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Placement and Salary Survey, 1999

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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 85 graduates in 1999, 78 received the MIST degree, 2 the MLS degree, and 5 the MIS degree. Within the MIST program, 62 were Library and Information Science specialists, 7 Archival specialists and 9 Information Systems specialists. Forty-three graduates (51%) responded to the survey.

ANNUAL SALARIES

Annual salaries are given only for the 18 respondents who reported work in full-time (permanent or contract) professional positions in the information field in Canada. Salaries for graduates who are working part-time, who are in non-professional positions, who are working outside Canada, or who have returned to positions they held before enrolling in the Faculty of Information Studies have not been included. The annual salaries of two Archival Studies graduates, one Information Systems graduate, and 15 Library and Information Science graduates are reported below.

1999	No.	Average	Median	High	Low
	18	\$41,602	\$40,000	\$55,000	\$30,000

Historical Comparison	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994
Average salary	\$39,750	\$39,190	\$35,334	\$36,167	\$36,483

HOURLY SALARIES

An additional 11 graduates, working in part-time and/or contract positions, reported an average hourly salary of \$19.55. This equates to an annual salary of \$37,614 for a 37 hour week.

LOCATION

Eighty-eight percent (88%) of respondents are living in Ontario; 49% in Toronto. One is in British Columbia, one in Quebec, one in New Brunswick, two in New York, one in Texas, and one in Grenada.

WHEN HIRED

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

Before entering FIS	15%
Before graduation	26%
Less than 3 months after graduation	44%
Between 3 - 6 months after graduation	15%

PLACEMENT

Placement figures for 1999 are greatly improved with 93% of respondents reporting they are working as information professionals. Of these, 79% are in full-time professional positions compared with 55% in the previous year.

	1999		1998		1997		1996	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Permanent, Full-time	20	46%	15	31%	21	42%	14	22%
Temporary, Full-time (Contract)	14	33%	12	24%	11	22%	17	27%
Part-time	4	9%	8	16%	7	14%	9	14%
Self-Employed	2	5%						
		93%		71%		78%		63%

WHERE EMPLOYED

Libraries continue to attract the highest proportion of graduates (53% compared to 40% in 1998). Four of the eight graduates in the category Computer Industry are LIS graduates.

	No.	%
Libraries	23	53%
Archives	3	7%
Computer Industry	8	19%
Records Centre	1	2%

	No.	%
Fund Raising	1	2%
Teacher - Librarian	1	2%
Government	1	2%
Self-Employed	2	5%

JOB TITLES

Job Titles for Library and Information Science Graduates	
Business Information Specialist	PC Support Specialist
Children & Young Adult Coordinator	Project Officer
Collections & Access Librarian	Proposal Support/Intranet Content Specialist
Government Information Librarian	Reader Advisor
Information Assistant	Reference Librarian (2)
Information Management Project Consultant	Research Officer
Information Specialist (3)	Self-Employed Researcher
Law Librarian	Tax Information Manager
Librarian (7)	Teacher-Librarian
Library Intern	Web Content Coordinator
Manager, Periodicals & Newspapers	Young Adult Librarian
Job Titles for Archival Graduates	
Archivist (2)	Records Administrator
Information Management Project Consultant	
Job Titles for Information Systems Graduates	
Consultant (2)	Software Developer
Information Architect & Strategist	Web Developer