

CAREER DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Class of 2023 First Destinations Report

SKIDMORE
COLLEGE

Knowledge rate: 70% · 437 of 622 graduates

73%

Employed

19%

Continuing education

76%

Completed internship

**\$40–
49K**

Reported median salary

About this report

The First Destinations Report documents the outcomes of Skidmore College’s Class of 2023 within six months of graduation. Data is gathered through direct surveys, LinkedIn research, faculty and staff outreach, and employer and graduate school reporting.

A knowledge rate of 70% (437 of 622 graduates) was achieved for the Class of 2023. This report is produced by the Career Development Center and adheres to NACE (National Association of Colleges and Employers) reporting standards.

Note: Percentages within each section are based on respondents who answered each question, not total graduates.

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Section 1: Overview

Post-graduation status · Satisfaction · Career alignment

Post-graduation status

The table below shows the full breakdown of post-graduation activity for members of the Class of 2023 who responded to the survey.

Status	% of outcomes	Count
Working full-time	63.8%	279
Working part-time	8.5%	37
Volunteering	0.9%	4
Military	0.2%	1
Subtotal: Employed	73.3%	321
Continuing education	19.5%	85
Unemployed, seeking employment	6.4%	28
Unemployed, not seeking employment	0.7%	3
Total respondents	100%	437

Satisfaction and alignment

- 74% (170/230) of respondents said they are “very satisfied” or “satisfied” with their primary post-graduation occupation.
- 79% (183/231) said their occupation is “very related” or “somewhat related” to their program or area of study.
- 81% (188/231) said their occupation is “very related” or “somewhat related” to their career goals.

“Skidmore’s commitment to fostering strong student-faculty relationships helped me succeed during and after my time at Skidmore. They helped develop my passion for economic research and provided me with opportunities that helped me obtain my dream post-grad role as an economist at the US Bureau of Labor Statistics.”

“Skidmore helped me gain new friends, explore the world on two study abroad programs in Spain and Ireland, and learn and grow in many engaging and interdisciplinary settings. Looking back, choosing to go to Skidmore was probably the best decision I ever made.”

Section 2: Employment

Industry · Employers · Outcomes

Employment by industry

321 graduates reported employment. Of those, 172 (54%) classified their industry using US Department of Labor industry codes.

Industry (US DOL classification)	% of classified respondents	Count (n=172)
Finance	13.4%	23
Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics	12.2%	21
Arts, Audio-Visual Technology & Communications	12.2%	21
Education & Training	11.6%	20
Human Services	11.0%	19
Health Science	10.5%	18
Business, Management & Administration	8.7%	15
Hospitality & Tourism	4.7%	8
Marketing	4.1%	7
Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources	3.5%	6
Government & Public Administration	3.5%	6
Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security	3.5%	6
Architecture & Construction	1.2%	2

A sampling of employers

The following organizations hired members of the Class of 2023. This is a representative sample, not a complete list.

Achievement First	AlphaSights	American Express
Audubon Society	Axon	Bank of America
Beacon Press	Bitsight	Blackrock
Bloomberg LP	Boston Children’s Hospital	Boston Financial

Bureau of Labor Statistics	CBS	City Year
Dana Farber Cancer Institute	Deloitte	Epic
Euphoria Studios	EY	Fidelity Investments
FOX	Google	Hall Capital Partners LLC
HedgeServ	Huntington Theatre Company	Imagine360
JP Morgan Chase	Lutron Electronics	Manhattan District Attorney
Massachusetts General Hospital	Memorial Sloan Kettering	NY State Assembly
Penguin Random House	Santander Bank	Scotiabank
The New York Foundling	Tiffany & Company	Toast
UnitedHealthcare	VoyceMe	Wells Fargo

“Skidmore connected me with wonderful professors and educational opportunities that were vital in attaining my current position. I would be unable to perform the daily tasks expected of me without my undergraduate experience.”

“The variety of classes and information bestowed to me throughout my time at Skidmore has given me a unique perspective on the world. I can talk with many people about many topics, and I have a curiosity for developing myself.”

Section 3: Salaries

Salary distribution · Median · Data notes

Salary overview

48% of employed respondents (155 of 321) shared salary information. Salary data is self-reported and may not be representative of all Class of 2023 graduates.

Reported median salary

\$40,000 – \$49,999

Salary distribution

Salary range	% of respondents	Count (n=155)
\$9,999 or less	1%	2
\$10,000 – \$19,999	6%	10
\$20,000 – \$29,999	9%	14
\$30,000 – \$39,999	9%	14
\$40,000 – \$49,999 ★ Reported median	26%	41
\$50,000 – \$59,999	21%	33
\$60,000 – \$69,999	7%	11
\$70,000 – \$79,999	6%	9
\$80,000 – \$89,999	6%	9
\$90,000 – \$99,999	3%	4
\$100,000 or more	5%	8

“My experience at Skidmore prepared me exceptionally well for my post-graduate plans. Being able to double major in Dance and HHPS allowed me to recognize my passion for studying Dance Kinesiology and Dance Science in graduate school.”

“Receiving an overall excellent education at Skidmore isn’t the only thing that prepared me for postgraduate life. My professors’ advice and personal life experiences helped me choose a path I could feel confident in.”

Section 4: Graduate School

Institutions · Degree types · Programs

Continuing education overview

19% of respondents (85 of 437) elected to continue their education after graduation. Of those, 54% (46 of 85) shared the degree they are pursuing.

Degree type	% of continuing-ed respondents	Count (n=46)
Master's degree	59%	27
Ph.D.	17%	8
Professional degree (JD, MD, DO, DPT, DVM)	17%	8
Second bachelor's degree	4%	2
Other	2%	1

A sampling of graduate institutions

The following institutions enrolled members of the Class of 2023. This is a representative sample, not a complete list.

Bentley University	Boston College	Colby Sawyer College
Columbia University	Dickinson College	Duke University
Fordham University	Georgetown University	Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai
Iona University	Johns Hopkins School of Medicine	Loughborough University
New Jersey Institute of Technology	New York University	Northeastern University
Northwestern University	Nottingham Trent University	Parsons School of Design
Simmons University	Temple University	The London School of Economics
The University of Edinburgh	University of Denver	University of Iowa
Univ. of Massachusetts School of Law	Univ. of Miami School of Law	Univ. of Michigan Ann Arbor
University of North Carolina	University of Pennsylvania	University of Rochester

University of South Florida	Univ. of Southern California	University of Utah
University of Washington	University of West Florida	Univ. of Wisconsin-Madison
Western Connecticut State University	Western Governors University	

A sampling of graduate programs

Analytics	Architecture	Behavior Analysis
Biochemistry	Biology	Biomedical Sciences
Business Administration	Chemistry	Cognitive Psychology
Computer Software Engineering	Economics	Education
Environmental Management	Environmental Science	Fine Arts
Industrial Design	International Economics & Finance	Juris Doctor
Law	Neuroscience	Nursing
Occupational Therapy	Philosophy	Physical Therapy
Physiology	Psychology	Public Health
Public Relations	Social Work	

“Skidmore provided me with an enriching education that has aided me significantly as I study for the LSAT to attend law school in the coming year.”

“I am where I am now because of Skidmore. I had access to so many opportunities and was supported every step of the way. No one ever dimmed my light at Skidmore, and I am so thankful for my experiences as a Skidmore student.”

Section 5: Internships & Experiential Education

Participation · Impact · Sites

Internship participation

- 76% (186 of 244 respondents) completed at least one internship before graduation.
- 72% (126 of 174) of those who completed an internship reported completing two or more.
- 86% (152 of 176) rated their internship as “Very Helpful” or “Helpful” in preparing for post-graduate career aspirations.
- The average number of internships, research experiences, or practicums completed was 2.0 per respondent (Fall 2019–Spring 2023).

Number of experiences completed

Number of experiences	% of respondents	Count
1 experience	27.6%	48
2 experiences	30.5%	53
3 experiences	21.3%	37
4 experiences	10.3%	18
5 or more experiences	10.3%	18

A sampling of internship sites

The following organizations hosted interns from the Class of 2023. This is a representative sample, not a complete list.

Amazon	AmeriCorps	Backstretch
Bank of America	Black Dog Design	Bloomberg LP
Boston Children’s Hospital	Bureau of Economic Analysis	Credit Suisse
Creodent Prosthetics	Euphoria Studios	EY
Fidelity Investments	Four Winds Hospital	FOX
Hulu	Inkwell Management	Institute for Transportation Dev. Policy
Johns Hopkins University	Long Beach Island Foundation	Mabel Center for Immigrant Justice

Massachusetts General Hospital	Mayfield Counseling	New York City Parks
Planned Parenthood Empire State Acts	Radix Health	Restless Books
Santander	Scotiabank	Tiffany & Co.
Toast	United States Senate	Vineyard Vines
Wells Fargo		

“Skidmore has prepared me very well for post-grad life. I’ve received such positive feedback from employers regarding my level of knowledge and comprehension in my field.”

“Skidmore helped me assume responsibility and accountability while supporting me in uncertain times and growth. I learned that in the ‘real world,’ help won’t always be offered but is always worth asking for.”