



POST-GRADUATION PLANS
GRADUATING STUDENT SURVEY PILOT REPORT
Office of Assessment and Accreditation Support
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General Information about the Survey

Purpose: The objective of the Graduating Student Survey is to capture graduating students' perception of their student experience. The survey asks students about the preparation they received in a variety of knowledge and skills, their values, ideals, and perspectives relative to people who are different from themselves, and co-curricular contributions to their experience. This report focuses on the Graduating Student Survey components related to post-graduation plans. Two accompanying reports focus on components related to student success and mission alignment and student engagement and work experiences.

Originators: Office of Assessment and Accreditation Support

Data Collection

Sample: 350 graduating students

Instrument: Qualtrics

Period: February 18th, 2017 - January 8th, 2018

Results

The results reported in the narrative are for all participants and the results reported in the figures are broken down by college/school (College of Arts and Sciences [CAS], School of Management [SOM], School of Nursing and Health Professions [SONHP], and School of Education [SOE]). Each figure provides a comparison between the University of San Francisco (USF) as a whole and the college/school.

The School of Law (SOL) is not included in this report due to the low sample size ($n = 1$).

Suggestions for Use

This report is recommended for distribution to the following stakeholders:

- Office of the Provost
- Deans and Associate Deans
- Priscilla A. Scotlan Career Services Center
- Office of Alumni Engagement

Included in this Report

- Quantitative data with accompanying figures
- Qualitative responses

Not Included in this Report

- Appendix A - Employer and Title/Position
- Appendix B - Graduate School, Degree, & Program
- Appendix C - Final Comments

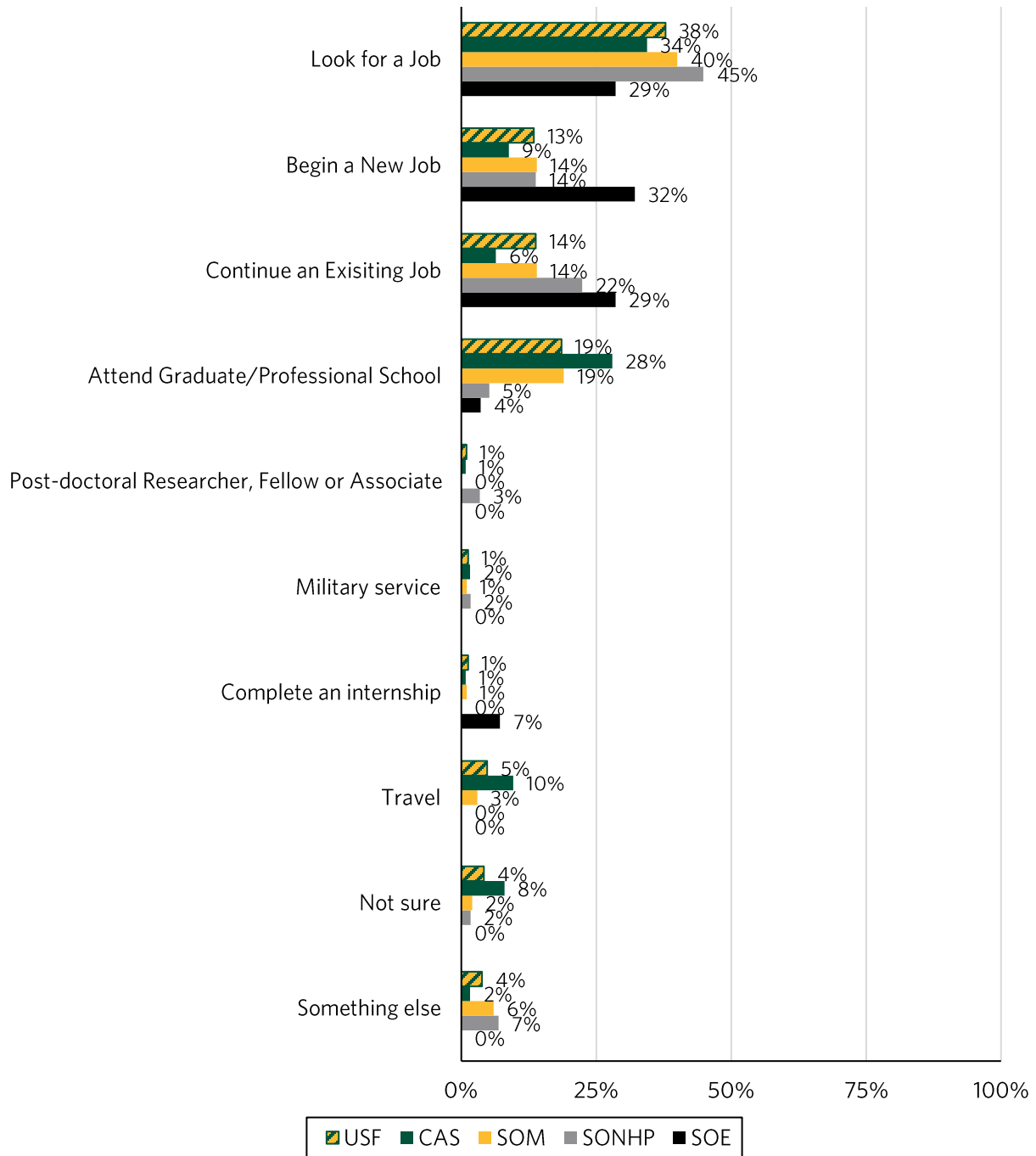
SUMMARY

- The highest proportion of graduating students indicated they plan to look for a job after they graduate.
- Around 80% of graduating students reported that the job they plan to look for, begin, or continue is related to the major/field of study they pursued at USF.
- More than 50% of undergraduate students indicated they plan to attend graduate or professional school. Nearly 50% of graduate/professional students indicated they plan to seek additional graduate/professional training.
- More than 50% of those participants who indicated they plan to attend graduate or professional school reported that they plan to do so at some point in the future, as opposed to immediately after graduating from USF.
- Nearly 50% of those participants who indicated they plan to attend graduate or professional school reported that a Master's degree is the highest degree they intend to earn.

POST-GRADUATION PLANS

Participants reported their post-graduation plans using the following options: look for a job, begin a new job, continue an existing job, attend graduate or professional school, post-doctoral research, fellow, or associate, military service, do volunteer work full-time, complete an internship, travel for a month or longer, not sure, or something else.

- The highest proportion of participants (38%) indicated they planned to look for a job after graduating.



Participants who answered “**something else**” were provided with an opportunity to write in a response. Verbatim responses are provided below with degree, major, and graduation semester and year in brackets.

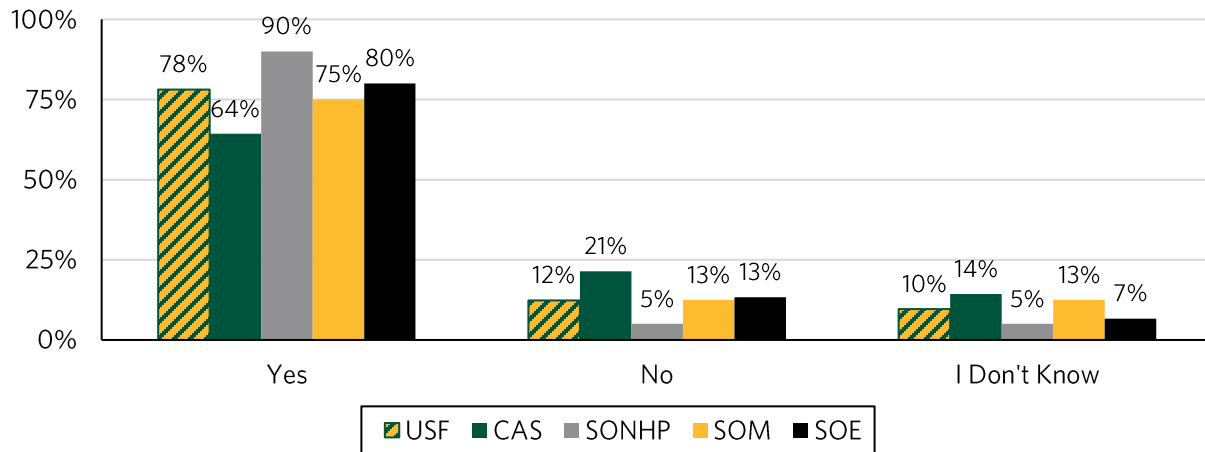
- Consider new job and FNP program [DNP Doctor of Nursing Practice, Fall (December) 2016 - 2017]
- Continue my current job and look for part time job that is related to my degree [DNP Doctor of Nursing Practice, Spring (May) 2017 - 2018]
- Go to culinary school [BSBA Business Administration, Fall (December) 2017 - 2018]
- Hopefully expand the role I am currently in. [RN-MSN Nursing for Registered Nurses, Spring (May) 2017 - 2018]
- Hopefully have my own business ready by the time I graduate [BSBA Marketing, Spring (May) 2017 - 2018]
- I plan to do the JET program, teaching English in Japan. I also plan to travel, complete an internship, go to graduate school and then begin a new job. [BA English, Fall (December) 2017 - 2018]
- I will continue on my existing job and pursue other opportunities in a different setting. [DNP Doctor of Nursing Practice, Fall (December) 2016 - 2017]
- Start a business [MBA Part-time Business Administration, Spring (May) 2016 - 2017]
- Start my business [BSBA Business Administration, Spring (May) 2018 - 2019]
- Start my own business [MBA Full-time Business Administration, Spring (May) 2017 - 2018]
- Take a break off for work for a year or two and then get into a Ph.D. program [MA Asian Pacific Studies, Spring (May) 2017 - 2018]
- Teaching credential [MPA Public Administration, Fall (December) 2017 - 2018]

Employment

Participants who indicated that they plan to begin a new job or continue an existing job reported the name of the company where they plan to work after graduation and their title/position. Responses to this inquiry are reported in Appendix A.

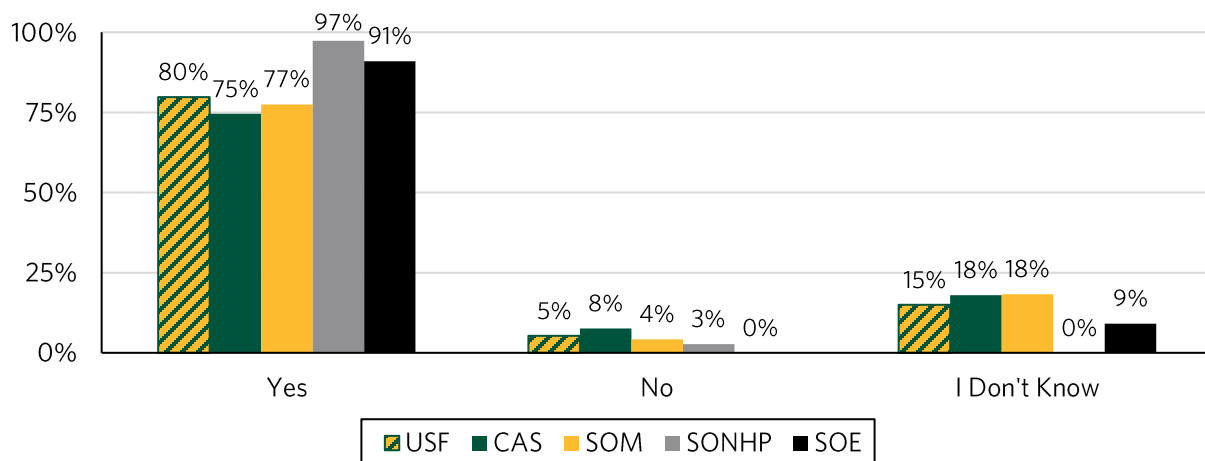
These participants also reported if this position is related to their major/field of study (1 = Yes, 0 = No, -1 = I don't know).

- **78%** of participants indicated this position is related to their major/field of study.



Participants who indicated they would look for a job after graduation were asked if they plan to seek work in their major/field of study (1 = Yes, 0 = No, -1 = I don't know).

- **80%** of participants indicated they plan to look for a job related to their major/field of study after graduation.

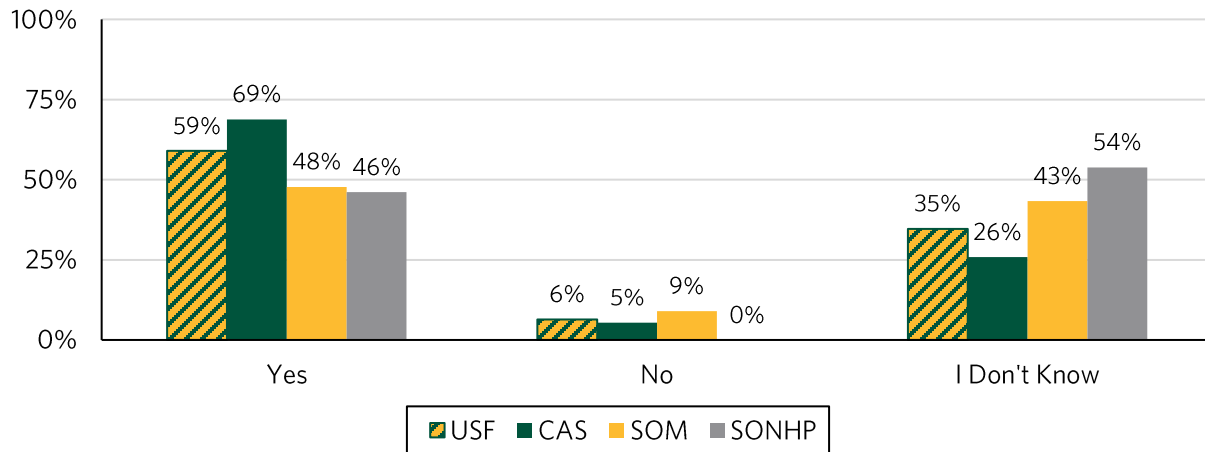


Graduate/Professional Training

Participants who indicated they plan to attend graduate or professional school reported the name of the school and the program. Responses to this inquiry are reported in Appendix B.

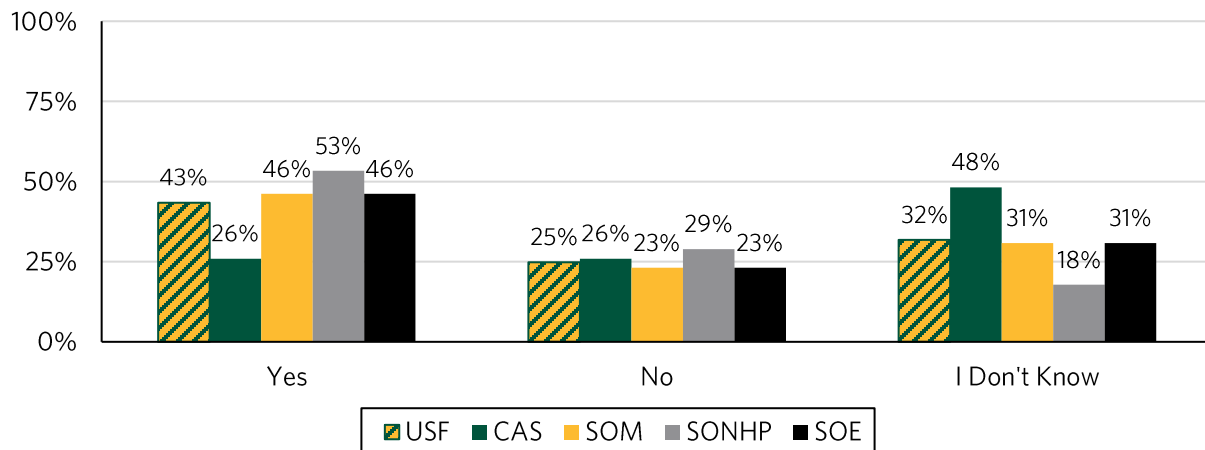
Undergraduate students were asked if they plan to seek graduate or professional training (1 = Yes, 0 = No, -1 = I don't know).

- The highest proportion of undergraduate students (59%) indicated they planned to seek graduate or professional training.



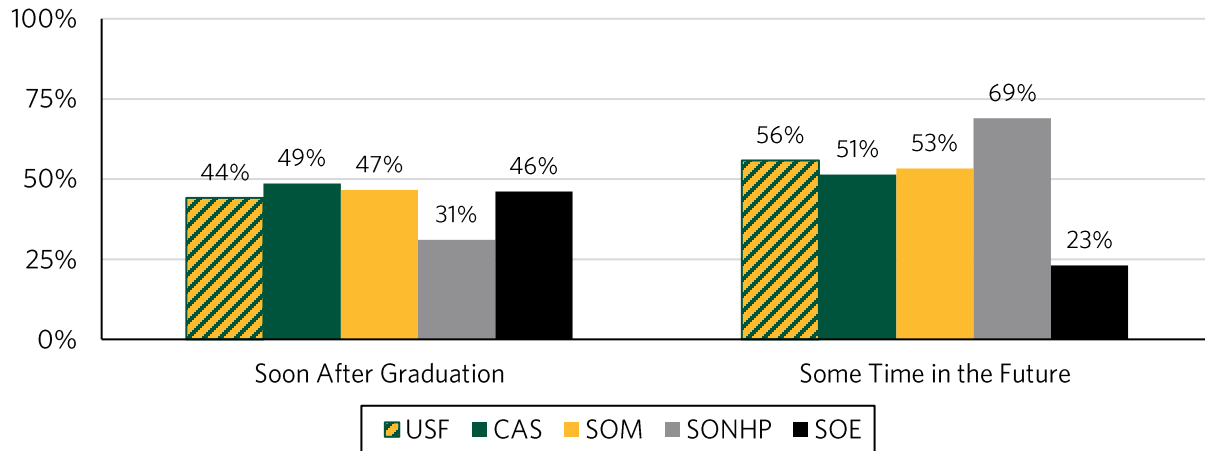
Graduate/professional students were asked if they plan to seek additional graduate or professional training (1 = Yes, 0 = No, -1 = I don't know).

- The highest proportion of graduate/professional students (45%) indicated they planned to seek additional graduate or professional training.



Both undergraduate and graduate/professional students were asked when they planned to seek graduate or professional training: soon after graduation or some time in the future.

- 56% of participants indicated they plan to attend graduate/professional school at **some time in the future** as opposed to soon after graduation.



Participants were asked to indicate the highest degree they ultimately plan to earn using the following response options: Bachelor’s degree, Master’s degree, Doctoral degree, or a professional degree.

- The highest proportion of participants (48%) indicated the highest degree they ultimately plan to earn is a **Master’s degree**.

