2017 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 2016, February 2017, or May 2017 and whose post-graduation outcome was collected in the 2017 Graduating Student Survey. The outcomes of 73.2% of all GS students have been collected for this report as of November 30th, 2017.

Noteworthy Trends:

- 87.0% of reporting graduates are employed or going to graduate school.
- 74.4% of reported total compensation ranges are above $50,000, with 39.0% above $70,000.
- 77.9% of respondents had one or more internships during their time as a Columbia University student.
- Financial Services, Consulting Services, and Computers: Software/Information Technology Services 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

- **Employed**: 68.4%
- **Grad School**: 18.6%
- **Continuing Job Search**: 8.3%
- **Taking Time Off**: 0.8%
- **Not Searching or Other**: 3.9%

### Total Compensation

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<th>Compensation Range</th>
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Median: $60,000 | Mean: $68,460

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

### Sample Graduate Schools

- Columbia University (NY)
- City University of New York
- Sciences Po Paris
- Trinity College Dublin (Ireland)
- University of California--Berkeley (CA)
- Harvard University (MA)
- London School of Economics and Political Science (United Kingdom)
- Jewish Theological Seminary of America (NY)
- University of Cambridge (United Kingdom)
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MA)

### Sample Hiring Organizations

- Columbia University
- Yelp
- Deutsche Bank AG
- AIG
- Goldman Sachs & Co.
- JP Morgan
- Own Venture/Self Employed
- IBM Corp.
- NBCUniversal Media, LLC
- Training Orchestra

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