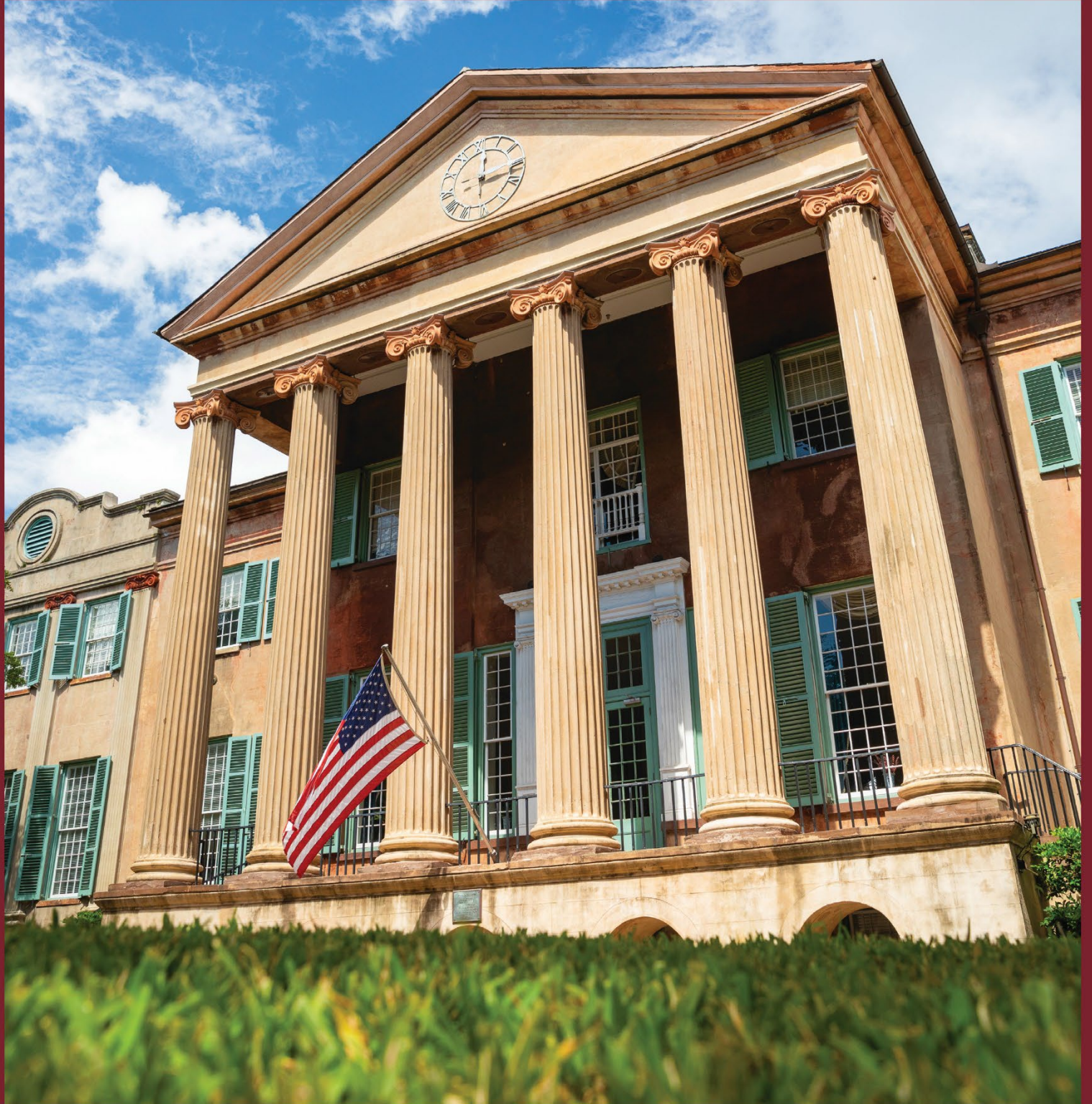




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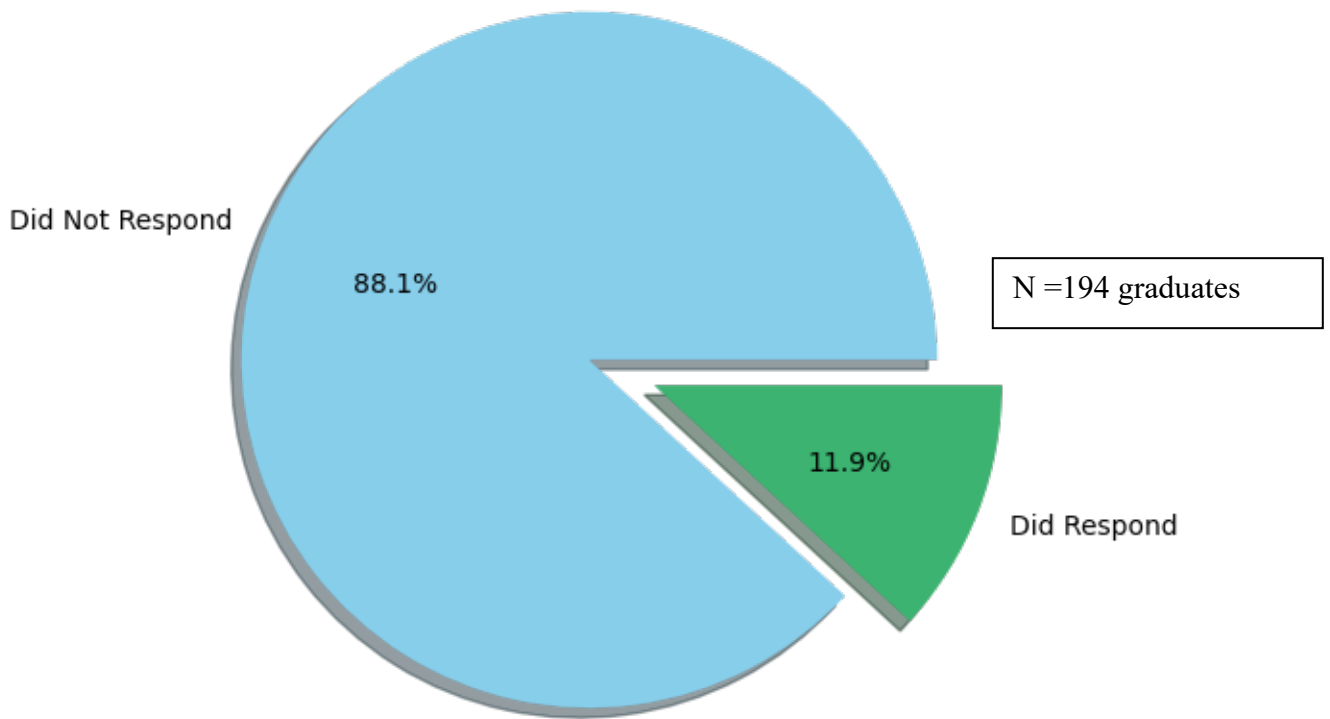


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Analytical Report-One Year (Class of 2019-2020)**

Response Rate

This survey was disseminated to 194 graduates who graduated with a Master's Degree as members of the Class of 2019-2020. Out of these 194 graduates, 23 responded to the survey, giving the survey a Response Rate of **11.9 %**. Figure 1 (below) illustrates the Response Rate of this survey.

Figure 1: Response Rate



Part A. Graduate Education at the College of Charleston

Please select the program where you received your Master's degree from the College of Charleston.

#	Answer	Count	Total	%
1	Accountancy, M.S.	3	20	15.00%
2	Business Administration, M.B.A.	3	20	15.00%
3	Child Life, M.S.	0	20	0.00%
4	Communication, M.A.	0	20	0.00%
5	Community Planning, Policy, and Design, M.A.	0	20	0.00%
6	Computer and Information Sciences, M.S.	0	20	0.00%
7	Creative Writing, M.F.A.	1	20	5.00%
8	Data Science and Analytics, M.S.	0	20	0.00%
9	Early Childhood Education, M.A.T.	0	20	0.00%
10	Elementary Education, M.A.T.	0	20	0.00%
11	English, M.A.	1	20	5.00%
12	Environmental Studies, M.S.	2	20	10.00%
13	Environmental Studies and Public Administration (M.S./M.P.A. Concurrent Program)	1	20	5.00%
14	Historic Preservation, M.S.	1	20	5.00%
15	History, M.A.	1	20	5.00%
16	Languages, M.Ed.	2	20	10.00%
17	Marine Biology, M.S.	0	20	0.00%
18	Mathematical Sciences, M.S.	3	20	15.00%
19	Middle Grades Education, M.A.T.	0	20	0.00%
20	Performing Arts, M.A.T.	0	20	0.00%
21	Public Administration, M.P.A.	2	20	10.00%
22	Science and Math for Teachers, M.Ed.	0	20	0.00%
23	Special Education, M.A.T.	0	20	0.00%
24	Teaching, Learning, and Advocacy, M.Ed.	0	20	0.00%
25	Other*	0	20	0.00%

*Note. *Other category included no data*

Did you receive a graduate certificate(s) from the College of Charleston?

#	Answer	Count	Total	%
1	Yes	4	19	21.05%
2	No	15	19	78.95%

Please select the certificate(s) you received from the College of Charleston.

#	Answer	Count	Total	%
1	Arts Management	1	1	100.00%
2	Cybersecurity	0	1	0.00%
3	English to Speakers of Other Languages	0	1	0.00%
4	Gifted and Talented Education	0	1	0.00%
5	Information Systems	0	1	0.00%
6	Operations Research	0	1	0.00%
7	Software Engineering	0	1	0.00%
8	Special Education: Post-Baccalaureate	0	1	0.00%
9	Special Education: Post-Masters	0	1	0.00%
10	Statistics	0	1	0.00%
11	Urban and Regional Planning	0	1	0.00%
12	Other	0	1	0.00%

*Which of the following sources of financial support did you receive in your graduate program at the College of Charleston?**

#	Answer	Count	Total	%
1	Fellowship, scholarship	6	16	37.50%
2	Grant	2	16	12.50%
3	Teaching assistantship	2	16	12.50%
4	Research assistantship	1	16	6.25%
5	Internship	1	16	6.25%
6	Loans from any sources	4	16	25.00%
7	Personal savings	4	16	25.00%
8	Parent support	9	16	56.25%
9	Family gift	0	16	0.00%
10	Graduate, assistant position	9	16	56.25%
11	Other**	0	16	0.00%

*Note. *Total is larger than 100% since respondents could select more than one choice**Other category did not include any data*

What was the total amount you borrowed from any sources to finance your graduate degree you received from the College of Charleston?

#	Answer	Count	Total	%
1	\$0	8	17	47.06%
2	\$1 - \$10,000	2	17	11.76%
3	\$10,001 - \$20,000	1	17	5.88%
4	\$20,001 - \$30,000	4	17	23.53%
5	\$30,001 - \$40,000	0	17	0.00%
6	\$40,001 - \$50,000	1	17	5.88%
7	Over \$50,000	1	17	5.88%

Part B. Employment Status

What is your current employment status?

#	Answer	Count	Total	%
1	Employed full-time (35 or more hours per week)	14	17	82.35%
2	Employed part-time (34 hours or less per week)	1	17	5.88%
3	Unemployed, but seeking employment	1	17	5.88%
4	Unemployed; not seeking employment	0	17	0.00%
5	Currently enrolled as a full-time student	1	17	5.88%
6	Other	0	17	0.00%
7	Currently enrolled as a part-time student	0	17	0.00%

How long did it take you to get your FIRST full-time job after completing your graduate degree at the College of Charleston?

#	Answer	Count	Total	%
1	Had the same job before completing degree	5	14	35.75%
2	Accepted the position upon graduation	6	14	42.86%
3	1 - 3 months	1	14	7.14%
4	4 - 6 months	1	14	7.14%
5	7 - 12 months	0	14	0.00%
6	More than 12 months	1	14	7.14%

How many job(s) are you currently working?

#	Answer	Count	Total	%
1	1	12	14	85.71%
2	2	2	14	14.29%
3	3	0	14	0.00%
4	More than 3	0	14	0.00%

Which of these types of organizations best describes your current employer?

#	Answer	Count	Total	%
1	Locally or regionally-owned business	6	14	42.86%
2	National or international corporation	4	14	28.57%
3	Local or regional non-profit	0	14	0.00%
4	National or international non-profit	0	14	0.00%
5	Government agency	4	14	28.57%

How long have you been with your current employer?

#	Answer	Count	Total	%
1	Less than 1 month	1	14	7.14%
2	1 - 4 months	1	14	7.14%
3	5 - 8 months	3	14	21.43%
4	9 - 12 months	1	14	7.14%
5	13 - 16 months	3	14	21.43%
6	17 - 20 months	1	14	7.14%
7	21 - 24 months	0	14	0.00%
8	More than 24 months	4	14	28.57%

What is your gross annual income of the principle job you currently hold?

#	Answer	Count	Total	%
1	Less than \$20,000	0	13	0.00%
2	\$20,000 - \$29,999	1	13	7.69%
3	\$30,000 - \$39,999	1	13	7.69%
4	\$40,000 - \$49,999	5	13	38.46%
5	\$50,000 - \$59,999	1	13	7.69%
6	\$60,000 - \$69,999	1	13	7.69%
7	\$70,000 - \$79,999	1	13	7.69%
8	\$80,000 or more	3	13	23.08%

To what extent is your work related to the graduate degree you received from the College of Charleston?

#	Answer	Count	Total	%
1	Closely related	8	14	57.14%
2	Somewhat related	4	14	28.57%
3	Not related	2	14	14.29%

Do you feel you are under-employed relative to your graduate degree from the College of Charleston?

#	Answer	Count	Total	%
1	Yes	4	14	28.57%
2	No	10	14	71.43%

How well did the graduate program at the College of Charleston prepare you for your current career?

#	Answer	Count	Total	%
1	Extremely well	4	14	28.57%
2	Very well	6	14	42.86%
3	Moderately well	2	14	14.29%
4	Slightly well	1	14	7.14%
5	Not well at all	1	14	7.14%

How satisfied are you with the following aspects of your current or most recent job?

#	Question	Extremely satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Somewhat dissatisfied	Extremely dissatisfied	Total
1	Intellectual challenge	57.14%	14.29%	14.29%	14.29%	0.00%	14
2	Career growth/opportunities	42.86%	28.57%	14.29%	14.29%	0.00%	14
3	Independence	71.43%	7.14%	7.14%	14.29%	0.00%	14
4	Contribution to field/society	50.00%	21.43%	14.29%	7.14%	7.14%	14
5	Salary	28.57%	21.43%	21.43%	28.57%	0.00%	14
6	Geographic location	64.29%	21.43%	14.29%	0.00%	0.00%	14
7	Flexibility	50.00%	28.57%	14.29%	7.14%	0.00%	14
8	Work/life balance	57.14%	28.57%	7.14%	0.00%	7.14%	14
9	Overall	50.00%	28.57%	14.29%	7.14%	0.00%	14

Part C. Continuing Education

What level of degree(s) are you currently pursuing?

#	Answer	Count	Total	%
1	Bachelor's degree	0	1	0.00%
2	Master's degree	0	1	0.00%
3	Doctorate degree	1	1	100.00%
4	Other*	0	1	0.00%

*Note. *Other category does not have any data.*

How well did the graduate program at the College of Charleston prepare you for the doctoral degree you are currently pursuing?

#	Answer	Count	Total	%
1	Extremely well	0	1	0.00%
2	Very well	1	1	100.00%
3	Moderately well	0	1	0.00%
4	Slightly well	0	1	0.00%
5	Not well at all	0	1	0.00%

Part D. Quality of Graduate Education

My faculty mentor/advisor:

#	Answer	Count	Total	%
1	Served as an advocate for me while I was a graduate student at the College of Charleston	12	17	70.59%
2	Served as an advocate for me since I have graduated (post-graduation)	6	17	35.29%
3	Was supportive of the career path I chose	11	17	64.71%
4	None of these apply	3	17	11.76%
5	Other**	0	17	0.00%

*Note. *Total is larger than 100% since respondents could select more than once choice**Other category includes no data*

Looking back to your graduate program at the College of Charleston, how did your training from the College help you develop the following skills and abilities?

#	Question	Excellent	Very good	Good	Fair	Poor	Total
1	Analyzing or synthesizing data	23.53%	52.94%	17.65%	5.88%	0.00%	17
2	Designing and executing research	35.29%	35.29%	17.65%	11.76%	0.00%	17
3	Presenting orally	29.41%	58.82%	5.88%	5.88%	0.00%	17
4	Managing people	17.65%	23.53%	35.29%	17.65%	5.88%	17
5	Thinking critically/problem solving	41.18%	47.06%	5.88%	5.88%	0.00%	17
6	Working in a team	29.41%	47.06%	17.65%	5.88%	0.00%	17
7	Working in a local or regional community	29.41%	29.41%	23.53%	17.65%	0.00%	17
8	Working within interdisciplinary groups	35.29%	35.29%	17.65%	11.76%	0.00%	17
9	Working with people from diverse backgrounds	29.41%	47.06%	11.76%	5.88%	5.88%	17
10	Mentoring/advising students	29.41%	17.65%	29.41%	17.65%	5.88%	17
11	Teaching or training groups of people	35.29%	17.65%	23.53%	17.65%	5.88%	17
12	Writing reports, articles, books, etc.	47.06%	29.41%	11.76%	11.76%	0.00%	17

Overall, how satisfied are you with your graduate education experience at the College of Charleston?

#	Answer	Count	Total	%
1	Extremely satisfied	8	17	47.06%
2	Somewhat satisfied	8	17	47.06%
3	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	1	17	5.88%
4	Somewhat dissatisfied	0	17	0.00%
5	Extremely dissatisfied. Please specify	0	17	0.00%

If you were to do it again, would you:

#	Question	Definitely yes	Probably yes	Might or might not	Probably not	Definitely not	Total
1	Select the same field of study at the College of Charleston?	64.71%	11.76%	0.00%	23.53%	0.00%	17
2	Select the College of Charleston?	35.29%	47.06%	11.76%	5.88%	0.00%	17
3	Choose to pursue a graduate degree?	64.71%	11.76%	11.76%	11.76%	0.00%	17

Part E. Career Preparation

Thinking back to when you graduated from the College of Charleston with a master's degree, how important were each of the following factors in helping you land your first job?

#	Question	Very important	Important	Somewhat important	Not important	Total
1	Perceived quality of my academic work	13.33%	26.67%	33.33%	26.67%	15
2	My academic standing (GPA)	13.33%	20.00%	20.00%	46.67%	15
3	Research I did during my graduate education (conference presentations, journal articles, etc.)	26.67%	20.00%	13.33%	40.00%	15
4	Academic reputation of my advisor	13.33%	6.67%	6.67%	73.33%	15
5	Connections made at academic or professional conferences	20.00%	13.33%	0.00%	66.67%	15
6	Connections formed through community partnerships/engagement	26.67%	20.00%	13.33%	40.00%	15
7	Connections with other College of Charleston alumni	20.00%	0.00%	26.67%	53.33%	15
8	Social connections (family or friends)	40.00%	20.00%	0.00%	40.00%	15
9	Reputation of my graduate program	13.33%	6.67%	40.00%	40.00%	15
10	Reputation of the College of Charleston	13.33%	13.33%	40.00%	33.33%	15
11	Other, please specify*	25.00%	0.00%	0.00%	75.00%	4

*Note. *Other category includes research opportunities, work experience outside of the College etc.*

In your opinion, how important are the following elements of graduate education for students entering jobs in your field?

#	Question	Very important	Important	Somewhat important	Not important	Total
1	Experience gained through an internship or practicum	62.50%	31.25%	6.25%	0.00%	16
2	Practice of academic or professional writing skills	56.25%	37.50%	6.25%	0.00%	16
3	Presentation of work at a professional conference	31.25%	25.00%	31.25%	12.50%	16
4	Practice of research methods in your field	20.00%	46.67%	26.67%	6.67%	15
5	Research participation under your advisor's guidance	26.67%	33.33%	26.67%	13.33%	15
6	Practice of formal analytic technique in your field	26.67%	40.00%	33.33%	0.00%	15
7	Opportunity to interact across disciplines	40.00%	26.67%	26.67%	6.67%	15
8	Opportunity to participate in partnerships with the local or regional community	33.33%	33.33%	26.67%	6.67%	15
9	Experience as a teaching assistant	20.00%	6.67%	26.67%	46.67%	15
10	Experience as a research assistant	13.33%	13.33%	33.33%	40.00%	15

How many internships/practicums/clinical practices did you complete in your graduate school at the College of Charleston?

#	Question	0	1	2	3	4	More than 4	Total
1	Internship	53.33%	46.67%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	15
2	Practicum	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	15
3	Clinical practices	93.33%	6.67%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	15
4	Teaching assistantship (semester(s))	80.00%	6.67%	13.33%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	15
5	Research assistantship (semester(s))	80.00%	0.00%	6.67%	0.00%	6.67%	6.67%	15

Part F. Utilizing Institutional Resources

*Select the following job search method(s) you utilized to secure your current job?**

#	Answer	Count	Total	%
1	College of Charleston Career Center (Handshake, Career Fair, on-campus interviews)	1	15	6.67%
2	Directly applied to an online posting via company website or other job search	3	15	20.00%
3	Contacted the employer directly	4	15	26.67%
4	Family and/or friend referral	4	15	26.67%
5	College of Charleston alumni and/or employee of the College assisted to secure an interview/job	1	15	6.67%
6	Other**	5	15	33.33%

*Note. *Total is larger than 100% since respondents could select more than one choice **Other category includes Recruiter, job emails from professors, etc.*

*Did you use any of the following College of Charleston Career Center services?**

#	Answer	Count	Total	%
1	Career/major consultation or meeting with staff	1	15	6.67%
2	On-campus student employment	1	15	6.67%
3	Internship assistance	0	15	0.00%
4	Handshake	2	15	13.33%
5	Career Center website	1	15	6.67%
6	Attended Career Fair	0	15	0.00%
7	Attended program or workshop	3	15	20.00%
8	On-campus interview	2	15	13.33%
9	Mock interview	0	15	0.00%
10	Grad school preparation	0	15	0.00%

**Note: Respondents could select more than one choice*

How often have you done the following since graduating from the College of Charleston?

#	Question	Always	Very often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never	Total
1	Attend a racial/cultural awareness workshop	7.14%	7.14%	28.57%	7.14%	50.00%	14
2	Perform community service	0.00%	14.29%	35.71%	21.43%	28.57%	14
3	Demonstrate for a cause (e.g., boycott, rally, protest)	0.00%	14.29%	14.29%	14.29%	57.14%	14
4	Vote in a government election at the local, state, or national level	50.00%	21.43%	7.14%	7.14%	14.29%	14
5	Attend a leadership training/workshop	7.14%	21.43%	14.29%	21.43%	35.71%	14
6	Work for a local, state, or national political campaign	0.00%	7.14%	0.00%	14.29%	78.57%	14
7	Contribute money to a local, state, or national campaign	7.14%	7.14%	7.14%	28.57%	50.00%	14
8	Take on a leadership role in your community	21.43%	14.29%	21.43%	21.43%	21.43%	14