

Class of 2021 First Destinations Snapshot



A knowledge rate of 77% (383/494) was achieved for the Class of 2021.

Status	Percentage	Respondents
Employed	63.4%	243
Working Full-Time	54.3%	208
Working Part-Time	7.8%	30
Volunteering	1.3%	5
Continuing Education	26.1%	100
Unemployed and Seeking Employment	9.9%	38
Unemployed and Not Seeking Employment	0.5%	2

79% of the Class of 2021 said that they are “very satisfied” or “satisfied” with their primary post-graduation occupation.

79.7% of the Class of 2021 said that their post-graduation occupation is “very related” or “somewhat related” to their program or area of study. 77.3% of the Class of 2021 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 2021:

Alice & Olivia	MGH Institute of Health Professions
Alnylam Pharmaceuticals	Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Appalachian Mountain Club	Marc Fisher Footwear
Aritzia	Mass General Hospital
Ayco	Merritt Point Wealth Advisors
BNP Paribas Wealth Management	Morgan Stanley
Blackstone	Mount Sinai Hospital
Boston Children’s Hospital	Netflix
Brigham and Women's Hospital	Northwestern Mutual: The Anderson
Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard	Financial Group
Capstone Partners	Santander Corporate and Investment Bank
Doban Architecture	Saratoga Springs City School District
Ernst & Young	Shedd Aquarium
Federal Reserve Bank of New York	Skidmore College
Fidelity Investments	TIAA
Fordham Law School Feerick Center for Social Justice	Tata Harper Skincare
Goldman Sachs	The Trevor Project
Harvard Davis Center	United Nations
Horizon Media	United States House of Representatives
Johns Hopkins Hospital	United Talent Agency
	Yale University

Employment: Industry Break Down

Industry classification codes are those used by the US Department of Labor.

Industry	Percentage	Respondents
Education and Training	15.3%	34
Finance	13.1%	29
Business Management and Administration	10.4%	23
Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics	10.4%	23
Health Science	9.9%	22
Arts, Audio/Video Technology and Communications	9.5%	21
Human Services	8.6%	19
Marketing	5.9%	13
Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources	5.9%	13
Government and Public Administration	4.1%	9
Law, Public Safety, Corrections and Security	4.1%	9
Hospitality and Tourism	3.7%	6
Architecture and Construction	0.4%	1

“Skidmore’s Social Work Department and my general college education prepared me to work collaboratively in the field of mental health and practice with children and families. At Skidmore, I learned how to self-advocate, work as a team, and I was able to tailor my experience based on my needs. Thanks to the help of my senior placement supervisor and advisor, I was able to start a great job in my field following graduation.”

“Skidmore College offered a very rigorous mathematics education that prepared me for graduate-level studies while also giving me the opportunity to explore a variety of extracurricular interests, like my minor in Media and Film Studies.”

“Skidmore's broad course offerings allowed me to pursue courses that fueled my passion for social justice and change. I'm now in a work environment that pushes me to challenge my positionality and work each day to advocate for marginalized communities - like the children and families of the South Bronx.”

Employment: Salary Overview

60% of those who reported employment shared salary information. Below is a summary of findings:

Salary Range	Percentage of Respondents	Respondents
\$9,999 or less	10.9%	12
\$10,000 – 19,999	5.5%	6
\$20,000 – 29,999	9.1%	10
\$30,000 – 39,999	19.1%	21
\$40,000 – 49,999	26.4%	29
\$50,000 – 59,999	10%	11
\$60,000 – 69,999	8.2%	9
\$70,000 – 79,999	6.4%	7
\$80,000 – 89,999	4.5%	5
\$90,000 – 99,999	0%	0
\$100,000 or more	1.81%	2

The median salary for the Class of 2021 was \$40,000 - \$49,000.

“Skidmore allowed me to explore the vast opportunities of potential careers for aspiring students such as myself. Through its vast connections and alumni, the Skidmore Career Development Center helped me start a path with guidance and assistance along the way, and I am grateful for its help to get me where I am today!”

“Skidmore opened doors for what a future in the industry I am in could look like. Through the various alumni networks, I was able to connect with people who have had a chance at navigating the pitfalls of post-grad life.”

“Skidmore's exceptional professors provided me with invaluable independent research experience that made me absolutely shine -- by my employers comment -- for a very competitive research position that I ended up being hired for. It is my dream job!”

“Skidmore has prepared me very well so far. I learn quickly and have the ability to adapt to new and changing responsibilities. I have a broad understanding of many different fields, having had the ability to take classes in many disciplines. I write well which has proven crucial for jobs and job applications.”

“Skidmore College has given me an excellent academic foundation over my 4 years and was vital to my personal, academic, and career development.”

Continuing Education: Institutions

On average, 26% (100/383)* of Skidmore graduates elect to continue their education after graduation. Within 5 years, this number increase to 50%.

*some respondents that indicated continuing education did not provide their degree type

A Sampling of Post-Grad Institutions Selected by Class of 2021 Graduates Include:

Boston College	School of the Art Institution of Chicago
Boston University	Smith College
Brown University	Syracuse University
Colorado School of Mines	Tulane University
Columbia University	Tufts University
Cornell University	UMass Boston
Dartmouth College	University of California – Los Angeles
Drexel University	University of Connecticut
Fordham University	University of Pennsylvania
George Washington University	University of Vermont
John Carroll University	University of Chicago
Johns Hopkins University	University of Michigan
MGH Institute of Health Profession	University of Notre Dame
McGill University	University of Oxford
New York University	University of Southern California
Northeastern University	University of Virginia
Ohio State University	Washington University in St. Louis
Parsons School of Design	Wesleyan University
Rensselaer Polytechnical Institute	Yale University

Degree Pursued	Percentage	Respondents
Second Bachelor's Degree	7.4%	7
Master's Degree	63.2%	60
Ph.D.	10.5%	10
Professional Degree (i.e., JD, MD, DO, DPT, DVM)	14.7%	14
Certification	2.1%	2
Other	2.1%	2

"My Skidmore experience has prepared me greatly for post-grad life. My education helped give me the tools that made a perfect candidate for my current position, one in which I use the critical thinking skills I learned at Skidmore daily. Additionally, the incredible faculty at Skidmore, especially my advisor Tillman Nechtman helped prepare me for my future career goals as well. I plan on enrolling in law school within the next four years, but Dr. Nechtman's advice on taking time to gain work experience has valuably paid off. Not only am I applying the skills I learned at Skidmore, I am gaining valuable knowledge and work experience for the career I plan on pursuing."

A Sampling of Post-Grad Programs of Study Selected by Class of 2021 Graduates Include:

Applied Data Science	Museum Studies
Business Analytics	Music Performance
Biology	Neurobiology
Chemical Sciences	Nursing
Cinematic Arts	Occupational Therapy
Clinical Psychology	Oceanography
Early Childhood Education	Physical Therapy
Electrical Engineering	Physics
Film and Television Production	Physiology
General Education	Public Health
Information Science	Public Policy
Law	Risk Management
Management	Secondary Education
Mathematics	Social Work
Mechanical Engineering	Sports Management
Media and Communication	Technology Management

“Skidmore College provided me with so many opportunities for undergraduate research with so many amazing professors. And the Career Development Center always opened up ways to receive funding to pursue unpaid research and internship opportunities, and to travel to present at conferences. All of these things were a great help in successfully entering a Clinical Psychology Ph.D. program right from undergraduate studies.”

“As an undergraduate student at Skidmore College, I was able to pursue multiple professional teaching experiences at local schools, including a year-long environmental education research project. The opportunity to create, implement, and study my own curriculum allowed me to be better prepared for my career after college. It also gave me lots to talk about in interviews with my future employer.”

“Skidmore taught me how to succeed in graduate studies by teaching me how to study scientific material, it taught me great public speaking skills, and how to interact with a professional network of people.”

“I had a TON of research opportunities at Skidmore. From challenging class projects to my thesis, to research projects I worked on with various professors, I am significantly more prepared to do comprehensive, critical research at a graduate level than many of my peers.”

Experiential Education: Overview

84.9% (293/345) of respondents reported completing at least one internship prior to graduation. Of those who completed an internship, 75% (201/268) reported 2 or more.

83.8% 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 2021 Graduates:

Aflac	Morgan Stanley
American Ballet Theatre	NASA
American Red Cross	National Museum of the United States Navy
American Youth Foundation	NBC Sports
Ayco	NBC Olympics
Boston Area Health Education Center	NBCUniversal Media
Boston Children's Hospital	New York University
Botswana Summer Research	New England Genealogical Society
Child Success Center	New Jersey Maritime Museum
Citco Fund Services	New York State Military Museum
College Outside	Northwestern Mutual
CVS Health	Osprey Packs
Emory University Medical School	Prudential Morgan Stanley
Eugene O'Neill Theater Center	Saratoga Investment Solutions
Georgetown University Summer Fellowship	Saratoga Living Magazine
Goddard Space Flight Center	Saratoga Performing Arts Center
Goldman Sachs	Skidmore College
Joe Kennedy Senate Campaign	Skidmore-Saratoga Consulting Partnership
John F. Kennedy Center for Performing Arts	Smithsonian Museum of Natural History
Johns Hopkins Hospital	Thayer School of Engineering at Dartmouth
Lake Placid Center for the Arts	UBS Financial Services
Middlebury College	Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute
Ministry of Economy	Youth Alliance for Leadership Development

The average of the Class of 2021 completed 3 internships, research experiences or practicums between Fall 2017 to Spring 2021.

Number of Experiences	Percentage	Respondents
1	24.6%	66
2	27.2%	73
3	21.6%	58
4	14.9%	40
5	11.6%	31

