

# CAREER MONITORING SURVEY FOR 2013 GRADUATES

Welcome to participate in the career monitoring survey! Tell us how your bachelor's degree studies bear fruit in working life.

Responses will be dealt with confidentially and anonymously. By responding you will help us to develop better education and supervision.

Further information on the research and UAS career project: [xxxxxxx](#)

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## BACKGROUND

### 1. What was your highest degree before your graduation in 2013?

- 1 General upper secondary graduate
- 2 Vocational upper secondary qualification
- 3 Bachelor's degree in a university of applied sciences
- 4 Bachelor's degree in a university
- 5 Master's degree in a university
- 6 Master's degree in a university of applied sciences
- 7 Doctoral or licentiate degree
- 8 Other, please specify

### 2. Which of the following options **best** describes your work experience before you started the degree you completed in 2013?

- 1 Not at all or only a little work experience
- 2 Some work experience
- 3 Several years in the same field as my degree completed in 2013
- 4 Several years in a different field than my degree completed in 2013
- 5 Several years in various fields and in a variety of jobs
- 6 None of the above-mentioned

If you selected the option 6, describe your work experience:

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## SATISFACTION WITH DEGREE

### 3. Please assess your satisfaction with the degree you completed in 2013 based on the following statements. Please select the most suitable option.

1 = fully disagree 2 = disagree 3 = somewhat disagree 4 = somewhat agree 5 = agree 6 = fully agree

Employers value my degree	1 2 3 4 5 6
I would recommend my degree to others	1 2 3 4 5 6
The degree equipped me sufficiently for working life	1 2 3 4 5 6
The degree offered entrepreneurship skills	1 2 3 4 5 6

### How satisfied are you overall with the degree you completed in 2013 in terms of your career?

- 1 Very dissatisfied
- 2 Dissatisfied
- 3 Slightly dissatisfied
- 4 Quite satisfied
- 5 Satisfied
- 6 Very satisfied

Please specify:

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## OVERALL CAREER

### 4. Which of the following options **best** describes your career after the degree you completed in 2013?

- 1 Continuously working for the same employer or as an entrepreneur.
- 2 Several different employers and/or entrepreneurship, fixed-term employments, commissions or working with a grant. Hardly any breaks.
- 3 Changing employers and duties, separated by breaks, studies or unemployment periods.
- 4 Unemployment alternating with occasional fixed-term employments, practical training, contract or freelance work.
- 5 Mainly outside the labour force, e.g. studies and/or parental leave.
- 6 Other, please specify

### 5. Have you worked as an entrepreneur, self-employed person or freelancer since graduation? Please select the option that **best** describes your situation.

- 1 No
- 2 Yes, most/all of my income comes from work carried out as an entrepreneur/freelancer
- 3 Yes, most/all of my income used to come from work carried out as an entrepreneur/freelancer but now I am in an employment relationship
- 4 Yes, I did/do now and then commissions/freelance-based work but they are not the main source of income as I also have a regular job
- 5 Yes, I do commissions/freelance work but they do not provide me with sufficient income and I do not have a regular job.

### 6. a) If you have worked as an entrepreneur, in how many companies have you been the establisher or a partner since graduation?

- 1 2 3 or more

### b) How many persons have your companies employed in addition to yourself?

- 0 1 2-3 4-9 10-19 20-49 50-99 100 or more

**7. How satisfied are you with your career so far?**

- 1 Very dissatisfied
- 2 Dissatisfied
- 3 Slightly dissatisfied
- 4 Quite satisfied
- 5 Satisfied
- 6 Very satisfied

**EDUCATION AFTER GRADUATION**

**8. Have you taken part in any education since graduating in 2013? What?**

- 1 Vocational upper secondary education
- 2 Professional further education (vocational or specialist qualification)
- 3 Professional specialisation studies (UAS)
- 4 Qualifications upgrade (to obtain authorisation)
- 5 Bachelor's degree studies in a university of applied sciences
- 6 Master's degree studies in a university of applied sciences
- 7 Master's degree studies in a university
- 8 Doctoral or licentiate degree studies
- 9 Shorter training, courses or modules
- 10 Other education
- 11 I have not participated in education. Please go to question 10.

**9. What was the most important reason for your participation in the above-mentioned education? Please select the most suitable option.**

- 1 Professional skills development
- 2 Career advancement
- 3 Employment difficulties
- 4 Change of field/profession
- 5 Self-development
- 6 Pay increase or other incentive (e.g. having a permanent job)
- 7 Degree/option did not respond to working life needs
- 8 Degree level did not respond to working life needs
- 9 Other reason, what? \_\_\_\_\_

**WORK SITUATION AT THE TIME OF GRADUATION AND AT THE MOMENT**

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- If you are currently e.g. on family or study leave, answer based on your latest job.
- If you are not currently working or did not work before starting your family leave, skip the questions about your current job.
- If you are an entrepreneur, self-employed or freelancer, answer the questions as applicable.

**10. Which of the following options best described/describes your situation**

<b>at the time of graduation?</b> Please select one option	<b>at the moment?</b> Please select one option
1 Permanent full-time job 2 Fixed-term full-time job 3 Part-time job 4 Independent entrepreneur/self-employed/freelancer (with business ID) 5 Several parallel employment relationships (working with a tax card) 6 Subsidised employment/practical training 7 Unemployed job seeker 8 Labour force training or equivalent 9 Full-time studies (leading to a degree or grade) 10 Family leave (from employment relationship) 11 Family leave (no employment relationship) 12 Working with a grant 13 Outside labour force (e.g. military service) 14 Other, please specify	1 Permanent full-time job 2 Fixed-term full-time job 3 Part-time job 4 Independent entrepreneur/self-employed/freelancer (with business ID) 5 Several parallel employment relationships (working with a tax card) 6 Subsidised employment/practical training 7 Unemployed job seeker 8 Labour force training or equivalent 9 Full-time studies (leading to a degree or grade) 10 Family leave (from employment relationship) 11 Family leave (no employment relationship) 12 Working with a grant 13 Outside labour force (e.g. military service) 14 Other, please specify

**11. What was/is your principal employer**

**in your first job after graduation?**

The job may have begun before graduation  
Please select one option

**at the moment?**

Please select one option

- 1 Municipality or federation of municipalities
- 2 State
- 3 Large company (250 employees or more)
- 4 Small or medium-sized company (fewer than 250 employees)
- 5 Own company/self-employed
- 6 Organisation, foundation, parish or equivalent
- 7 University
- 8 University of applied sciences
- 9 Other, please specify

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- 9 Other, please specify

**12. What was/is your profession, job or official title**

in your first job after graduation?

at the moment?

**13. Which of the following best described/describes your principal duty**

in your first job after graduation?	at the moment?
1 Research and/or product development	1 Research and/or product development
2 Teaching and/or education	2 Teaching and/or education
3 Management and supervisory duties	3 Management and supervisory duties
4 Consulting	4 Consulting
5 Education and training	5 Education and training
6 Work with customers/patients	6 Work with customers/patients
7 Marketing, sales and/or purchase	7 Marketing, sales and/or purchase
8 Planning, development and/or administrative duties	8 Planning, development and/or administrative duties
9 Communications and media	9 Communications and media
10 Office work	10 Office work
11 Artistic work	11 Artistic work
12 Legal work	12 Legal work
13 Ecclesiastical work	13 Ecclesiastical work
14 Finances and/or financial administration	14 Finances and/or financial administration
15 Production	15 Production
16 Other, please specify	16 Other, please specify

**14. In which region was/is your workplace/company located** (If you work abroad, select Abroad and then type the country where you work)

in your first job after graduation?

at the moment?

**List of regions:** Åland, South Karelia, South Ostrobothnia, South Savo Region, Kainuu Region, Kanta-Häme Region, Central Ostrobothnia, Central Finland, Kymenlaakso Region, Lapland, Tampere Region, Ostrobothnia, North Karelia, North Ostrobothnia, Pohjois-Savo Region, Päijät-Häme Region, Satakunta Region, Helsinki-Uusimaa Region, Southwest Finland, Abroad

(Country, please specify \_\_\_\_\_).

**15. What is your average gross salary or monthly income (including regular allowances, taxable value of fringe benefits, and overtime pay) at the moment?**

\_\_\_\_\_ euros/month

**CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN YOUR COMPETENCE AND JOB**

**16. How well could/can you apply the knowledge and skills you learned at the university of applied sciences**

in your first job after graduation? Please select one option	at the moment? Please select one option
1 Hardly at all	1 Hardly at all
2 Somewhat/partly	2 Somewhat/partly
3 Continuously	3 Continuously

**17. How well do/did the requirements of your job correspond to your UAS qualifications**

in your first job after graduation? Please select one option	at the moment? Please select one option
1 The job was clearly less demanding than my qualifications would allow	1 The job is clearly less demanding than my qualifications would allow
2 The job was somewhat less demanding than my qualifications would allow	2 The job is somewhat less demanding than my qualifications would allow
3 The job corresponded to my qualifications	3 The job corresponds to my qualifications
4 The job was somewhat more demanding than my qualifications would allow	4 The job is somewhat more demanding than my qualifications would allow
5 The job was clearly more demanding than my qualifications would allow	5 The job is clearly more demanding than my qualifications would allow

**18. How important are the following knowledge and skills in your current job? How did your UAS studies develop these skills?**

*If you are not currently in working life, think of your latest job.*

**How important are the following knowledge and skills in your current job?**  
1 = not important at all, 6 = very important

**How did your UAS studies develop these skills?**  
1 = very poorly, 6 = excellently

1 Key field-related terms, methods and principles	1	2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	4	5	6
2 Practical knowledge and skills	1	2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	4	5	6
3 Information retrieval skills	1	2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	4	5	6
4 Problem solving skills	1	2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	4	5	6
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5 Organisation and coordination skills	1	2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	4	5	6
6 Independent working and time management	1	2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Initiative and self-direction	1	2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	4	5	6
8 Communication and negotiation skills	1	2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	4	5	6
9 Networking skills	1	2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	4	5	6
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10 Acting in multicultural environment	1	2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	4	5	6
11 Multiprofessional teamwork	1	2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	4	5	6
12 Budgeting and business skills	1	2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	4	5	6
13 Information and communication technology skills	1	2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	4	5	6
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14 Development skills	1	2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	4	5	6
15 Analytical skills	1	2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	4	5	6
16 Entrepreneurship skills	1	2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	4	5	6
17 Ability to learn and adopt new things	1	2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	4	5	6
18 Stress tolerance and adaptation to new situations	1	2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	4	5	6

**19. What kind of professional and field-related competence would you encourage current students to obtain to prepare them for future working life?**

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**20. What career plans do you have for the next five years?**

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**Thank you for your response!**

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