Degrees With a Difference

MASTER’S DESTINATIONS: Department of Animal Biosciences (ABSc)

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 Animal Biosciences have careers in diverse fields.

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

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

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<td>467</td>
<td>75%</td>
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Sample employers of ABSc Master’s graduates.

- University of Guelph / Trouw Nutrition / Cargill / Canadian Food Inspection Agency / Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs / Floradale Feed Mill Ltd. / Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals / Grand Valley Fortifiers / Wallenstein Feed & Supply Ltd. / Toronto Zoo / University of Calgary / University of Toronto / Nutreco Canada / Maple Lodge Farms / Royal Canin / Holstein Canada / DSM Nutritional Products / Hill’s Pet Nutrition / New-Life Mills


- Shown by proportion across all cohorts.

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<td>- Private</td>
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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

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

Top six job categories of ABSc Master’s graduates.

- Agriculture - 16%
- Health Services - 14%
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- Research & Development - 7%
- Continuing Education - 6%
- Sales & Services - 5%

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+ 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).