



Student Placements

Oregon State graduates do very well in the job market. To our knowledge, all of our MS and PhD graduates have secured employment after graduation. Tables 1 and 2 provide a summary of all student placements for those entering the program since 1994. At the PhD level, 83% of our recent domestic graduates placed in academic positions. Among our international students, 56% placed in academic positions, the rest took positions with government and the private sector. At the MS level, nearly half of our graduates entered into the private sector, about a quarter went on to PhD programs at OSU and elsewhere, and about a quarter took positions in the public sector. A number of our recent MS graduates had accepted jobs before their final thesis defense.

How well our graduates do compared to other top ranked programs is not clear. The most recent study of placements was published in 1995. Tables 3 and 4 were taken from this article, which focused solely on PhD placements. It represents the most recent study on placements in the profession, focused in particular on the highest ranked PhD programs. According to that assessment, departments placed 56% of their domestic students and 32% of their international students in academic positions. If these percentages have remained roughly the same, it suggests that OSU has one of the highest academic placement rates in the agricultural economics profession.

Table 1. Placements of AREc MS Graduate Students

Last Name	First	Field	Employment Placement
Aldrich	Gwen	R&E	PhD Student, University of New Mexico
Andrade	Diego	Ag Econ	International Development Agency, Ecuador
Barkley	David	R&E	Finished Masters In Teaching Degree
Boehlert	Brent	R&E	Industrial Economics, Cambridge, MA
Burden	Merrick	R&E	Industry Economist, Nat Marine Fishery Service
Carver	Jason	Int Trade	Foreign Ag Service
Chan-Kang	Connie	M&T	IFPRI, now Research Fellow at Univ of Minnesota
Chen	Li	Ag Econ	Financial Analyst, Transamerica Corp.
Costello	Chris	R&E	Completed PhD at UC-Berkeley; Asst Prof, UC- Santa Barbara
Crandall	Mindy	Ag Econ	Stay at home mom
Faux	John	R&E	Engineer, Surface Water Resources Inc., Sacramento
Gancho	Paula	M&T	PAVIA, Pavimentos e Vias, Lisbon, Portugal
Gentner	Brad	R&E	Economist, Nat Marine Fishery Service
Heffner	James	R&E	Dept. Natural Resources & Conservation, Montana
Henderson	Erin	M&T	Consulting firm, Alexandria, VA
Jaspin	Michael	R&E	Budget Office, Multnomah County, OR
Kingsbury	Leigh	R&E	Stay at home mom
Lemieux	Jason	M&T	Consultant, HDR Consulting, Seattle, WA
Li	Yonghai	Int Trade	PhD student in Statistics, OSU
Ma	Allyson	M&T	Completed PhD, UC-Davis; Asst Prof, Univ of San Diego
McFetridge	Mark	Ag Econ	Analytical Services Assoc, AC Nielsen, Paramas, NJ
Nong	Shuzhen	R&E	Received MS in Computer Science, working at Microsoft
Pavich	Steve	R&E	Foster-Wheeler Env Corp, Costa Mesa, CA
Porter	Daniel	Ag Econ	Financial Analyst, Oregon Dept of Transportation
Saito	Yoko	M&T	PhD Student, University of Hokkaido (Japan)
Seeley	Harold	R&E	Economic Consultant, Northwest Economics Associates
Sharp	Jeffrey	R&E	Planner, Napa Co. Conservation, Dev & Planning, CA
Si	Wenguang	M&T	Soybean Futures Market Analyst, China
Skelton	Katherine	R&E	Env Economist, US Corps of Engineers, VA
Smith	Gordon	Int Trade	International Specialist, California Tree Fruit Association
Stillings	Amy	R&E	Economist, Pollution Permit Trading, ERG Co., MA
Ugrinska	Monika	R&E	Working for an economic consulting firm in Florida
Vega-H	Esteban	Ag Econ	Head of Market Research, Coca-Cola, Ecuador
Vossler	Christian	R&E	Completed PhD at Cornell; Asst Prof, Univ of Tennessee (Economics)
Wirkkala (Hall)	Terri	R&E	Economist with ENTRIX
Wu	Jing	Ag Econ	Investment Analyst, Deutschbank, Philadelphia
Wyse	Barbara	R&E	Economic Consultant, ENTRIX, Vancouver, WA
Yang	Hui	IO	Completed PhD at OSU; HBSB Bank, Portland
Xia	Yin	M&T	Completed PhD at OSU; Asst Professor, University of Missouri
Yavapolkul	Navin	Int Trade	PhD Student, UC-Davis

Table 2. PhD Recipients for AREc Department and Job Placements

Last Name	First Name	Position
Burke	Susan	Economist, CH2M-Hill, Sacramento, CA
Burnes	Ellen	Asst Prof – Fresno St (Ag Economics)
Chen	Weiyang	Research Analyst, E-Loan, Los Angeles
Chen	Wen-Yi	Asst Prof, NanKai Inst Tech in Taiwan
Cho	Seong-Hoon	Asst Prof – Tennessee (Ag Economics)
Cross	Robin	Asst Prof (Research) – OSU (AREc)
Peck	Dannele	Asst Prof – Wyoming (Ag Economics)
Han	Sheng-fei	Professor at Chinese University
Hascic	Ivan	Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), Paris
Langpap	Christian	Asst Prof – Tulane Univ (Economics)
Lewis	David	Asst Prof – Wisconsin (Applied Economics)
Lin	Hiaxia	Dell Computer, Austin, TX
Rashford	Ben	Asst Prof – Wyoming (Ag Economics)
Tanaka	Katsuya	Asst Prof, University of Hiroshima (Japan)
Valcic	Branka	Asst Prof – Alaska-Fairbanks (Ag Economics)
Watanabe	Michio	Economic Development Company in Japan
Xia	Yin	Asst Prof, Univ of Missouri (Ag Economics)
Yang	Hui	Modelling & Analysis Branch, HSBC Bank, Portland

Table 3. Total 1991-93 U.S. PhD Graduates by School and Area of Employment after Graduation

School	Total Graduates	University Res./Teaching/Ext.		College Teaching	Government Res/Admin.	Banks & Private Sector	Other and Unknown
		Top 18	Other				
UC-Berkeley	18	4	2	2	7	2	1
UC-Davis	12	3	4	2	3	0	0
Cornell	10	2	0	0	6	1	1
Florida	7	2	1	0	4	0	0
Illinois	5	1	2	0	2	0	0
Iowa St.	9	1	1	6	1	0	0
Maryland	4	1	0	0	2	0	1
Michigan St.	8	0	1	2	2	2	1
Minnesota	9	1	1	2	4	1	0
North Carolina St.	5	1	3	0	1	0	0
Ohio St.	7	1	1	1	4	0	0
Oregon St.	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
Penn St.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Purdue	6	2	3	0	1	0	0
Stanford	10	2	1	1	4	1	1
Texas A&M	15	1	7	1	4	2	0
VPI	4	0	3	0	1	0	0
Wisconsin	9	1	1	0	4	1	2
Total	130	25	31	17	50	10	7

Table 4. Total 1991-93 Non-U.S. PhD Graduates by School and Area of Employment After Graduation

School	Total Graduates	Univ. & College Res./Teach/Ext.	Government Res/Admin.	Banks & Private Sector	Other and Unknown
UC-Berkeley	13	5	5	2	1
UC-Davis	7	3	1	0	3
Cornell	16	5	4	2	5
Florida	9	4	2	0	3
Illinois	16	6	7	1	2
Iowa St.	29	10	12	2	3
Maryland	1	0	0	1	0
Michigan St.	9	3	5	0	1
Minnesota	18	2	11	2	3
North Carolina St.	7	3	1	1	2
Ohio St.	20	9	7	1	3
Oregon St.	10	5	3	0	2
Penn St.	2	1	0	1	0
Purdue	6	3	3	2	2
Stanford	10	1	3	3	3
Texas A&M	15	2	7	2	4
VPI	6	1	1	3	1
Wisconsin	6	0	1	2	3
Total	200	63	72	22	44

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