Questions: 1) To what extent have students searched, applied, interviewed, and worked before graduation? 2) How well do self-reported rates of work compare to perceptions of the difficulty of getting work?

International undergraduate students

Extent to Which Students Searched, Applied, Interviewed, & Worked

Perceived Difficulty: Finding Employment (n = 574)

Self-Reported Employment Rates Over Entire Program (n = 546)

Source: Dashew Center Biennial Survey of International Students, 2016-17

KEY OBSERVATIONS: INTERNATIONAL UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

- International undergraduates believe it is most difficult to get paid employment off-campus, followed by paid employment on campus, followed by unpaid employment off-campus.
- On-campus employment is the most common form of employment. 27% of all international undergraduates secure employment on-campus while 58% of students who applied for on-campus employment, secure it.
- Actual rates of off-campus employment, paid or unpaid, are low at 6% and 5% respectively.
- Students believe that securing paid employment off-campus is much more difficult than securing unpaid employment. While the data support this belief, students may be overestimating the difficulty of finding paid employment off-campus or underestimating the difficulty of finding unpaid employment off-campus. The ratio of perceived difficulty to employment is 3.417 for paid employment on-campus and .939 for unpaid employment off-campus.
INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE STUDENTS

KEY OBSERVATIONS: INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE STUDENTS

- International graduate students believe it is most difficult to get paid employment off-campus, followed by unpaid employment off-campus, followed by paid employment on campus.
- On-campus employment is the most common form of employment. 29% of all international graduate students secure employment on-campus while 68% of students who applied for on-campus employment, secure it.
- Actual rates of off-campus employment, paid or unpaid, are low at 13% and 5% respectively. Graduate students are employed at higher rates off-campus than undergraduate students.
- Students believe that securing paid employment off-campus is much more difficult than securing unpaid employment. While the data support this belief, students may be overestimating the difficulty of finding paid employment off-campus or underestimating the difficulty of finding unpaid employment off-campus. The ratio of perceived difficulty to employment is 1.763 for paid employment off-campus and .878 for unpaid employment off-campus.

Source: Dashew Center Biennial Survey of International Students, 2016-17