

THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI

GRADUATE ALUMNI SURVEY 2015

Responses 2005, 2010, 2012 Graduates*

What are you currently doing?	Number	Percent
I am employed in my field of graduate study.	195	80%
I am employed outside my field of graduate study.	37	15%
I am enrolled in another graduate or professional program.	20	8%
I am currently employed as a postdoctoral research associate.	1	0%
I am not currently employed, and looking for suitable employment.	5	2%
I am not currently employed, and not actively looking for employment.	1	0%
Total	259	

Have you been employed in a full-time position since graduating from the University of Mississippi?	Number	Percent
Yes	222	93%
No	17	7%
Total	239	

Which of the following best describes your current employment situation?*	Number	Percent
I am employed as a faculty member at a post-secondary institution.	31	10%
I am employed as a professional at a post-secondary institution	32	11%
I am employed as a teacher in a primary or secondary educational institution.	30	10%
I am employed in a leadership role in an educational institution or government agency.	29	10%
I am employed in a role where research is a significant part of my responsibilities.	29	10%
I am privately employed or do freelance work.	23	8%
I am employed as a professional in a government agency.	33	11%
I am employed as a professional in the business world.	82	27%
Other	13	4%
Total	302	

Have you become licensed or certified since graduating from the University of Mississippi?	Number	Percent
Yes	162	66%
No	82	34%
Total	244	

Have you taken a professional examination related to your degree since graduating from the University of Mississippi?	Number	Percent
Yes	141	59%
Partially Completed	4	2%
No	96	40%
Total	241	

Views about UM Experience					
While working on my graduate degree at the University of Mississippi, I...	Agree	Neither Agree no Disagree	Disagree		Total Responses
Acquired the technical and research skills of my discipline needed as a researcher.	72%	21%	7%		216
Obtained the knowledge base necessary for success in my field.	83%	12%	6%		216
Developed the oral communication skills necessary for success in my field.	72%	21%	7%		214
Learned to analyze & evaluate competing/contradictory information or points of view	79%	17%	4%		215
Developed the ability to write effectively.	73%	22%	5%		215
Learned to work as part of a team.	68%	27%	5%		212
Developed a knowledge of the literature of my discipline.	77%	19%	5%		214
Had adequate access to educational & research resources UM to complete my degree.	86%	12%	2%		215
Gained an appreciation of the professional ethics of my discipline.	82%	13%	6%		213
Was exposed to the professional practices, preparing me to enter the professional world.	71%	14%	15%		214
Was prepared to compete with colleagues educated at other major institutions.	75%	18%	7%		215
Found my advisor to be available and helpful to me.	70%	17%	13%		214

If the University of Mississippi were to have resources to enhance graduate education, which of the following would you recommend as being important enhancements?	Priority	Neutral	No priority		Total Responses
Add additional graduate programs.	35%	54%	11%		215
Increase the number of faculty.	43%	51%	6%		214
Enhance laboratory facilities.	28%	63%	9%		215
Enhance library facilities.	38%	53%	9%		215
Increase graduate assistantship stipends.	59%	35%	6%		216
Provide health insurance for all graduate students.	54%	34%	12%		215
Provide dental and eye care insurance.	43%	43%	14%		215
Provide a child care service.	43%	43%	14%		215
Provide additional funds for student travel.	49%	40%	11%		215
Provide student development programs.	65%	27%	8%		215

Do you feel a stronger affiliation with your graduate institution (University of Mississippi) or your undergraduate institution?	Number	Percent
I feel a stronger affiliation for UM.	61	47%
I feel a stronger affiliation for my undergraduate institution.	40	31%
I have the same feeling of affiliation for both institutions.	28	22%
Total	129	

Graduate Alumni Respondent Information		
Alumni Respondent's College/School	Number	Percent
College of Liberal Arts	28	11%
School of Business Administration	22	9%
School of Accountancy	21	9%
School of Pharmacy	22	9%
School of Education	69	28%
School of Applied Sciences	10	4%
School of Engineering	9	4%
School of Journalism and New Media	1	0%
School of Law	64	26%

Alumni survey respondents' degrees	Number	Percent
M.A.	44	17.89%
J.D.	64	26.02%
M.Accy.	18	7.32%
M.Ed.	33	13.41%
M.S.	7	2.85%
M.C.J.	1	0.41%
M.S.E.SC.	8	3.25%
M.B.A.	21	8.54%
Pharm.D.	20	8.13%
Ph.D.	16	6.50%
M.Tax.	3	1.22%
Spec.Ed.	7	2.85%
M.S.W.	1	0.41%
M.M.	1	0.41%
M.F.A.	1	0.41%
Ed.D.	1	0.41%

Alumni Respondents' Year of Graduation	Number	Percent
2005	69	28%
2010	82	33%
2012	95	39%

Did you receive an undergraduate degree from the University of Mississippi?	Number	Percent
Yes	117	48%
No	129	52%

*The Graduate Alumni Survey was fielded in the Fall of 2015. The survey specifically recruited individuals that received a graduate degree in 2005, 2010, or 2012.

** Individuals can choose more than one category.