Degrees With a Difference

MASTER’S DESTINATIONS:
Post Secondary 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 Post-Secondary Sector includes all public and private universities and colleges, as well as institutions that are focused on pursuing education, research, and scholarships.

Demographics of master’s graduates working in the Post Secondary Sector

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

61% Female
39% Male
13% International
87% Domestic

University of Guelph / University of Toronto / University of Calgary / University of Waterloo / Dalhousie University / University of Saskatchewan / Niagara College / University of British Columbia / McGill University / Purdue University / Ryerson University / Conestoga College / Cornell University / University of California / University of Alberta / Ohio State University / McMaster University / Canadian Research Institute for Food Safety / Fanshawe College / Virginia Tech / Wilfrid Laurier University

Job categories of master’s graduates in the Post Secondary Sector in 2018-2019

Research & Development: 39%
Continuing Education: 23%
University/College Faculty: 21%
University/College Administration/Services: 15%

Academic Unit distribution for the Post Secondary Sector

- Animal Biosciences: 28%
- Environmental Sciences: 18%
- Environmental Design and Rural Development: 17%
- Food Science: 16%
- Plant Agriculture: 13%
- Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics: 9%

Main job titles for master’s in the Post Secondary Sector

- PhD Candidate: 22%
- Research Associate: 18%
- Tenure Stream Faculty: 18%
- Postdoctoral Research Fellow: 8%
- Technician: 7%
- Administrator: 3%
- Director: 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