## Job Placement Survey of Class of 2017

The Department of Library and Information Science at the Catholic University of America conducted a job placement survey of 31 graduates who graduated in Summer 2016, Fall 2016, and Spring 2017. The results are included in the Library Journal report, published each October, on placement rates of graduates of ALA-accredited programs. Among 31, 11 graduates (35.5%) took part in the survey. A small number of responses makes it hard for the Department to understand the overall employment development and status of its graduates. However, it is believed that the following data are still valuable for the Department to learn the career development of graduates.

Major findings:

• 90% of respondents were employed full-time.

• 55.56% of respondents were employed in a library or information center institution.

• 80% of respondents were in a permanent employment position.

• 40% of respondents were employed in a government library (state or federal government agency).

• 66.67% of respondents were satisfied with their current job.

• Type of information agency specialization (academic, medical, public, school, etc.), Networking with professionals in the field, and Subject specialization (Cataloging, reference, etc.) were the most frequently mentioned activity as the most helpful or important in obtaining the first professional position among the respondents.

• When the respondent was asked to identify the most valuable skills acquired in the MSLIS program, top skills selected were: "Analytical Skills", "Information Organization", "Research", and "Project Management"

• 44.44% of respondents remained with an employer or position held prior to or while attending the MSLIS program.

• The average annual salary for eight respondents is $65,455.50 annually

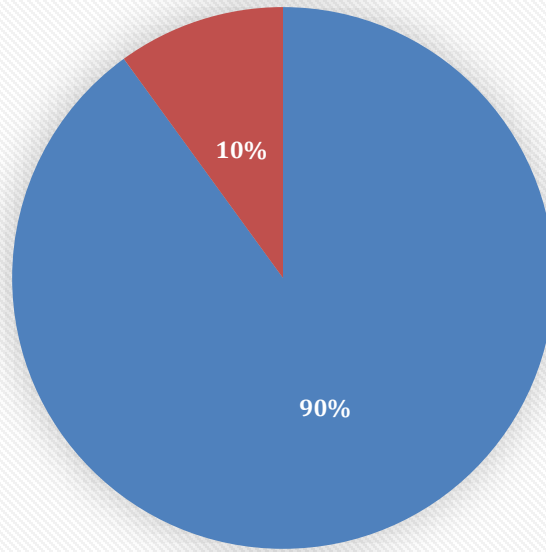## Q5: Is Libraary/Information Science the first professional career you have pursued?

27.27%,

54.55%,
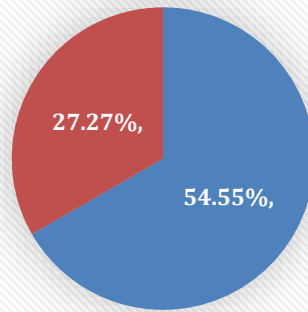
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Q6: Were you working in a library or information setting before you started the MSLIS program?

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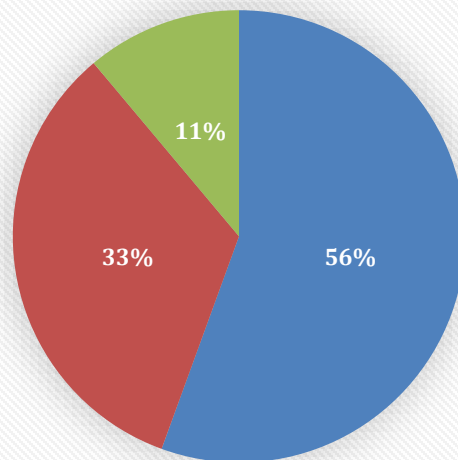
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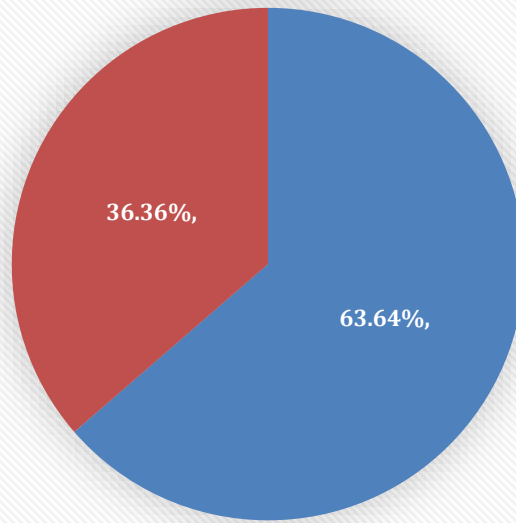
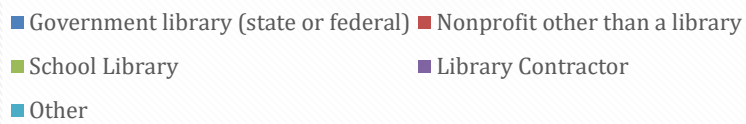■ Yes ■ No

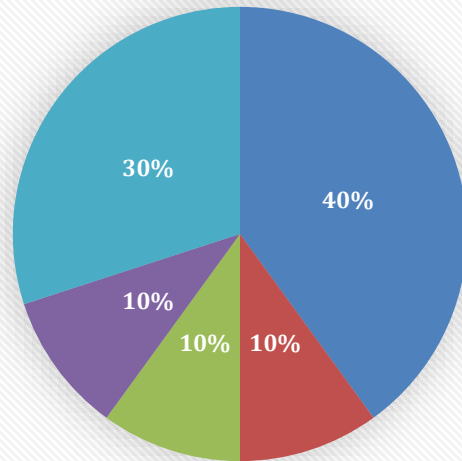## Q7: What is your current employment status?

10%

90%

■ Full Time ■ Part-Time

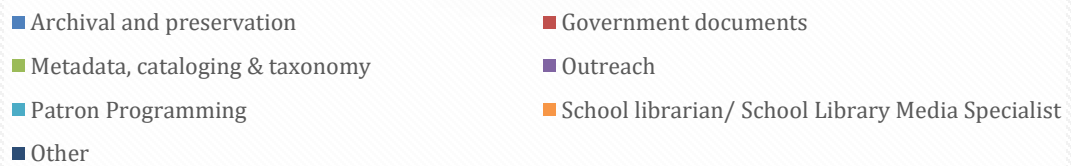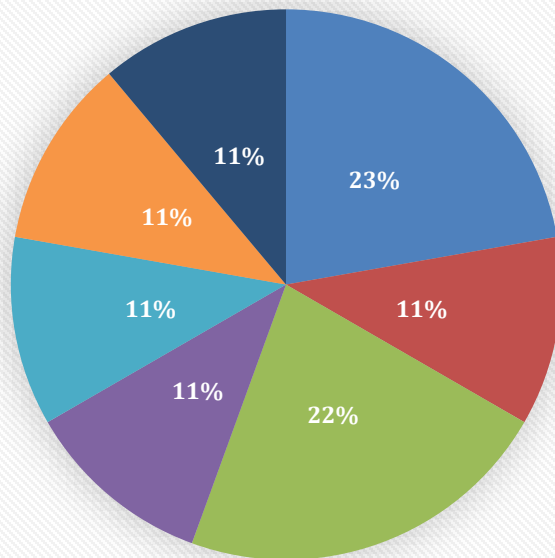## Q9: Where are you currently employed?

11%

33%

56%

■ Employed in a library or information science institution

■ Employed in a library or information science capacity but not in a library or information science institution

■ Employed outside of the LIS field

Q10: In which type of organization are you currently employed?

- Government library (state or federal) — 40%
- Nonprofit other than a library — 10%
- School Library — 10%
- Library Contractor — 10%
- Other — 30%

Q12: Which is your primary job assignment?

- Archival and preservation — 23%
- Government documents — 11%
- Metadata, cataloging & taxonomy — 22%
- Outreach — 11%
- Patron Programming — 11%
- School librarian/ School Library Media Specialist — 11%
- Other — 11%

Q15: Are you satisfied with your current placement?

- 33.33%
- 66.67%

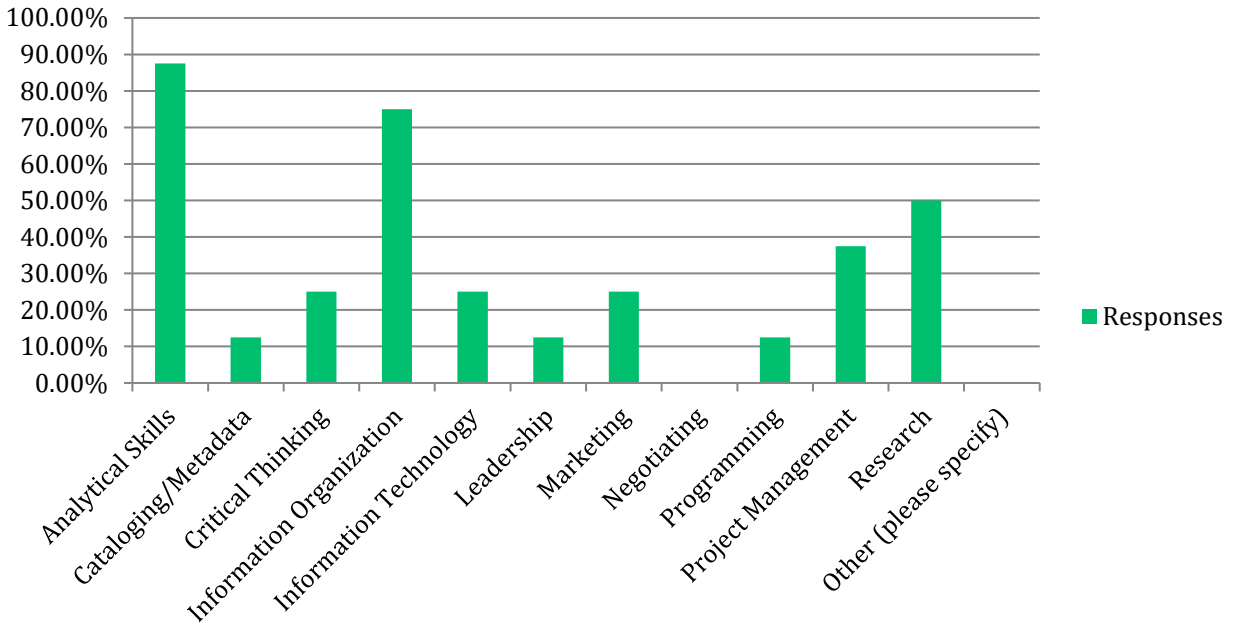■ Yes ■ No
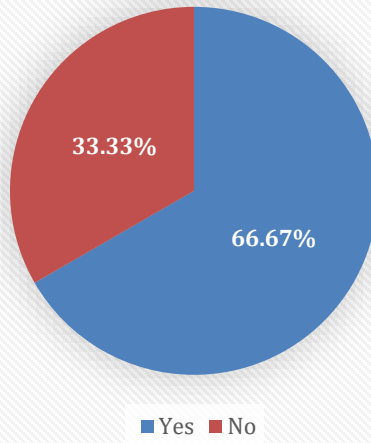
Q18: After graduation, did you remain with an employer or position held prior to or while attending the MSLIS program?

- 44%
- 56%

■ Yes ■ No

Q19: If you remained with an existing employer upon graduation, did the granting of the Master's degree change your employment status? Check all that apply.

Chart — Responses (percentages):

Category	Responses
Moved from support staff to professional staff	0.00%
Received promotion	0.00%
Eligible for tenure	0.00%
Received a raise	0.00%
No change	100.00%
Other (please specify)	25.00%

Q24: Which experiences/activities do you feel were the most helpful or important in obtaining your first professional position? Check all that apply.

Chart — Responses (percentages):

Category	Responses
Subject specialization…	37.50%
Type of information…	62.50%
Technological skills…	25.00%
Fieldwork, practicum, or…	25.00%
Networking with…	50.00%
Additional certifications in…	0.00%
Other (please specify)	25.00%

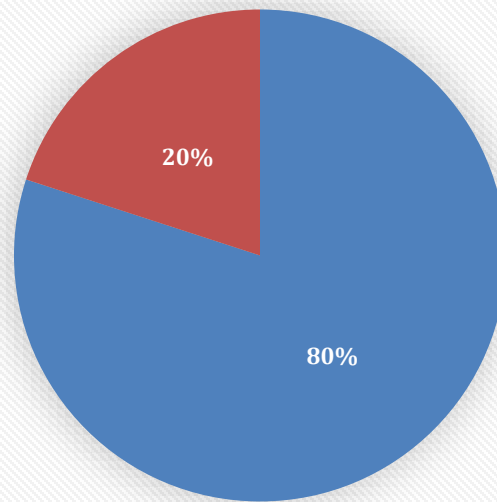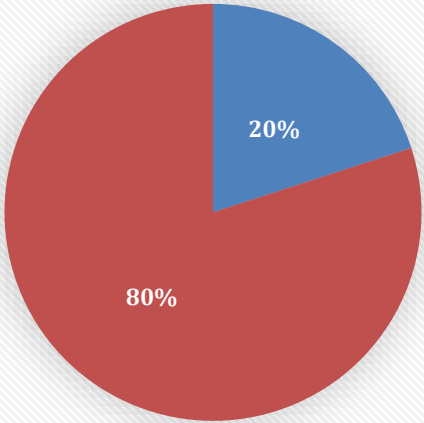## Q25:What are the most valuable skills you acquired in the MSLIS program?

Q34: Is your position temporary or permanent?

Q37: Did you find employment prior to graduation?

20%

80%

■ Yes, ■ No