

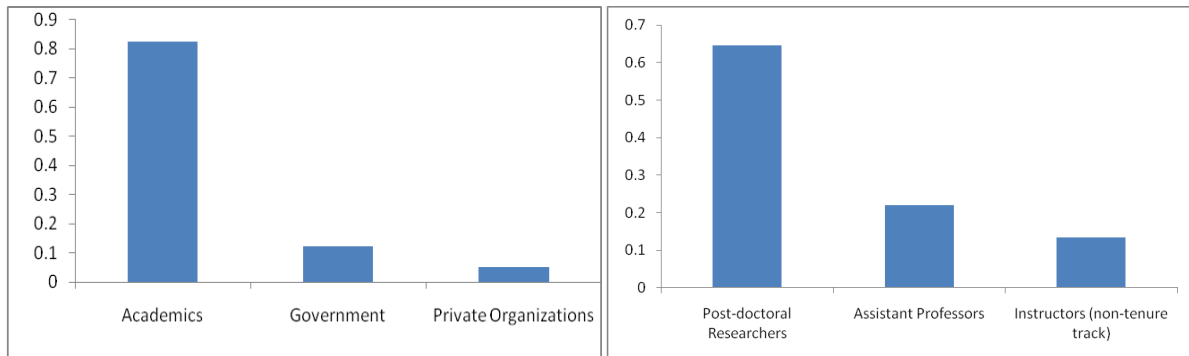
Dear Applicant:

It is often hard to determine if a graduate program is right for you. Therefore, we are including statistics on the positions obtained by graduates from the biology graduate programs at UL Lafayette (last updated in February 2011). We hope that this will help you decide whether our program is likely to result in an outcome that corresponds with your career goals. Regardless of whether you decide to apply to the program, it would be great if you could inform us if you found this information helpful (please email me at Leberg@louisiana.edu). Thank you for considering our program.

DOCTORAL PROGRAM IN ENVIRONMENTAL AND EVOLUTIONARY BIOLOGY

Since 1987, we have had 100 graduates from our doctoral program. Upon graduation, two graduates took non-science related administrative roles; one in the federal government and one in private industry. Of the 98% of our graduates who started post-graduate careers in biology, all but two are still working in science. One of these graduates is a business consultant and one is taking time off from a career to raise a family.

Below on the left are the fields within biology in which our doctoral graduates worked in their first position following graduation. The figure below on the right shows that the majority of our graduates that stayed in academics became post-docs after graduation. Several also became Instructors or Assistant Professors immediately following graduation.



The locations of post-doc positions at academic institutions taken by our graduates include:

Baylor College of Medicine (2)
Brigham Young University
Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, France
Chosun University, China
Columbia University

Creighton University Medical Center
Federal Univ. Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Florida Atlantic University
Harvard University
Illinois State University
Louisiana State University (3)

MD Anderson, Houston
Mt. Sinai School of Medicine
New Mexico State
North Dakota State
North Texas State
New York University (2)
Pennsylvania State University
Stanford University
Texas A&M University (2)
Tulane University
University of Louisiana (5)
Univ. Nacional Autónoma de México
Universidad de Baja del Norte, Mexico
University of Arizona
University of Texas San Antonio
University of Chicago

University of California Riverside
University of Houston
University of Marburg, Germany
University of Memphis (2)
University of Michigan
University of Missouri
University of North Carolina
University of Pittsburgh
University of Saskatchewan
University of Texas (2)
University of Toronto
University of Washington
University of Wyoming
University of the Virgin Islands
Vanderbilt University

Of the 12 doctoral program graduates that took their first position in government, 7 were post-doctoral researchers working for EPA, the Smithsonian (3), the National Aquarium of Taiwan, NOAA, and the Department of Defense. Five graduates started careers as biologists working for the USDA (2), NOAA, the National Wetlands Research Center, and the State of Washington.

Finally, of the five graduates that started their careers in private organizations, one was a post-doc at the American Museum of Natural History, one became a biology instructor at a high school, two took positions with non-governmental organizations, and one became an ecological consultant.

Either immediately after their degree or after completion of their post-docs many of our graduates become college and university professors. Some are working as instructors and extension agents at a wide variety of institutions. Below is the list of institutions where our doctoral graduates work in tenured or in tenure track lines.

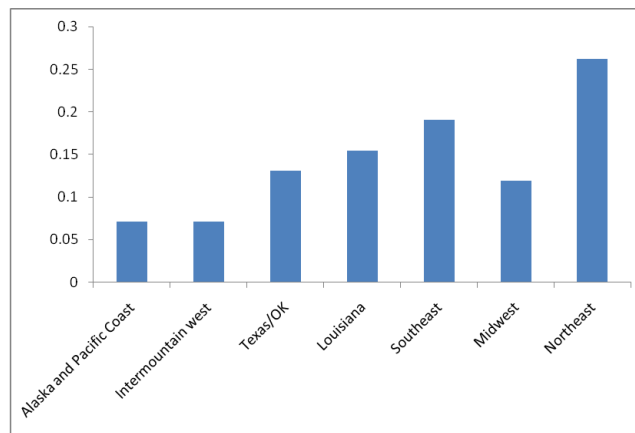
Baylor College of Medicine
Birmingham-Southern College (2)
California State North Ridge
College of New Jersey
Dresden Tech. University, Germany
Ferris State University
John Carroll University
Kansas State University
Lamar State University
Lane College
Louisiana State University at Eunice
Mercer University

Minot State University
Missouri State University
National Taiwan Ocean University
New Jersey City University
Northwestern State University
Our Lady of the Lake University, San Antonio
Providence College
Rivier College
Roger Williams University
Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation, Ardmore

San Jacinto College
 Slippery Rock State University
 SW Tennessee Community College
 Texas State University (2)
 University of North Florida
 University of South Carolina Beaufort
 Utica College (2)
 Worcester Polytechnic Institute

University of St. Thomas
 University of Tampa
 Universidad de Guayaquil, Ecuador
 University of Adelaide
 University of Montevallo
 Universidad Nacional de Colombia (2)
 Virginia Wesleyan University

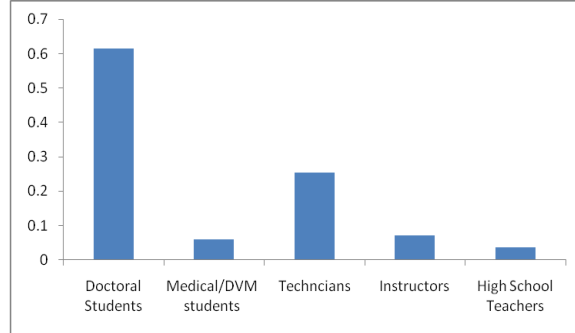
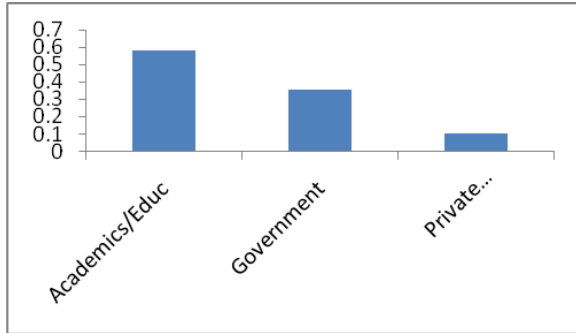
Our doctoral program graduates are working all over the world including Australia, Brazil, Canada, Columbia (3), Ecuador, France, Germany (2), South Korea, Mexico, New Zealand, Panama, and Taiwan. In the US, our graduates work in 32 states and Washington DC. Most of our graduates work in Texas, Louisiana, and the eastern United States.



MASTERS PROGRAM IN BIOLOGY

Since 1987, we have had 173 graduates from the MS program. Of these, we lack post-graduation information on 2 and know another 13 left biology for other types of jobs upon completion of their degree (9% of the total). Of the 158 students that started careers in science following graduation, 147 are still in biology-related professions. Of the 24 graduates that left the sciences, either immediately after graduation or later, most established professions in industry or business (20), and the others took time out from their careers to raise families.

The figure below on the left shows the occupational areas of the 158 MS graduates who we know worked in biology-related fields in their first position following graduation. A little over half our graduates stayed in academics; a large proportion also went into government service. The figure below on the right, based on 89 graduates that went into academics or education, shows that the first positions were most commonly as doctoral students, followed by field and laboratory technicians.



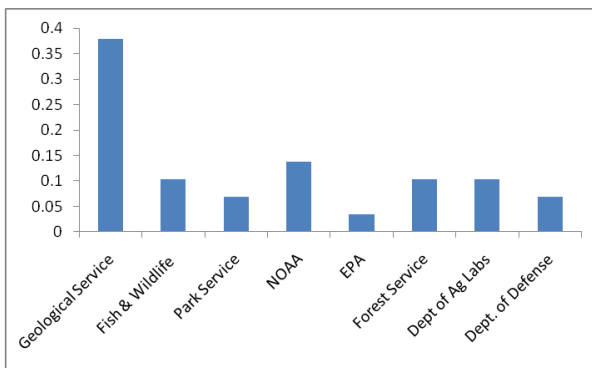
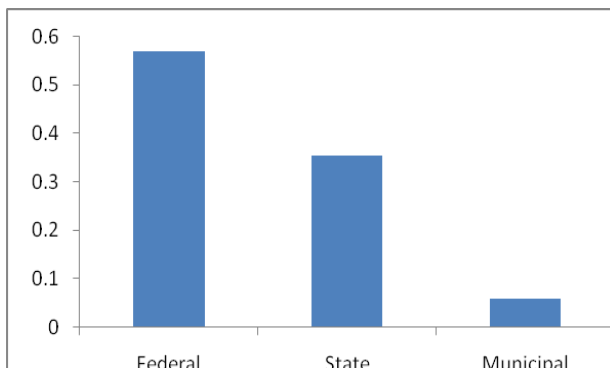
With the introduction of the non-thesis option for the MS program in 2010, we expect to provide additional opportunities for students seeking to pursue careers in medical, veterinary, and dental school after graduation.

Below is a list of schools where our MS graduates pursued doctoral degrees

- Arizona State University
- Auburn University
- Baylor University
- Indiana University
- Georgia State University
- Kansas State University
- Lehigh University
- Louisiana State University
- McGill University
- Michigan State University
- New Mexico State University
- North Dakota State
- Pennsylvania State University
- Purdue University
- New York State Univ. at Stony Brook

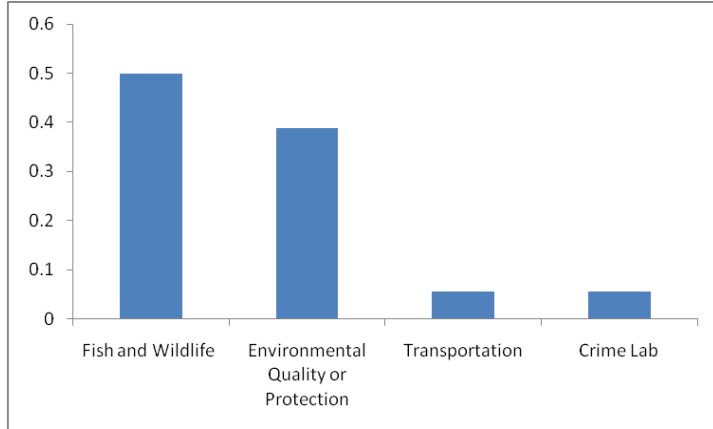
- Texas A&M University
- University of California at San Diego
- University of California at Berkeley
- University of California at Davis
- University of Alaska
- University of Cincinnati
- University of Delaware
- University of Georgia
- University of Kentucky
- University of Louisiana
- University of Maryland
- University of Memphis
- University of Southern California
- University of Tennessee
- University of Virginia

Most of the 52 graduates that entered government service took positions in state or federal agencies (Fig. below on left). The 301 graduates taking positions in federal service worked for the following agencies (Fig. below on right).



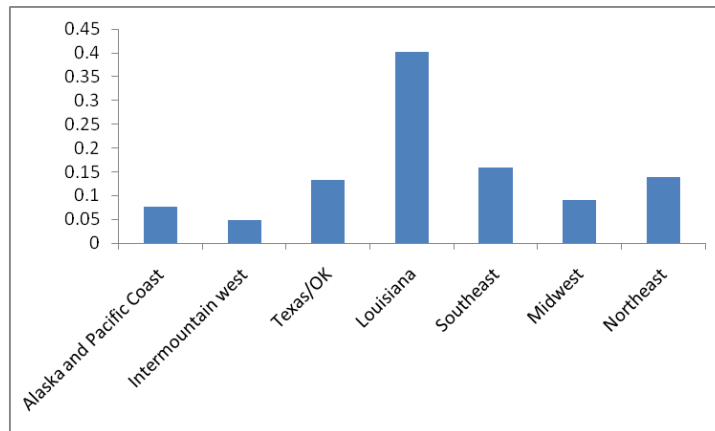
The high proportion of graduates working for the USGS is partially explained by the presence of the USGS National Wetlands Research Center on our campus, although about 40% of the graduates working in the USGS did so at other locations.

Nineteen graduates took jobs as scientists in a variety of state agencies.



The three graduates working in municipalities had positions as a park ranger, water treatment specialist and a museum curator. Sixteen graduates took positions in private organizations such as environmental consulting firms, environmental education centers, nongovernmental organizations, Native American Nations, and corporate research labs.

Our MS graduates currently live in 35 states, Washington DC and six countries (Brazil, Canada, Ecuador, Switzerland, Australia, and New Zealand). The 144 MS graduates from our program living in the US are widely distributed, with the largest concentration in Louisiana, followed by Texas.



These data show that our doctoral and masters programs have prepared our graduates for diverse careers in the sciences and related fields. If you have any questions about our graduate programs, please feel free to contact me or other faculty members in our program.