



Career Outcomes Report

Doctoral Graduates 2014-2018

Central European University

What are CEU Doctoral graduates' first professional engagements after completing their studies?

The data in this report is based on post-graduation outcomes of CEU doctoral graduates who obtained their degree between 2014-2018. The responses were collected between January-April 2019 using an online First Destination Survey (FDS) administered by the CEU Career Services Office. Data in this report refers to graduates' first employment after graduation. Despite the relatively small population sample (294 graduates) and the overall survey response rate of 46% (n=135), valuable insights about employment at six to nine months from graduation was collected.



90%

of doctoral graduates responding to the First Destination Survey reported being employed 6-9 months after graduation



93%

were employed in an area either relevant to or somewhat relevant to their CEU degree



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respondents considered themselves to be working as 'academics'



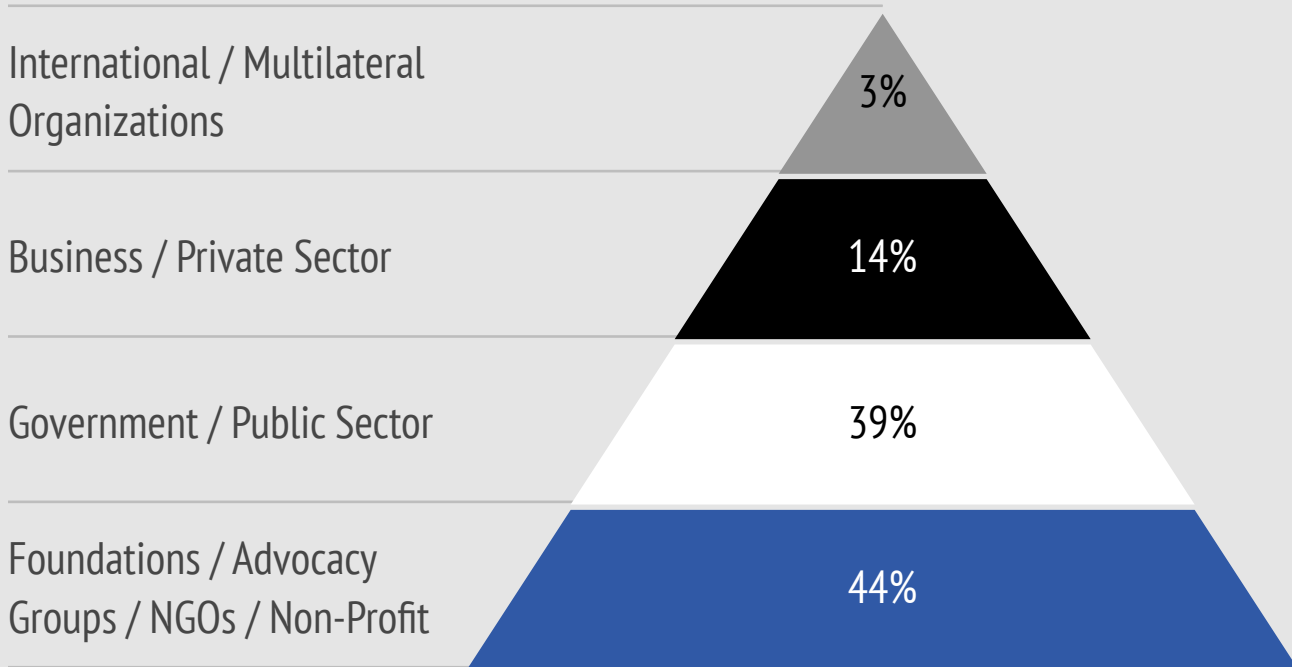
Type of Employment



Employment Information

Of those graduating from a doctoral program between 2014-2018, 90% who responded to the survey reported being employed approximately six to nine months after their graduation. Employed graduates found themselves working with more than 80 different organizations across a range of sectors and industries, in 30 countries.

Sector Breakdown



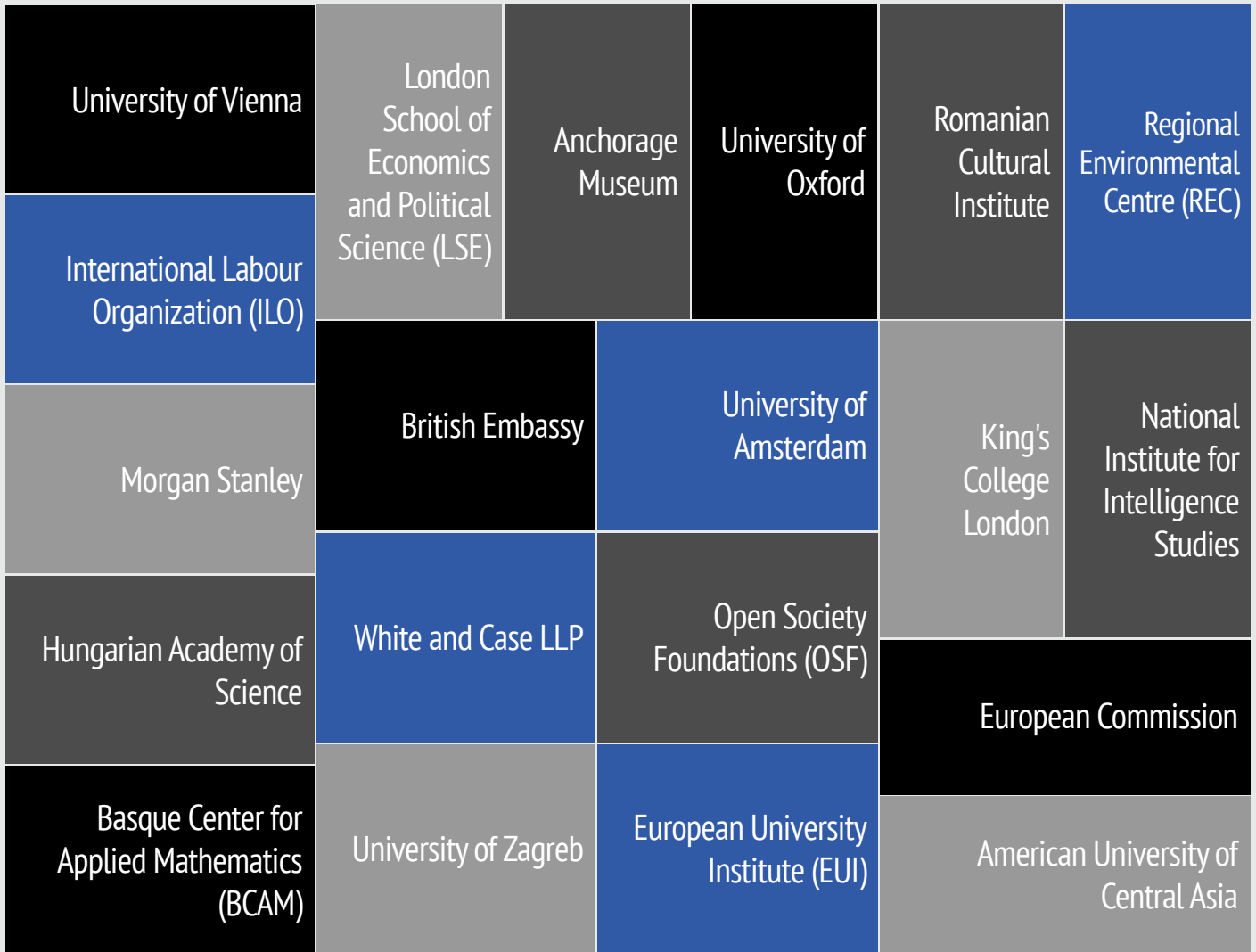
Employment by Industry

Education and Research	73%
Business, Finance, Consulting, Management, Manufacturing and Sales	12%
Activism, Philanthropy, Social Impact, International Development and Humanitarian Aid	9%
Arts, Media, Journalism, Sports, Entertainment and Production	3%
Government, Law, International Affairs, and Public Policy	3%



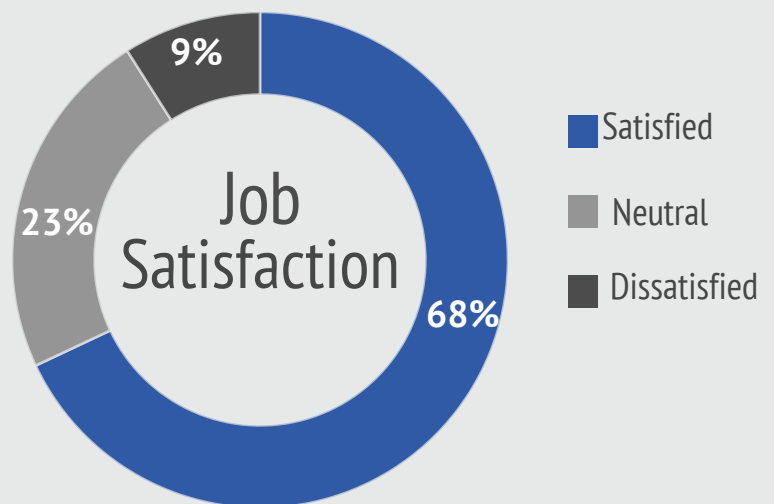
Employed in **30 different countries**

Selected Employers



Top Job Responsibilities

- Research
- Teaching/Training
- Writing
- Data analysis
- Grant writing
- Project/Program management



54% of respondents were working in positions where a PhD was a formal requirement

Preparation During Studies

Of those responding to the First Destination Survey, 60% expressed having clear or somewhat clear career goals when beginning their doctoral program. A smaller number (46%) stated they had some knowledge about their intended career path. The ways graduates supplemented their academic endeavours while studying at CEU contributed greatly to the development of their skills and professional networks .



73%

of reporting graduates believe their **CEU experience** had a more significant **impact on the person they are now** than any other previous institution attended



53%

worked at CEU during their studies (including research assistantships, teaching assistantships, tutoring)



50%

worked outside of CEU during their studies (including internships, part-time jobs, consultancy projects)



50%

secured a fellowship or grant during their time at CEU (beyond the CEU Doctoral Fellowship)

Selected grants/fellowships

(secured during studies)

	American Council of Learned Societies
	Foundation for Urban and Regional Studies
	DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service)
	Fulbright (Visiting Graduate Fellowship)
	Global Teaching Fellowship (CEU)
	Medieval Academy of America (Dissertation)
	New Europe College (Research Fellowship)
	Open Society Archives (Visegrad Scholarship)
	University of Oslo (Research Fellowship)

Years of full-time work experience

(by the time of graduation)

33% Less than 1 year of experience

27% 1-3 years of experience

30% 3+ years of experience

Appendix

Please find below the distribution of responses from the broader target population (doctoral graduates 2014-18) and the weight of specific departmental responses in the overall survey results. The response rates vary significantly across departments, with an institutional average of 46% and a range of 62% (DSPS) to 22% (MATH).

Target population and sample

(Doctoral graduates from 2014-2018)

Department	% of all Graduates	% of total response rate
CDCR	2%	0%
DSPS	26%	35%
ECBS	7%	8%
ENVS	6%	7%
GENS	6%	7%
HIST	10%	8%
LEGS	7%	7%
MATH	9%	4%
MEDS	11%	10%
PHIL	8%	6%
SOCL	8%	7%
TOTAL	100%	100%

Response rate by department

Department	Response Rate
CDCR	0%
DSPS	62%
ECBS	55%
ENVS	53%
GENS	53%
HIST	39%
LEGS	43%
MATH	22%
MEDS	45%
PHIL	35%
SOCL	39%
TOTAL	46%

