DOCTORAL DESTINATIONS:
School of Environmental Design and Rural Development (SEDRD)

Over a 20-year period (1999-2019), approximately 4,000 students graduated from the Ontario Agricultural College’s (OAC) graduate programs. The OAC Doctoral Destinations Project documents their career status as of 2019. PhD graduates from the University of Guelph’s School of Environmental Design and Rural Development have careers in diverse fields. A PhD is valuable and sought by domestic and international employers in all sectors.

Demographics of SEDRD PhD graduates from 1999-2019.

- **Graduates**: 66
- **Female**: 50%
- **Male**: 50%
- **International**: 17%
- **Domestic**: 83%

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

Sample employers of SEDRD PhD graduates:

- California Polytechnic State University
- Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration
- Ghana Refugee Board
- Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture
- Ministries of Agriculture, Food, Rural Affairs, Environment, Conservation and Natural Resources
- National Agricultural Research Centre
- Natural Resources Canada
- Science, Technology and Innovation Policy Research Organization
- Tennessee State University
- The World Bank
- World Heritage Tourism Research Network


- Shown by proportion across all cohorts.

Employment sector distribution for SEDRD PhD graduates.

- **Post-Secondary**: 58%
- **Private**: 13%
- **Government**: 12%
- **Not for Profit**: 10%
- **Individual**: 7%

Top six employment categories of SEDRD PhD graduates.

- **College/University Faculty**: 40%
- **Research & Development**: 9%
- **Agriculture**: 8%
- **College/University Administration & Services**: 8%
- **Consulting/Independent Business**: 8%
- **Energy & Natural Resources**: 3%
- **Environment**: 3%