Degrees With a Difference

MASTER’S DESTINATIONS: Department of Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics (FARE)

Over a 20-year period (1999-2019), approximately 4,000 students graduated from the Ontario Agricultural College’s (OAC) graduate programs. The Master’s Destinations Overview documents their career status as of 2019. Master’s graduates from the University of Guelph’s Department of Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics have careers in diverse fields.

Demographics of FARE Master’s graduates from 1999-2019.

- Gender: 
  - Female: 44% 
  - Male: 56%

- International: 30% 
- Domestic: 70%

*Due to limitations of available historical data, we regret that non-binary gender classifications are not reported

Sample employers of FARE Master’s graduates.

- University of Guelph
- Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada
- Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
- Government of Canada
- Loblaw Companies Limited
- Farm Credit Canada
- Ohio State University
- BASF
- Ontario Ministry of Solicitor General


- Shown by proportion across all cohorts.

Employment sector distribution for FARE Master’s graduates.

- Agriculture: 29%
- Financial & Law Services: 19%
- Research & Development: 12%
- Management & Administration: 10%
- University/College Faculty: 9%
- University/College Administration/Services: 4%

Top six employment categories of FARE Master’s graduates.

WHY PURSUE A MASTER’S DEGREE?

1. Start a new career or shift the direction of your current career path
2. Upgrade your knowledge to be more competitive in the job market
3. Learn about new research and acquire skills in the latest methods and tech
4. Expand your professional network with employers and collaborators
5. Obtain the expertise to pursue your interests or entrepreneurial ideas

+ Master’s graduates can earn up to 47% more

Statistics Canada found that master’s degree graduates (from 2010-2015) made 40-47% more than undergraduate degree holders two years after graduation (StatsCan, 2019).

Why study at OAC?

1. Tackle some of the most important challenges facing our world
2. Job opportunities are in abundance
3. Work with innovative technologies
4. Study a range of interdisciplinary subject areas
5. Join a community with a shared goal to Improve Life