Degrees With a Difference

MASTER’S DESTINATIONS: Government Sector

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. The government sector involves organizations that are directed by government agencies and ministries.

Demographics of master’s graduates working in the Government Sector

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Sample employers of OAC master’s in the Government Sector

- Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
- Canadian Food Inspection Agency
- Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada
- Health Canada
- Ontario Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks
- Environment and Climate Change Canada
- City of Toronto
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada
- City of Hamilton
- Region of Peel
- City of Ottawa
- City of Vancouver
- Region of Waterloo
- Town of Caledon
- Natural Resources Canada
- Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry
- City of Brampton
- Government of Canada
- City of Mississauga
- Parks Canada


- Research Associate
- Quality Assurance Coordinator
- Biologist
- Food Inspector
- Nutritionist
- Manager
- Planner
- Specialist
- Policy Analyst
- Specialist
- Project Manager
- Designer
- Inspector
- Manager
- Head
- Assistant
- Coordinator
- Consultant
- Economist
- Project Coordinator
- Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics

Academic Unit distribution for the Government Sector

- Environmental Design and Rural Development: 47%
- Environmental Sciences: 19%
- Food Science: 11%
- Plant Agriculture: 10%
- Animal Biosciences: 8%
- Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics: 6%

Top five employment categories of master’s graduates in the Government Sector

- Management & Administration: 57%
- Agriculture: 21%
- Environment: 8%
- Health Services: 5%
- Energy & Natural Resources: 3%

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

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