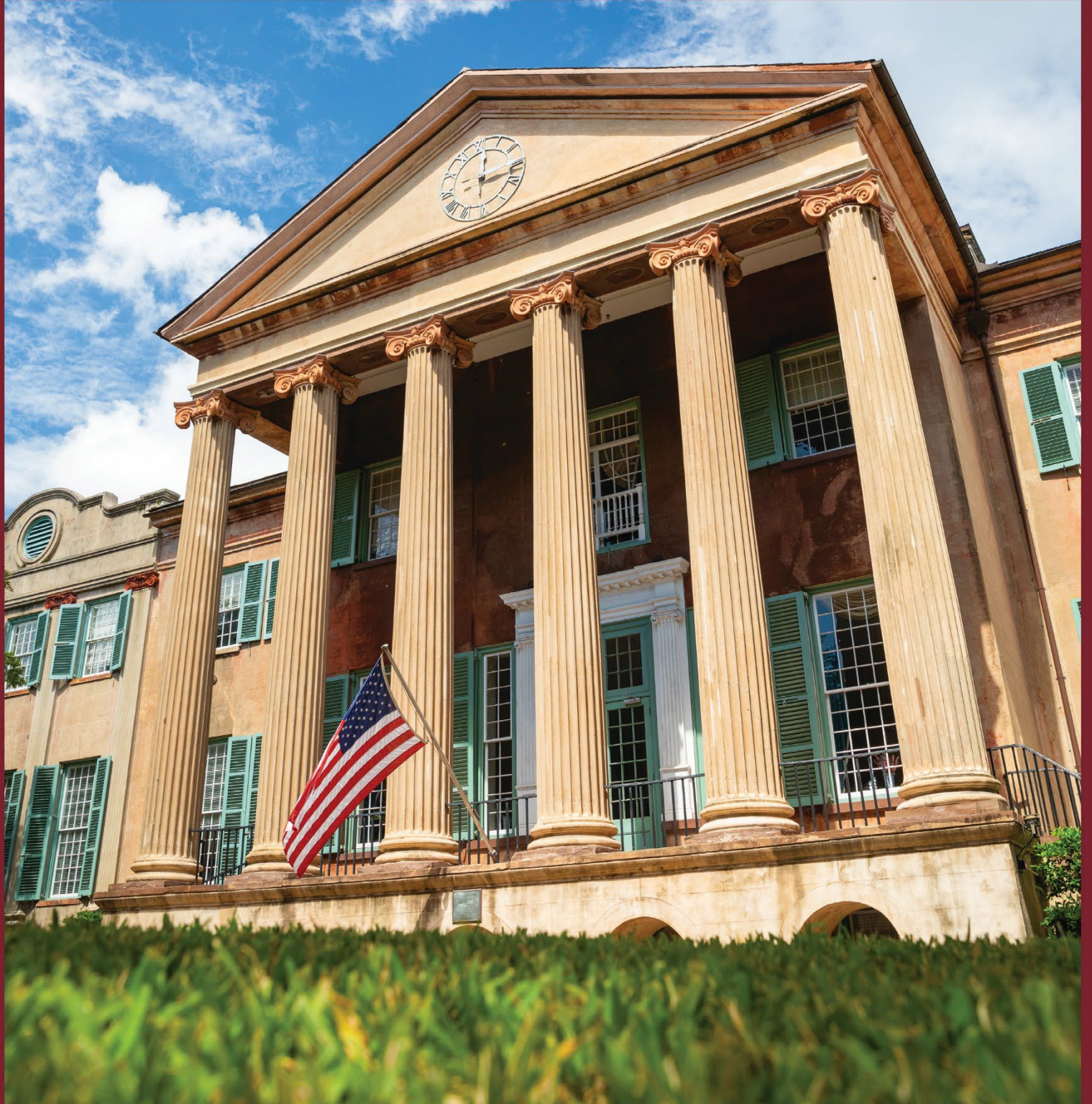




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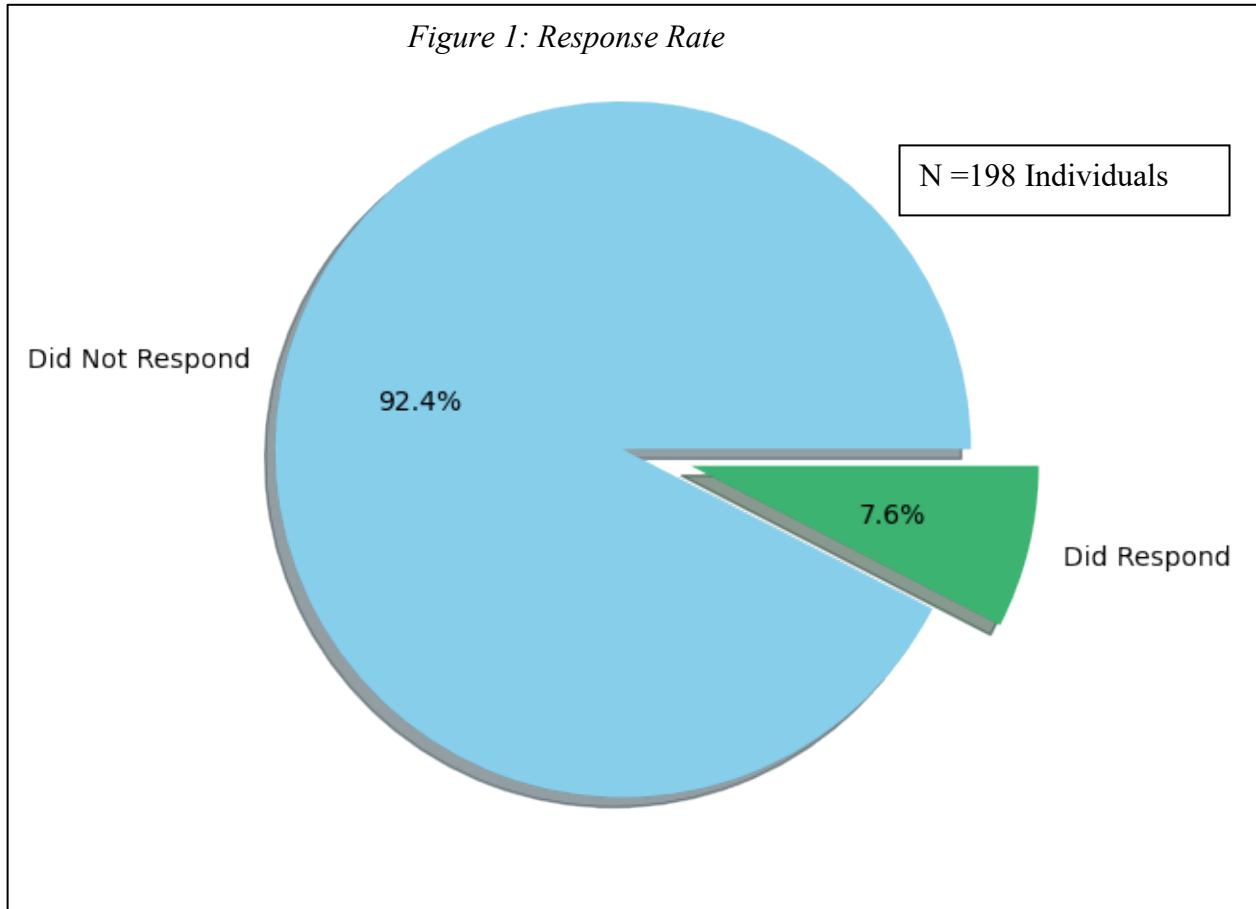
## 2022 Graduate Post-Graduation Survey Analytical Report-One Year (Class Of 2020-2021)



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### Response Rate

This survey was disseminated to 198 individuals who graduated with a Master’s Degree as members of the Class of 2020-2021. Out of these 198 graduates, 15 responded to the survey, giving the survey a Response Rate of **7.6%**. Figure 1 (below) illustrates the Response Rate of this survey.



**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.	0	15	0.00%
2	Business Administration, M.B.A.	5	15	33.33%
3	Child Life, M.S.	1	15	6.67%
4	Communication, M.A.	0	15	0.00%
5	Community Planning, Policy, and Design, M.A.	0	15	0.00%
6	Computer and Information Sciences, M.S.	1	15	6.67%
7	Creative Writing, M.F.A.	0	15	0.00%
8	Data Science and Analytics, M.S.	0	15	0.00%
9	Early Childhood Education, M.A.T.	0	15	0.00%
10	Elementary Education, M.A.T.	0	15	0.00%
11	English, M.A.	1	15	6.67%
12	Environmental Studies, M.S.	3	15	20.00%
13	Environmental Studies and Public Administration (M.S./M.P.A. Concurrent Program)	0	15	0.00%
14	Historic Preservation, M.S.	1	15	6.67%
15	History, M.A.	0	15	0.00%
16	Languages, M.Ed.	1	15	6.67%
17	Marine Biology, M.S.	1	15	6.67%
18	Mathematical Sciences, M.S.	1	15	6.67%
19	Middle Grades Education, M.A.T.	0	15	0.00%
20	Performing Arts, M.A.T.	0	15	0.00%
21	Public Administration, M.P.A.	0	15	0.00%
22	Science and Math for Teachers, M.Ed.	0	15	0.00%
23	Special Education, M.A.T.	0	15	0.00%
24	Teaching, Learning, and Advocacy, M.Ed.	0	15	0.00%
25	Other, please specify	0	15	0.00%

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

#	Answer	Count	Total	%
1	Yes	2	14	14.29%
2	No	12	14	85.71%

*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	2	13	15.38%
2	Grant	2	13	15.38%
3	Teaching assistantship	3	13	23.08%
4	Research assistantship	3	13	23.08%
5	Internship	0	13	0.00%
6	Loans from any sources	5	13	38.46%
7	Personal savings	6	13	46.15%
8	Parent support	1	13	7.69%
9	Family gift	1	13	7.69%
10	Graduate, assistant position	4	13	30.77%
11	Other**	4	13	30.77%

*Note. \*Total percentage is over 100% since respondents could select multiple choices \*\*Other category includes job tuition assistance, employer contributions, GI bill etc.*

*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	7	14	50.00%
2	\$1 - \$10,000	1	14	7.14%
3	\$10,001 - \$20,000	1	14	7.14%
4	\$20,001 - \$30,000	0	14	0.00%
5	\$30,001 - \$40,000	1	14	7.14%
6	\$40,001 - \$50,000	2	14	14.29%
7	Over \$50,000	2	14	14.29%

**Part B. Employment Status**

*What is your current employment status?*

#	Answer	Count	Total	%
1	Employed full-time (35 or more hours per week)	12	14	85.71%
2	Employed part-time (34 hours or less per week)	0	14	0.00%
3	Unemployed, but seeking employment	0	14	0.00%
4	Unemployed; not seeking employment	0	14	0.00%
5	Currently enrolled as a full-time student	1	14	7.14%
6	Other	0	14	0.00%
7	Currently enrolled as a part-time student	1	14	7.14%

*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	3	12	25.00%
2	Accepted the position upon graduation	2	12	16.67%
3	1 - 3 months	5	12	41.67%
4	4 - 6 months	2	12	16.67%
5	7 - 12 months	0	12	0.00%
6	More than 12 months	0	12	0.00%

*How many job(s) are you currently working?*

#	Answer	Count	Total	%
1	1	10	12	83.33%
2	2	2	12	16.67%
3	3	0	12	0.00%
4	More than 3	0	12	0.00%

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

#	Answer	Count	Total	%
1	Locally or regionally-owned business	0	11	0.00%
2	National or international corporation	6	11	54.55%
3	Local or regional non-profit	2	11	18.18%
4	National or international non-profit	1	11	9.09%
5	Government agency	2	11	18.18%

*How long have you been with your current employer?*

#	Answer	Count	Total	%
1	Less than 1 month	0	12	0.00%
2	1 - 4 months	3	12	25.00%
3	5 - 8 months	0	12	0.00%
4	9 - 12 months	1	12	8.33%
5	13 - 16 months	2	12	16.67%
6	17 - 20 months	0	12	0.00%
7	21 - 24 months	0	12	0.00%
8	More than 24 months	6	12	50.00%

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

#	Answer	Count	Total	%
1	Less than \$20,000	0	12	0.00%
2	\$20,000 - \$29,999	0	12	0.00%
3	\$30,000 - \$39,999	0	12	0.00%
4	\$40,000 - \$49,999	1	12	8.33%
5	\$50,000 - \$59,999	2	12	16.67%
6	\$60,000 - \$69,999	2	12	16.67%
7	\$70,000 - \$79,999	0	12	0.00%
8	\$80,000 or more	7	12	58.33%



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

#	Answer	Count	Total	%
1	Closely related	5	12	41.67%
2	Somewhat related	7	12	58.33%
3	Not related	0	12	0.00%

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

#	Answer	Count	Total	%
1	Yes	2	12	16.67%
2	No	10	12	83.33%

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

#	Answer	Count	Total	%
1	Extremely well	1	12	8.33%
2	Very well	4	12	33.33%
3	Moderately well	3	12	25.00%
4	Slightly well	4	12	33.33%
5	Not well at all.	0	12	0.00%

*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	33.33%	41.67%	0.00%	25.00%	0.00%	12
2	Career growth/opportunities	25.00%	50.00%	16.67%	0.00%	8.33%	12
3	Independence	75.00%	25.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	12
4	Contribution to field/society	25.00%	58.33%	8.33%	8.33%	0.00%	12
5	Salary	33.33%	33.33%	16.67%	16.67%	0.00%	12
6	Geographic location	75.00%	16.67%	8.33%	0.00%	0.00%	12
7	Flexibility	58.33%	33.33%	0.00%	0.00%	8.33%	12
8	Work/life balance	50.00%	41.67%	0.00%	8.33%	0.00%	12
9	Overall	41.67%	33.33%	16.67%	8.33%	0.00%	12

**Part C. Continuing Education***What level of degree(s) are you currently pursuing?*

#	Answer	Count	Total	%
1	Bachelor's degree	0	2	0.00%
2	Master's degree	0	2	0.00%
3	Doctorate degree	2	2	100.00%
4	Other*	0	2	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	2	0.00%
2	Very well	1	2	50.00%
3	Moderately well	1	2	50.00%
4	Slightly well	0	2	0.00%
5	Not well at all.	0	2	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	11	14	78.57%
2	Served as an advocate for me since I have graduated (post-graduation)	3	14	21.43%
3	Was supportive of the career path I chose	7	14	50.00%
4	None of these apply	3	14	21.43%
5	Other**	0	14	0.00%

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

*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	21.43%	57.14%	7.14%	14.29%	0.00%	14
2	Designing and executing research	28.57%	42.86%	14.29%	14.29%	0.00%	14
3	Presenting orally	35.71%	35.71%	7.14%	21.43%	0.00%	14
4	Managing people	0.00%	42.86%	28.57%	14.29%	14.29%	14
5	Thinking critically/problem solving	21.43%	50.00%	21.43%	7.14%	0.00%	14
6	Working in a team	28.57%	35.71%	21.43%	14.29%	0.00%	14
7	Working in a local or regional community	21.43%	35.71%	21.43%	14.29%	7.14%	14
8	Working within interdisciplinary groups	28.57%	35.71%	7.14%	14.29%	14.29%	14
9	Working with people from diverse backgrounds	28.57%	14.29%	35.71%	14.29%	7.14%	14
10	Mentoring/advising students	14.29%	14.29%	28.57%	21.43%	21.43%	14
11	Teaching or training groups of people	7.14%	28.57%	21.43%	28.57%	14.29%	14
12	Writing reports, articles, books, etc.	35.71%	28.57%	21.43%	7.14%	7.14%	14

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

#	Answer	Count	Total	%
1	Extremely satisfied	5	14	35.71%
2	Somewhat satisfied	8	14	57.14%
3	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	0	14	0.00%
4	Somewhat dissatisfied	1	14	7.14%
5	Extremely dissatisfied. Please specify	0	14	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?	50.00%	28.57%	14.29%	7.14%	0.00%	14
2	Select the College of Charleston?	35.71%	28.57%	21.43%	14.29%	0.00%	14
3	Choose to pursue a graduate degree?	57.14%	21.43%	14.29%	7.14%	0.00%	14

**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	16.67%	33.33%	16.67%	33.33%	12
2	My academic standing (GPA)	8.33%	41.67%	8.33%	41.67%	12
3	Research I did during my graduate education (conference presentations, journal articles, etc.)	33.33%	16.67%	16.67%	33.33%	12
4	Academic reputation of my advisor	0.00%	41.67%	0.00%	58.33%	12
5	Connections made at academic or professional conferences	8.33%	33.33%	16.67%	41.67%	12
6	Connections formed through community partnerships/engagement	16.67%	41.67%	16.67%	25.00%	12
7	Connections with other College of Charleston alumni	0.00%	8.33%	25.00%	66.67%	12
8	Social connections (family or friends)	16.67%	25.00%	16.67%	41.67%	12
9	Reputation of my graduate program	8.33%	33.33%	25.00%	33.33%	12
10	Reputation of the College of Charleston	8.33%	50.00%	8.33%	33.33%	12
11	Other*	0.00%	33.33%	0.00%	66.67%	3

*Note: Other category includes summer internship.*

*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	50.00%	33.33%	16.67%	0.00%	12
2	Practice of academic or professional writing skills	50.00%	50.00%	0.00%	0.00%	12
3	Presentation of work at a professional conference	33.33%	33.33%	16.67%	16.67%	12
4	Practice of research methods in your field	25.00%	25.00%	33.33%	16.67%	12
5	Research participation under your advisor's guidance	25.00%	16.67%	25.00%	33.33%	12
6	Practice of formal analytic technique in your field	33.33%	33.33%	33.33%	0.00%	12
7	Opportunity to interact across disciplines	16.67%	50.00%	25.00%	8.33%	12
8	Opportunity to participate in partnerships with the local or regional community	25.00%	41.67%	16.67%	16.67%	12
9	Experience as a teaching assistant	0.00%	33.33%	33.33%	33.33%	12
10	Experience as a research assistant	8.33%	25.00%	33.33%	33.33%	12

*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	63.64%	18.18%	18.18%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	11
2	Practicum	90.91%	9.09%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	11
3	Clinical practices	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	11
4	Teaching assistantship (semester(s))	81.82%	0.00%	9.09%	0.00%	0.00%	9.09%	11
5	Research assistantship (semester(s))	90.00%	0.00%	10.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	10

**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)	0	10	0.00%
2	Directly applied to an online posting via company website or other job search	8	10	80.00%
3	Contacted the employer directly	1	10	10.00%
4	Family and/or friend referral	0	10	0.00%
5	College of Charleston alumni and/or employee of the College assisted to secure an interview/job	0	10	0.00%
6	Other*	2	10	20.00%

*Note. \*Total is larger than 100% since respondents could select more than one choice\*\*Other category includes LinkedIn, Internal Promotion, 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	0	10	0.00%
2	On-campus student employment	0	10	0.00%
3	Internship assistance	0	10	0.00%
4	Handshake	2	10	20.00%
5	Career Center website	2	10	20.00%
6	Attended Career Fair	0	10	0.00%
7	Attended program or workshop	0	10	0.00%
8	On-campus interview	0	10	0.00%
9	Mock interview	2	10	20.00%
10	Grad school preparation	0	10	0.00%

*Note. \*Total is less than 100% since respondents did not have to select a 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	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	12
2	Perform community service	0.00%	41.67%	8.33%	33.33%	16.67%	12
3	Demonstrate for a cause (e.g., boycott, rally, protest)	0.00%	0.00%	8.33%	16.67%	75.00%	12
4	Vote in a government election at the local, state, or national level	41.67%	8.33%	33.33%	8.33%	8.33%	12
5	Attend a leadership training/workshop	8.33%	8.33%	25.00%	16.67%	41.67%	12
6	Work for a local, state, or national political campaign	0.00%	9.09%	9.09%	0.00%	81.82%	11
7	Contribute money to a local, state, or national campaign	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	12
8	Take on a leadership role in your community	8.33%	0.00%	0.00%	8.33%	83.33%	12