The 2016-17 Graduate Alumni Survey was administered to 418 graduate degree recipients during the spring of 2019 with the goal of capturing overall satisfaction, employment-search experience, post-graduation employment and/or continuing education, and the importance of various skills acquired while a graduate student.

A total of 38 graduate alumni responded to the survey for an overall response rate of just over 9% and 10 were recipients of a $10 Amazon.com gift card offered by the State System as an incentive for participation. Of those 38 graduate alumni, almost 95% were employed full-time, an additional 3% were employed part-time, and less than 3% were enrolled in a program of continuing or graduate education.

Of those graduate alumni who were employed and provided employment information, 50% were employed in Pennsylvania.

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The education industry; the agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting industry; and the social and/or community services industry employed over 83% of graduate alumni. The arts, entertainment, and/or recreation industry, and the military also employed graduate alumni.

Almost 3% of employed graduate alumni said their occupation is unrelated to their program/area of study, while over 75% said their job is directly related to their area of study.
The top five sources for graduate alumni to cover their college expenses excluding Federal and/or State financial aid were from off-campus jobs (39%), parental/family/friends contributions (29%), personal savings (29%), graduate assistantships (21%), and private loans (18%).

Overall, 82% of graduate alumni said they would choose the same university again if they had to do it over, while over 63% would choose the same major(s).