

Class of 2024 First Destinations Report



A knowledge rate of 70% (445/639) was achieved for the Class of 2024.

Status	Percentage	Respondents
Employed	64.3%	286
Working Full-Time	53.0%	236
Working Part-Time	6.3%	28
Temporary/Contract Work	2.2%	10
Volunteering	1.7%	7
Freelance	.9%	4
Military	.2%	1
Continuing Education	24.7%	110
Unemployed and Seeking Employment	9.2%	41
Unemployed and Not Seeking Employment	1.8%	8

73% (172/235) of the respondents of Class of 2024 said that they are “very satisfied” or “satisfied” with their primary post-graduation occupation.

75% (180/239) of the respondents of Class of 2024 said that their postgraduation occupation is “very related” or “somewhat related” to their program or area of study. 76% (180/237) of the Class of 2024 said that their post-graduation occupation is “very related” or “somewhat related” to their career goals.

A Sampling of Employers Selected by the Class of 2024:

AlphaSights	iCapital
AT&T	Johns Hopkins University
Bank of America	Laureate Institute for Brain Research
Boston College	LINK Strategic Partners
Brigham and Women’s Hospital	Mass Audubon Society
Brown University	Memorial Sloan Kettering
Cambridge Associates	Morgan Stanley
Capital One	New York State Department of Education
Citi	New York State Senate
College Year	NYU Langone Health
Culture Solar	Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
Dell Technologies	Salk Institute for Biological Studies
Deloitte	ScribeAmerica
EY	Sony Music Entertainment
Fidelity Investments	Success Academy
Four Winds Hospital	The Metropolitan Museum of Art
GEICO	The Weber Foundation
Goldman Sachs	Warner House
Horizon Media	Wells Fargo

Employment: Industry Breakdown

42% (121/286) of those who reported employment classified an area of industry. Industry classification codes are those used by the US Department of Labor.

Industry	Percentage	Respondents
Education and Training	19.01%	23
Business, Management, and Administration	15.70%	19
Arts, Audio-Visual Technology, and Communications	9.92%	12
Human Services	9.09%	11
Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics	8.26%	10
Health Science	7.44%	9
Finance	6.61%	8
Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources	6.61%	8
Government and Public Administration	5.79%	7
Hospitality and Tourism	4.96%	6
Law, Public Safety, Corrections and Security	4.13%	5
Marketing	1.65%	2
Architecture and Construction	.83%	1

"I feel well-prepared after graduating from Skidmore. Though the job market is rough right now, the opportunity and support I received while developing a diverse array of skills, in a similarly assorted range of environments, was truly wonderful. I am a huge proponent of the liberal arts, and I know that without these tools, I would not have been hired at my current position. "

"Skidmore has helped me learn more about myself, my goals, and the skills I possess. Developing this self-awareness has made me more confident in selecting jobs and determining my career as a post-graduate."

"My Skidmore education prepared me better for my career aspirations than I think any other institution would have. The liberal arts mindset coupled with caring and attentive professors created an environment where students with many interests could thrive. I cannot express how much my time at Skidmore means to me."

"Skidmore has prepared me to the fullest for my post-grad life. Coming into Skidmore, I knew it was a place that embraced students' wishes to pursue multiple paths such as art and business, and I am happy to say that holds true."

"Skidmore developed my ability to communicate about scientific information effectively, with both peers and higher-ups. I have a lot more confidence now in my presentation skills and am willing to put myself out there to get what I want in my career."

Employment: Salary Overview

37% (88/286) of those who reported employment shared salary information. Below is a summary of the findings:

Salary Range	Percentage of Respondents	Respondents
\$9,999 or less	2%	2
\$10,000 – 19,999	4%	5
\$20,000 – 29,999	6%	7
\$30,000 – 39,999	10%	11
\$40,000 – 49,999	32%	36
\$50,000 – 59,999	18%	20
\$60,000 – 69,999	9%	10
\$70,000 – 79,999	7%	8
\$80,000 – 89,999	6%	7
\$90,000 – 99,999	3%	3
\$100,000 or more	3%	3

The median salary for the Class of 2024 was \$50,000 - \$59,999.

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“Liberal Arts education has made me a more versatile candidate in the application process. Skidmore helped me develop my unique interests and taught me how to combine them all into one career.”

“Skidmore's faculty and staff cared for me personally and gave me opportunities closely related to my career goals. Their guidance helped me figure out what I want to do and who I am as a professional. I am so grateful for the Social Work program and all it gave me to jumpstart my career.”

“Skidmore is one of very few liberal arts colleges to host a department of Health and Human Physiological Sciences. This department has thoroughly prepared me to begin my nursing education, and I am grateful for the strong background in the sciences.”

“Skidmore prepared me for postgraduate life by providing me with teachers and opportunities that helped me pursue my interests that fell outside my course curriculum.”

“Skidmore provided me with excellent services and learning opportunities varying through an array of subjects. Through this, I was able to find myself and set my goals for post graduate life.”

Continuing Education: Institutions

On average, 25% (110/445) of respondents elect to continue their education after graduation.

A Sampling of Post-Grad Institutions Selected by Class of 2024 Graduates Include:

Albany Law School	Northwestern University
Boston College	NYU Stern School of Business
Boston University	Rochester Institute of Technology
Brandeis University	Salve Regina University
Brown University	Stevens Institute of Technology
Clarkson University	Stony Brook University
Columbia University	Syracuse University
Cornell University	The George Washington University
Dartmouth College	The University of Chicago
Duke University	The University of Texas at Austin
Fairfield University	Trinity College
Fordham University	Tufts University
Georgetown University	University of California
Johns Hopkins University	University of Denver
King’s College London	University of Massachusetts
London Film School	University of Pennsylvania
McMaster University	Vanderbilt University
New York University	Washington University in St. Louis
Newcastle University	West Virginia University
Northeastern University	Yale University

95% (105/110) of those who reported continuing education shared degrees being pursued. Below is a summary of the findings:

Degree Pursued	Percentage	Respondents
Second Bachelor’s Degree	6%	6
Master’s Degree	67%	71
Ph.D.	17%	18
Professional Degree (i.e., JD, MD, DO, DPT, DVM)	4%	4
Certification	4%	4
Other	2%	2

“I’ve always wanted a PhD in physics, Skidmore prepared me to do this and now I’m in a PhD program.”

A Sampling of Post-Grad Programs of Study Selected by Class of 2024 Graduates Include:

Accounting	Filmmaking
Biochemistry	Finance
Biology	Geological Sciences
Business Administration	History
Chemistry	Human Development
Clinical Counseling	Medieval Studies
Cognition and Communication	Marine Sciences
Computer Science	Neuroscience
Computer Programming	Nursing
Developmental Psychology	Pharmacology
Earth and Planetary Sciences	Physical Therapy
East Asian Languages and Cultures	Plant Biology
Economics	Psychology
Education	Public Affairs
Engineering	Social Work
English	Veterinary Medicine

"I truly do feel like creative thought matters! At my law school, my classmates come from a variety of academic backgrounds. Some have mentioned their discomfort with small group discussions and finding unique ways of thinking about our topics - to me, it feels just like a continuation of my Skidmore experience. I could not be more grateful for the technical writing skills and comfort in public speaking that Skidmore has given me."

"My Political Science major and Education Studies minor prepared me for the master's program I am pursuing at LSE: International Social and Public Policy with an Education Policy stream. My Skidmore education did an excellent job at setting me up to be accepted to one of the top 3 ranked Social Policy universities in the world. Specifically, the wide range of study abroad opportunities available at Skidmore inspired me to apply to this program."

"Skidmore has left a lasting experience on my educational career and has been invaluable while navigating my graduate program."

"My Skidmore experience gave me the tools to combine my French and psychology interests in greater depth and gave me the confidence to pursue an international masters degree in Clinical Health Psychology in France. Pivotal in this journey was my Skidmore in France study abroad experience in Montpellier, my internship at Fourwinds as a Clinical Intern, and my experience doing research. I am so grateful for my Skidmore Experience - as I wouldn't be where I am today without it!"

Skidmore provided ample opportunity to get involved in science research, and organized a phenomenal study abroad experience in New Zealand, both of which shaped the trajectory of my studies and inspired me to pursue further education."

Experiential Education: Overview

75% (193/258) of respondents reported completing at least one internship before graduation. Of those who completed an internship, 72% (131/181) reported two or more.

86% (154/179) of respondents reported their internship as “Very Helpful” or “Helpful” in preparing for their post-graduate career aspirations.

A Sampling of Internship Sites Selected by Class of 2024 Graduates:

Ameriprise Financial	Harvard University Biological Sciences
Arbo Radiko	Impactful Education
Bank of America	Mann Law Firm
Boston Museum of Fine Arts	National Audubon Society
Brooklyn Civil Supreme Court	National Park Service
Brooklyn Clay Industries	NYSERDA
Brookside Museum	NYU Langone Health
Business for Good	Philadelphia Museum of Art
Charles River Laboratories	Project for Peace
Dana-Farber Cancer Institute	Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
Deko Entertainment	Renovo Media Group
Deloitte	Saratoga Independent School
Department of Education	Saratoga Performing Arts Center
Department of Mental Health	Skidmore College
Fidelity Investments	The Ross School
Four Winds Hospital	University of Colorado Boulder
Great Lakes Management Group	Wells Fargo
Harvard Law School	Wildlife Conservation Society

The average number of internships, research experiences, or practicums completed between Fall 2020 and Spring 2024 was 2 per respondent.

Number of Experiences	Percentage	Respondents
1	27.62%	50
2	28.72%	52
3	20.99%	38
4	15.46%	25
5	9.39%	17