# 2014 Graduating Student Survey Results: The School of General Studies (GS)

All numbers, below, represent the percentage of the School of General Studies students who applied for graduation in October 2013, February 2014, or May 2014 and whose post-graduation outcome was collected in the 2014 Graduating Student Survey. The outcomes of 32.5% of all GS students have been collected for this report as of November 30th, 2014.

## Noteworthy Trends:
- 70.9% of reporting graduates are employed or going to graduate school.
- 66.7% of reported total compensation ranges are above $50,000, with 35.4% above $70,000.
- Financial Services, Legal Services, and Education: K-12 / Training / Library industries are the most popular for graduates who have accepted post-graduation employment.
- Columbia University is the most popular destination for continued graduate studies.

### Post-graduation Plans

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<th>Plan</th>
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<td>Employed</td>
<td>58.4%</td>
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<td>Grad School</td>
<td>20.5%</td>
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<td>Continuing Job Search</td>
<td>23.6%</td>
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<td>Taking Time Off</td>
<td>6.8%</td>
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<td>Not Searching or Other</td>
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### Total Compensation

- $100,000 or more: 2.1%
- $90,000 - $99,999: 0.0%
- $80,000 - $89,999: 10.4%
- $70,000 - $79,999: 22.9%
- $60,000 - $69,999: 44.0%
- $50,000 - $59,999: 16.7%
- $40,000 - $49,999: 14.6%
- $30,000 - $39,999: 0.0%
- $20,000 - $29,999: 0.0%
- Under $20,000: 2.1%

Median: $56,000 | Mean: $58,986.4

### Sample Graduate Schools

- Columbia University (NY)
- Harvard University (MA)
- Stanford University (CA)
- Lancaster Theological Seminary
- University of Pennsylvania
- New York University (NY)
- Cornell University (NY)
- Princeton University (NJ)
- Fordham University (NY)
- University of Oxford (United Kingdom)

### Top Company Industries

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<td>Education: K-12 / Training / Library</td>
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<td>Research</td>
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<td>Internet / E-Commerce</td>
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### Sample Hiring Organizations

- Military Service
- Stanford University
- Self-Employed
- Success Academy Charter Schools
- Columbia University
- Unilever
- Credit Suisse
- Goldman Sachs
- Oak Hill Capital
- Teach for America

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*Defined as a combination of base salary and annual guaranteed bonuses. It does not include stock valuation, expected performance, sign-on, or relocation bonuses.*

*Defined using the following outcomes: accepted post-graduate employment, been employed while completing studies, self-employed, military service, service organizations, and those who have received one or more job offers and are deciding.*

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