SURVEY OF RECENT GRADUATES

In May and June 2001, the Graduate School sent an electronic letter to the 2000-2001 academic year graduates asking them to evaluate their educational experience at Binghamton University and to report on their post-graduation activity via the online form at http://gradschool.binghamton.edu/gradsurvey.htm. In September and October 2001, the Graduate School sent out reminder postcards to the same class of students. A total of 100 graduates responded.

Responses have been summarized and presented in Tables 25-31.

A. RESPONDENT PROFILE

Table 25. Respondents by Degree Received.

Degree Received	Number of Responses	% of Total Responses
MA/MS/MASS	49	*49.0*
MA/PHD	1	*1.0*
MAT/MSE/MST	9	*9.0*
MBA	17	*17.0*
MM	1	*1.0*
MPA	1	*1.0*
EdD	2	*2.0*
PhD	20	*20.0*
Certificate	0	*0*
Total	**100**	

Table 26. Number of Respondents Receiving Funding at Binghamton University.

Response	Number of Responses	% of Total Responses
YES	79	*79*
NO	21	*21*
Total	**100**	

Table 27. Funding Type Received by Respondents while at Binghamton University.

Funding Type	Number of Responses	% of Total Responses
Teaching/Graduate Assistantship	48	*38.4*
Research Assistantship/RPA	11	*8.8*
Loans	23	*18.4*
Work	12	*9.6*
Family/Personal	6	*4.8*
Fellowship/Grant	18	*14.4*
DYF	4	
Federal	3	
International Government	1	
Other	8	
Other Financial Assistance	7	*5.6*
Total*	**125**	

Table 28. Purpose for Attending Graduate School.

Purpose	Number of Responses	% of Total Responses
Career Track/Tenure Employment	35	*31.5*
Professional Employment	37	*33.3*
Eventual Admission to PhD	8	*7.2*
Broader Education	27	*24.3*
Other	4	*3.6*
Total*	**111**	

Table 29. Post-Graduation Activity.

Activity	Number of Responses	% of Total Responses
Employed in Chosen Field	73	*73.0*
Employed in Temp Position	6	*6.0*
Further Graduate Work	7	*7.0*
Seeking Employment	14	*14.0*
Total	**100**	

* Respondents were encouraged to select all applicable answers.

For the 2000-2001 academic year, 30% of 100 total respondents agreed that their graduate education at Binghamton University helped to secure their current employment. Approximately 12% of those respondents returned to a position held prior to attending graduate school at Binghamton University.

Table 30 below shows that approximately half of respondents found employment in the private sector after completing their graduate studies.

In the most recent survey, the Graduate School requested the salary range for 2000-2001 graduates. The results for the 49 individuals who were willing to report their salary are given in Table 31. Of the 49 students who replied, 10 reported that they earned more than $70,000/year, while 14 reported earning a salary of between $30,000 and $40,000.

Table 30. Respondent's Field of Employment.

Field	Number of Responses	% of Total Responses
Higher Education	27	*25.0*
Private Industry/Business	44	*40.7*
Self-Employed	9	*8.3*
Secondary/Elementary Education	10	*9.3*
Federal/State Government	3	*2.8*
Other	15	*13.9*
Total	**108**	

Table 31. Respondent's Salary Range.

Salary Range	Number of Responses	% of Total Responses
N/A	51	*51.0*
$30,001-$40,000	14	*14.0*
$40,001-$50,000	9	*9.0*
$50,001-$60,000	9	*9.0*
$60,001-$70,000	7	*7.0*
> $70,001	10	*10.0*
Total	**100**	

B. RESPONDENT SATISFACTION

For the 2000-2001 academic year, 18% of the respondents chose Binghamton University for graduate studies because they lived and/or worked in the area, 13% found out about the graduate school through contacts with friends or BU alumni. Approximately 12% of the respondents completed undergraduate studies at Binghamton University. Tables 32-38 show graduates' satisfaction levels.

Table 32. "I'm glad I chose to come to Binghamton University."

Level	Number of Responses	% of Total Responses
Strongly Agree	57	*57.0*
Moderately Agree	22	*22.0*
Agree	15	*15.0*
Moderately Disagree	4	*4.0*
Strongly Disagree	2	*2.0*
Total	**100**	

Table 33. "I'm satisfied with the education I received at Binghamton University."

Level	Number of Responses	% of Total Responses
Strongly Agree	48	*48.0*
Moderately Agree	30	*30.0*
Agree	15	*15.0*
Moderately Disagree	6	*6.0*
Strongly Disagree	1	*1.0*
Total	**100**	

Table 34. "I would recommend Binghamton University to my friends and relatives."

Level	Number of Responses	% of Total Responses
Strongly Agree	49	*49.0*
Moderately Agree	24	*24.0*
Agree	16	*16.0*
Moderately Disagree	7	*7.0*
Strongly Disagree	4	*4.0*
Total	**100**	

Table 35. Satisfaction with Faculty Support.

Level	Number of Responses	% of Total Responses
Very Satisfied	63	*63.0*
Moderately Satisfied	32	*32.0*
Not At All Satisfied	5	*5.0*
Total	**100**	

Table 36. Satisfaction with Opportunities for Research.

Level	Number of Responses	% of Total Responses
Very Satisfied	60	*60.0*
Moderately Satisfied	27	*27.0*
Not At All Satisfied	13	*13.0*
Total	**100**	

Table 37. Satisfaction with University Research Facilities.

Level	Number of Responses	% of Total Responses
Excellent	49	*49.0*
Adequate	39	*39.0*
Poor	12	*12.0*
Total	**100**	

Table 38. Satisfaction with the Staff of the Graduate School.

Level	Number of Responses	% of Total Responses
Very Satisfied	71	*71.0*
Moderately Satisfied	27	*27.0*
Not At All Satisfied	2	*2.0*
Total	**100**	