Degrees With a Difference

MASTER’S DESTINATIONS: Department of Plant Agricultural (PAGR)

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 Plant Agriculture have careers in diverse fields.

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

- 50% Female
- 50% Male
- 11% International
- 89% Domestic

Sample employers of PAGR Master’s graduates.

University of Guelph / Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs / Canadian Food Inspection Agency / Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada / Bayer Crop Science / Syngenta / BASF / Corteva / DuPont Pioneer / University of Toronto / Bureau Veritas Group / Aurora Cannabis Inc. / Grower / Perennia Food and Agriculture Inc. / National Agricultural Research Centre / Niagara College / CannTrust / Peace Naturals / CannTx Life Sciences Inc. / Purdue University / Cargill / Cornell University / Health Canada


- Farmer 12%
- Research Associate 12%
- Manager 17%
- Agronomist 31%
- PhD Candidate 3%
- Postdoctoral Research Fellow 2%

Employment sector distribution for PAGR Master’s graduates.

- Private 2%
- Post-Secondary Education 12%
- Government 38%
- Not for Profit 17%
- Other Public 2%

Top seven employment categories of PAGR Master’s graduates.

- Agriculture 31%
- Research & Development 12%
- Management & Administration 5%
- Continuing Education 4%
- Consumer Staples 2%
- Health Services 2%
- Sales & Services 2%

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