MASTER’S DESTINATIONS: Individual 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 Individual Sector includes self-employment and the ownership/creation of companies and organizations.

Degrees With a Difference

Demographics of master’s graduates working in the Individual Sector

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

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Sample employers of OAC master’s in the Individual Sector


Academic Unit distribution for the Individual Sector

- Environmental Design and Rural Development: 49%
- Animal Biosciences: 19%
- Food Science: 12%
- Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics: 19%
- Environmental Sciences: 19%
- Plant Agriculture: 4%

Top six employment categories of master’s graduates in the Individual Sector

- Self-Employed/Consulting: 46%
- Sales & Services: 15%
- Rural & Urban Planning: 15%
- Agriculture: 7%
- Consumer Staples: 7%
- Arts & Culture: 4%

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