

2017 Graduate and Professional Student Survey

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AND CAREER PLANS

Please rate your current skill level (compared to other people in your field including peers, faculty, post-docs, etc.) in the following areas.

Project Management, Leadership and Collaboration

	Lowest 10%	Below average	Average	Above average	Highest 10%	Total
Ability to lead a group	1.4%	7.0%	30.7%	39.3%	21.7%	100.0%
	37	184	808	1034	571	2634
Working with people from diverse backgrounds	0.5%	2.1%	24.9%	46.6%	25.9%	100.0%
	13	54	652	1223	680	2622
Entrepreneurship	7.2%	31.5%	37.3%	16.8%	7.2%	100.0%
	190	827	978	440	189	2624
Program and/or conference planning	4.2%	19.0%	36.1%	27.8%	12.9%	100.0%
	110	497	943	725	336	2611
Managing a budget for a project and/or program	4.5%	19.5%	39.2%	25.6%	11.3%	100.0%
	117	510	1026	671	295	2619
Writing a grant	14.0%	30.6%	31.4%	17.7%	6.4%	100.0%
	367	803	823	463	167	2623

Self-Assessment and Development

	Lowest 10%	Below average	Average	Above average	Highest 10%	Total
Balancing academic responsibilities with other demands in my life	2.2%	15.8%	37.2%	32.0%	12.7%	100.0%
	59	414	976	840	334	2623
Social self-confidence	4.3%	18.4%	34.8%	29.6%	12.8%	100.0%
	113	483	913	777	336	2622
Seeking out mentoring	6.3%	25.6%	37.2%	23.1%	7.9%	100.0%
	164	671	975	605	207	2622

Scholarly Expertise and Integrity

	Lowest 10%	Below average	Average	Above average	Highest 10%	Total
Intellectual self-confidence	3.0%	13.6%	37.1%	32.6%	13.7%	100.0%
	78	358	974	855	361	2626
Analysis and synthesis of data	1.4%	9.3%	36.2%	37.5%	15.6%	100.0%
	36	245	950	982	409	2622
Writing a journal article	5.1%	21.0%	42.2%	24.1%	7.5%	100.0%
	134	549	1105	632	197	2617
Writing a thesis/dissertation	6.0%	21.1%	45.1%	21.6%	6.3%	100.0%
	157	549	1175	564	163	2608
Preparing a portfolio or compilation of work	4.4%	19.9%	47.1%	21.7%	6.9%	100.0%
	116	519	1228	566	180	2609
Giving a performance or exhibit	4.1%	16.7%	37.4%	29.5%	12.2%	100.0%
	108	436	976	770	318	2608

Teaching and Mentorship

	Lowest 10%	Below average	Average	Above average	Highest 10%	Total
Course instruction/teaching	2.8%	10.1%	38.0%	32.5%	16.5%	100.0%
	72	261	979	836	425	2573
Mentoring students	1.6%	6.1%	36.6%	38.1%	17.6%	100.0%
	40	158	941	979	452	2570
Creating an inclusive classroom environment for students from diverse backgrounds	1.8%	6.9%	39.7%	34.9%	16.8%	100.0%
	45	176	1016	894	429	2560

Communication Skills

	Lowest 10%	Below average	Average	Above average	Highest 10%	Total
Giving a formal oral presentation	1.7%	7.3%	34.0%	37.9%	19.1%	100.0%
	43	190	880	982	494	2589
Facilitating discussion	1.4%	8.8%	39.3%	35.2%	15.3%	100.0%
	36	227	1014	909	395	2581
Ability to discuss your research and academic work with non-specialists	1.2%	5.4%	38.3%	37.4%	17.7%	100.0%
	30	139	986	963	456	2574

Career Path Preparation

	Lowest 10%	Below average	Average	Above average	Highest 10%	Total
Developing an online professional presence	7.7%	27.1%	39.5%	19.6%	6.0%	100.0%
	200	701	1019	506	156	2582
Professional networking	6.1%	28.1%	39.9%	19.8%	6.1%	100.0%
	158	724	1028	510	156	2576
Job searching	4.9%	23.3%	47.2%	19.3%	5.2%	100.0%
	126	597	1211	496	134	2564
Application document preparation	3.5%	14.6%	47.4%	27.5%	7.1%	100.0%
	90	376	1220	708	182	2576
Interviewing	3.5%	13.7%	42.0%	30.9%	9.9%	100.0%
	90	353	1082	795	256	2576
Negotiation	9.3%	32.9%	39.2%	14.2%	4.4%	100.0%
	239	846	1009	365	112	2571

Which of the following best describes your expectation for your primary post-graduate activity immediately after you complete your degree at UCLA?

	% of total	N
I intend to pursue another graduate/professional program	4.3%	112
I intend to pursue a postdoctoral position	11.5%	301
I intend to pursue a fellowship position	2.1%	56
I intend to pursue a tenure-track academic position	13.0%	340
I intend to pursue a non-tenure track academic position	1.1%	28
I intend to pursue a medical residency program	6.6%	172
I intend to pursue a career in industry, government, non-profit, business, etc. (non-academic)	32.9%	859
I am considering both academic and non-academic options	14.2%	370
I am unsure of my career path	7.1%	185
I intend to continue working in my current job	5.0%	130
Other	2.2%	57
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>2610</i>

What is the type of field you intend to enter?

	% of total	N
Business or Industry	32.6%	844
Non-Profit organization	8.2%	211
National laboratory	2.5%	65
University-affiliated research institute	17.6%	456
Four year college or university other than a medical school	15.5%	402
Medical School	3.2%	84
Community or two-year college	1.2%	31
Preschool, elementary, middle, secondary school or school system	1.5%	38
Government (non-military nor national lab)	5.8%	149
Military	0.3%	9
Self-Employed	2.3%	60
Other	9.2%	237
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>2586</i>