents- allowed to select multiple industries, selected at least 3 on avg.
- Heavy representation in universities, secondary education, public libraries, museums and archives.

- 17 corporate and large nonprofit employers
  - AT&T
  - American Cancer Society
  - Cirrus Logic
  - Design for Use
  - eBook Architects
  - Fluid
  - Mutual Mobile
  - Intel
  - Landacorp
  - Llesiant
  - National Instruments
  - Sense Corp (Consulting)
  - Shipley & Associates
  - The Search Engine Guys
  - Tokyo Electron
  - Thermo Scientific
  - Trap.it

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(108 responses) Percentages taken from number of respondents, not responses.
Starting Salaries of Graduates

- Pay varies widely by position and industry
- Lower figures reflect graduates who choose lower-paying positions in libraries, archives, and public service
- Any student can be paid a higher salary if he or she chooses to work in the private sector and/or sometimes the federal government
- 95% of our graduates are earning between $30,000 and $74,999
- 76% make at least $40,000
Starting Salaries

Salary by Field
What’s in the Title?
Top 8 Words Used to Describe Positions

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Titles by Category

**Librarian Titles**
- Business Research
- Children’s
- Collection Development
- Corporate
- Instructional Services
- Instructional Technology
- Learning Partnership

**Technical Titles**
- Digital Projects Specialist/
- Programmer Analyst
- Director of Information
- Design e-book Developer
- Information Architect
- Information Manager
- Information Ontologist
- Interaction Designer IT Expert (ontology & Metadata)
- Lead Editor
- Media Production

**Research/Analyst Titles**
- Business Research
- Research Scientist
- Programmer Analyst
- Operations Analyst
- Sr. Research Assistant

**Archivist Titles**
- Coordinator Project Manager (for Design Co)
- Sr. Product
- Development Engineer
- System Programmer
- Systems Coordinator
- Taxonomist Tech Writer
- UX Designer (3)
- Webmaster (3)

**Education Titles**
- Cancer Information Specialist
- Community Ed Manager
- Adult Educator
Starting Job Search in Relation to Graduation

- 9 months before: 7 respondents
- 6-9 months before: 6 respondents
- 3-6 months before: 19 respondents
- 1-3 months before: 17 respondents
- At graduation: 4 respondents
- 1-3 months after: 1 respondent
- 6-9 months after: 1 respondent

Secured Employment

- More than 1 yr. after: 4 respondents
- 9-12 months after: 4 respondents
- 6-9 months after: 8 respondents
- 3-6 months after: 14 respondents
- 1-3 months after: 13 respondents
- Prior to Graduation: 12 respondents

55 respondents
How long does it take to secure a job?

- 45% employed within 3 months
- 71% employed within 6 months
- 85% employed within 9 months
  (percentages from 55 formal survey respondents)

Most helpful in obtaining employment?

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