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*Placement and Salary Survey, 1998*

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This is the annual *Placement and Salary Survey* of graduates of the Master of Information Studies degree program at the Faculty of Information Studies, University of Toronto. In 1995 FIS eliminated the Master of Library Science and Master of Information Science degrees and introduced the Master of Information Studies degree. Graduates enrolled before the change were allowed to select which degree they wished on their diplomas. Of the 93 graduates in 1998, 86 received the MIST degree, 4 the MLS degree, and 3 the MIS degree. Within the MIST program, 71 were Library and Information Science specialists, 8 Archival specialists and 7 Information Systems specialists. Forty-nine graduates (53%) responded to the survey.

**SALARIES**

Salaries are given only for the 20 respondents who reported work in full-time (permanent or contract) professional positions in the information field. Salaries for graduates who are working part-time, who are in non-professional positions, or who have returned to positions they held before enrolling in the Faculty of Information Studies have not been included. The salaries of two Archival Studies graduates, two Information Systems graduates and 16 Library and Information Science graduates are reported below.

1998	No.	Average	Median	High	Low
	20	\$39,750	40,000	\$53,000	\$29,900

Historical Comparison	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993
Average salary	\$39,190	\$35,334	\$36,167	\$36,483	\$32,068

**LOCATION**

All but 2 respondents are living in Ontario. One is in Saskatchewan, and one is in the United States. The highest proportion (49%) are living in Metropolitan Toronto.

**WHEN HIRED**

Respondents reported it took them the following length of time to find their first professional position:

- Before entering FIS 6%
- Before graduation 26%
- Less than 3 months after graduation 31%
- Between 3 - 6 months after graduation 29%
- More than 6 months after graduation 8%

## PLACEMENT

Seventy-one percent (71%) of respondents reported they were working as Information Professionals. A further 20% are working outside the information profession and one respondent is not currently seeking work.

	1998		1997		1996		1995	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Permanent, Full-time	15	31%	21	42%	14	22%	23	43%
Temporary, Full-time (Contract)	12	24%	11	22%	17	27%	15	28%
Part-time	8	16%	7	14%	9	14%	5	9%
		71%		78%		63%		80%

## WHERE EMPLOYED

Thirty-five respondents (71%) reported they were working as information professionals. In the following table, 43% of respondents are working in libraries.

A growing number of graduates, including many LIS specialists, are working in “non-traditional” areas. Even those working in “traditional” areas may be doing non-traditional jobs. Among the LIS job titles are: Manager, Community and Research, Project Coordinator–Virtual Office Project, Research Analyst, and Network Support Analyst. IS graduates reported such titles as: Software Developer/Technical Writer, and Application Developer.

	No.	%
Libraries		
Academic	5	10%
Public	6	12%
School	2	4%
Special	8	17%
Archives	2	4%
Computer Industry	3	6%
Consulting/Information Brokering	1	2%
Information Industry	1	2%
Internet/Web Design	2	4%
Records Management	3	6%