

CAREER DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Class of 2025 First Destinations Report

SKIDMORE
COLLEGE

Knowledge rate: 73% · 454 of 619 graduates

69%

Employed

23%

Continuing education

95%

Completed internship

**\$50–
59K**

Reported median salary

About this report

The First Destinations Report documents the outcomes of Skidmore College’s Class of 2025 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 73% (454 of 619 graduates) was achieved for the Class of 2025. 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 2025 who responded to the survey.

Status	% of outcomes	Count
Working full-time	55.3%	251
Working part-time	8.1%	37
Temporary / contract work	2.0%	9
Volunteering	1.3%	6
Fellowship	0.9%	4
Entrepreneurship	0.7%	3
Freelance	0.9%	4
Subtotal: Employed	69.2%	314
Continuing education	23.3%	106
Unemployed, seeking employment	5.1%	23
Unemployed, not seeking employment	2.4%	11
Total respondents	100%	454

Satisfaction and alignment

- 69% (180/262) of respondents said they are “very satisfied” or “satisfied” with their primary post-graduation occupation.
- 75% (195/261) said their occupation is “very related” or “somewhat related” to their program or area of study.
- 73% (192/263) said their occupation is “very related” or “somewhat related” to their career goals.

“Skidmore taught me to think critically and be adaptable. In a world where everything changes so quickly, this has been an essential skill.”

“Living and learning in a diverse community pushed me to become more independent and led to unparalleled personal growth that prepared me for my career.”

Section 2: Employment

Industry · Employers · Outcomes

Employment by industry

314 graduates reported employment. Of those, 161 (51%) classified their industry using US Department of Labor industry codes.

Industry (US DOL classification)	% of classified respondents	Count (n=161)
Education & Training	19.9%	32
Finance	15.5%	25
Business, Management & Administration	13.0%	21
Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics	9.9%	16
Health Science	9.3%	15
Hospitality & Tourism	8.1%	13
Human Services	7.5%	12
Arts, Audio-Visual Technology & Communications	5.6%	9
Marketing	4.4%	7
Government & Public Administration	3.1%	5
Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security	1.2%	2
Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources	1.2%	2
Architecture & Construction	1.2%	2

A sampling of employers

The following organizations hired members of the Class of 2025. This is a representative sample, not a complete list.

AbbVie	Accenture	Advanced Micro Devices (AMD)
Alexander Gray Associates	AlphaSights	Amazon.com, Inc.
AXA XL	Ballotpedia	Boston Children’s Hospital
Brigham and Women’s Hospital	Brown Rudnick LLP	Capital Analysts of NE

Chesterbrook Academy	Cognizant	Columbia Univ. Medical Center
CVS Health	Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Ctr.	Epic Systems
Equitable Advisors	Fidelity Investments	Goldman Sachs
Johns Hopkins University	JLL	Mass General Brigham
Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Ctr.	Morgan Stanley	NYSERDA
Northern Trust Corporation	Paramount	Peace Corps
Princeton University	RBC Capital Markets	Regeneron Pharmaceuticals
Suffolk Construction	Tiffany & Co.	University of Vermont
Vail Resorts	William Morris Endeavor	Zoo New England

“My departmental professors were incredibly supportive. Connections I made through Career Development Center events led to two summer internships and a full-time job after graduation.”

“Skidmore shaped me into the thinker, problem-solver, and researcher I proudly am today. I learned to collaborate effectively and appreciate the value of interdisciplinary thinking.”

Section 3: Salaries

Salary distribution · Median · Data notes

Salary overview

43% of employed respondents (134 of 314) shared salary information. Salary data is self-reported and may not be representative of all Class of 2025 graduates.

Reported median salary

\$50,000 – \$59,999

Salary distribution

Salary range	% of respondents	Count (n=134)
\$9,999 or less	3%	4
\$10,000 – \$19,999	7%	10
\$20,000 – \$29,999	10%	13
\$30,000 – \$39,999	7%	10
\$40,000 – \$49,999	15%	20
\$50,000 – \$59,999 ★ Reported median	22%	29
\$60,000 – \$69,999	13%	18
\$70,000 – \$79,999	7%	10
\$80,000 – \$89,999	6%	8
\$90,000 – \$99,999	1%	2
\$100,000 or more	9%	10

“Skidmore provided hands-on learning experiences that strengthened both my resume and my confidence.”

“Working closely with professors and peers helped me develop leadership, teamwork, and communication skills that I now use daily.”

Section 4: Graduate School

Institutions · Degree types · Programs

Continuing education overview

23% of respondents (106 of 454) elected to continue their education after graduation. Of those, 81% (86 of 106) shared the degree they are pursuing.

Degree type	% of continuing-ed respondents	Count (n=86)
Master's degree	71%	61
Ph.D.	12%	10
Professional degree (JD, MD, DO, DPT, DVM)	10%	9
Second bachelor's degree	7%	6

A sampling of graduate institutions

The following institutions enrolled members of the Class of 2025. This is a representative sample, not a complete list.

Albany Law School	American University	Babson College
Bank Street College of Education	Baruch College (CUNY)	Binghamton University (SUNY)
Boston College	Boston University	Cardozo School of Law
Columbia School of Social Work	Columbia University	Cornell University
Dartmouth College	Duke University	Emory University
Fairfield University	Fordham University	Georgetown University
Harvard University	London School of Economics	Marquette University
National Univ. of Singapore	New York University	Northwestern University
Pratt Institute	Rutgers University–New Brunswick	Rutgers University–Newark
Simmons University	Stanford University	SUNY University at Albany
Syracuse University	Teachers College, Columbia Univ.	Tufts University
UC Davis	UC Santa Cruz	University of Minnesota
University of Pennsylvania	Vanderbilt University	Yale University

A sampling of graduate programs

Accounting	Agricultural & Environmental Chemistry	Anthropology
Asian Studies	Biomedical Communications	Biomedical Sciences
Chemistry	Child Studies	Childhood Special Education
Clinical Social Work	Computer Science	Creative Writing
Culinary Arts	Developmental Disabilities	Earth & Environmental Engineering
Finance	Forensic Science	Geology
Human Development & Education	International Affairs	International Education Policy
Journalism	Juris Doctor	Library & Information Science
MBA	Mental Health Counseling	Nursing
Physical Therapy	Quantitative Finance	Wildlife & Conservation Biology

“Skidmore prepared me exceptionally well for graduate school through rigorous academics and an emphasis on critical thinking.”

“My research experience at Skidmore introduced me to the research environment and prepared me for advanced academic work.”

Section 5: Internships & Experiential Education

Participation · Impact · Sites

Internship participation

- 95% (202 of 212 respondents) completed at least one internship before graduation.
- 69% (139 of 202) reported completing two or more internships.
- 87% (173 of 200) 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 2.2 per respondent (Fall 2021–Spring 2025).

Number of experiences completed

Number of experiences	% of respondents	Count
1 experience	31.2%	63
2 experiences	38.1%	77
3 experiences	15.8%	32
4 experiences	5.9%	12
5 or more experiences	8.9%	18

A sampling of internship sites

The following organizations hosted interns from the Class of 2025. This is a representative sample, not a complete list.

Adirondack Theater Festival	AlphaSights	Amazon.com, Inc.
American Museum of Natural History	Atlanta Ballet	Ballotpedia
Bay State Games	Blue Cross & Blue Shield of RI	Boston Red Sox
Breakthrough Collaborative	Brown University Health	Cairns Turtle Rehab Centre
Cantor Fitzgerald	Caramoor Center for Music & Arts	Congressional Coalition on Adoption
Cornell University	Deloitte	Dept. of Youth & Community Dev.
Four Winds Hospital	Franklin Templeton	International Rescue Committee
LaBella Associates	L.L.Bean	Mass Audubon

Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Ctr.	National Science Foundation	NYSERDA
Northrop Grumman	Paramount	Peace Corps
RBC Capital Markets	Saratoga Clay Arts Center	Saratoga Performing Arts Center
Suffolk Construction	The Carlyle Group	The Corporation of Yaddo
US House of Representatives	Vanderbilt University	Wasserman

“Skidmore encouraged me to explore unexpected interests, which became passions I hadn’t anticipated. I graduated feeling prepared and confident about my next steps.”

“Skidmore gave me a strong foundation to launch my career. I graduated feeling prepared both professionally and personally.”