**Degrees With a Difference**

**MASTER’S DESTINATIONS: Private 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 Private Sector encompasses all corporations and companies that are not controlled by the government.

1,122 Graduates

- **Female**: 59%
- **Male**: 41%
- **International**: 12%
- **Domestic**: 88%

**Demographics of master’s graduates working in the Private Sector**

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

59% Female

1% Male

88% Domestic

12% International

**Job titles of master’s graduates in the Private Sector in 2018-2019.**

**Sample employers of OAC master’s in the Private Sector**


**Academic Unit distribution for the Private Sector**

- Environmental Design and Rural Development: 24%
- Food Science: 16%
- Animal Biosciences: 11%
- Environmental Sciences: 9%
- Plant Agriculture: 8%
- Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics: 5%

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

- Consumer Staples: 21%
- Agriculture: 19%
- Rural & Urban Planning: 12%
- Health Services: 9%
- Sales & Services: 9%
- Engineering & IT: 8%
- Financial & Law Services: 5%

**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