

CAREER DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Class of 2024 First Destinations Report

SKIDMORE
COLLEGE

Knowledge rate: 70% · 445 of 639 graduates

64%

Employed

25%

Continuing education

75%

Completed internship

**\$50–
59K**

Reported median salary

About this report

The First Destinations Report documents the outcomes of Skidmore College’s Class of 2024 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% (445 of 639 graduates) was achieved for the Class of 2024. 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 2024 who responded to the survey.

Status	% of outcomes	Count
Working full-time	53.0%	236
Working part-time	6.3%	28
Temporary / contract work	2.2%	10
Volunteering	1.7%	7
Freelance	0.9%	4
Military	0.2%	1
Subtotal: Employed	64.3%	286
Continuing education	24.7%	110
Unemployed, seeking employment	9.2%	41
Unemployed, not seeking employment	1.8%	8
Total respondents	100%	445

Satisfaction and alignment

- 73% (172/235) of respondents said they are “very satisfied” or “satisfied” with their primary post-graduation occupation.
- 75% (180/239) said their occupation is “very related” or “somewhat related” to their program or area of study.
- 76% (180/237) said their occupation is “very related” or “somewhat related” to their career goals.

“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.”

“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.”

Section 2: Employment

Industry · Employers · Outcomes

Employment by industry

286 graduates reported employment. Of those, 121 (42%) classified their industry using US Department of Labor industry codes.

Industry (US DOL classification)	% of classified respondents	Count (n=121)
Education & Training	19.0%	23
Business, Management & Administration	15.7%	19
Arts, Audio-Visual Technology & Communications	9.9%	12
Human Services	9.1%	11
Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics	8.3%	10
Health Science	7.4%	9
Finance	6.6%	8
Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources	6.6%	8
Government & Public Administration	5.8%	7
Hospitality & Tourism	5.0%	6
Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security	4.1%	5
Marketing	1.7%	2
Architecture & Construction	0.8%	1

A sampling of employers

The following organizations hired members of the Class of 2024. This is a representative sample, not a complete list.

AlphaSights	AT&T	Bank of America
Boston College	Brigham and Women's Hospital	Brown University
Cambridge Associates	Capital One	Citi
College Year	Culture Solar	Dell Technologies

Deloitte	EY	Fidelity Investments
Four Winds Hospital	GEICO	Goldman Sachs
Horizon Media	iCapital	Johns Hopkins University
Laureate Institute for Brain Research	LINK Strategic Partners	Mass Audubon Society
Memorial Sloan Kettering	Morgan Stanley	NY State Dept. of Education
New York State Senate	NYU Langone Health	Regeneron Pharmaceuticals
Salk Institute for Biological Studies	ScribeAmerica	Sony Music Entertainment
Success Academy	The Metropolitan Museum of Art	The Weber Foundation
Warner House	Wells Fargo	

“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.”

“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.”

Section 3: Salaries

Salary distribution · Median · Data notes

Salary overview

37% of employed respondents (88 of 286) shared salary information. Salary data is self-reported and may not be representative of all Class of 2024 graduates.

Reported median salary

\$50,000 – \$59,999

Salary distribution

Salary range	% of respondents	Count (n=88)
\$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 ★ Reported median	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

“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.”

Section 4: Graduate School

Institutions · Degree types · Programs

Continuing education overview

25% of respondents (110 of 445) elected to continue their education after graduation. Of those, 95% (105 of 110) shared the degree they are pursuing.

Degree type	% of continuing-ed respondents	Count (n=105)
Master's degree	67%	71
Ph.D.	17%	18
Second bachelor's degree	6%	6
Professional degree (JD, MD, DO, DPT, DVM)	4%	4
Certification	4%	4
Other	2%	2

A sampling of graduate institutions

The following institutions enrolled members of the Class of 2024. This is a representative sample, not a complete list.

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

Vanderbilt University

Washington Univ. in St. Louis

West Virginia University

Yale University

A sampling of graduate programs

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

“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.”

“I truly do feel like creative thought matters! At my law school, my classmates come from a variety of academic backgrounds — to me, it feels just like a continuation of my Skidmore experience.”

Section 5: Internships & Experiential Education

Participation · Impact · Sites

Internship participation

- 75% (193 of 258 respondents) completed at least one internship before graduation.
- 72% (131 of 181) of those who completed an internship reported completing two or more.
- 86% (154 of 179) 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 2020–Spring 2024).

Number of experiences completed

Number of experiences	% of respondents	Count
1 experience	27.6%	50
2 experiences	28.7%	52
3 experiences	21.0%	38
4 experiences	15.5%	25
5 or more experiences	9.4%	17

A sampling of internship sites

The following organizations hosted interns from the Class of 2024. This is a representative sample, not a complete list.

Ameriprise Financial	Arbo Radiko	Bank of America
Boston Museum of Fine Arts	Brooklyn Civil Supreme Court	Brooklyn Clay Industries
Brookside Museum	Business for Good	Charles River Laboratories
Dana-Farber Cancer Institute	Deko Entertainment	Deloitte
Department of Education	Department of Mental Health	Fidelity Investments
Four Winds Hospital	Great Lakes Management Group	Harvard Law School
Harvard Univ. Biological Sciences	Impactful Education	Mann Law Firm

National Audubon Society	National Park Service	NYSERDA
NYU Langone Health	Philadelphia Museum of Art	Project for Peace
Regeneron Pharmaceuticals	Renovo Media Group	Saratoga Independent School
Saratoga Performing Arts Center	Skidmore College	The Ross School
Univ. of Colorado Boulder	Wells Fargo	Wildlife Conservation Society

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