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EXPLORE THE CAREER MONITORING REPORT

Why?

When you graduate from university, you will have good job prospects by default. However, the employment outlook varies from field to field, and social and global events also always affect the employment situation. From time to time, the employment opportunities of university graduates give rise to much debate and, in some students, also to concern.

The University of Helsinki – like all Finnish universities – conducts annual career monitoring surveys to collect information on graduate employment and the skills needs of the job market. The University sends the career monitoring survey to those who graduated with a master's degree five years ago or with a doctoral degree three years ago. The target group for master's career monitoring includes all master's graduates as well as all those with a Bachelor of Science (Pharmacy) degree or a Bachelor of Arts (Education) degree in early childhood (kindergarten teacher) education. Doctoral career monitoring surveys are sent to all those in the relevant target group.

The aim of the career monitoring survey is to determine how well university education is able to meet the requirements of the job market. The data collected are used, among other things, for developing the career skills of current students. The survey tracks, among other things, the employment situation, employer sector, primary duties and salary level of graduates. The survey also monitors how well university education meets the requirements of the job market, what knowledge and skills the graduates acquired in their studies, and what other factors play a role in employment.

The latest career monitoring reports of master's graduates both at the university level and by faculty are freely available [on the University website under the section Graduate employment](#). On the same website you can also find the latest career monitoring report for doctoral graduates. We recommend that you take the time to read especially your own faculty's report because it will help you create an understanding of the career placement and career paths of alumni in your own field.

How?

Look at your faculty's report (or the report of doctoral graduates) and answer the following questions:

1. What key findings of graduates' career placement can you make from the career monitoring report?
2. What kind of information did you find about the job market situation of graduates from your faculty and about the early stages of their career?
3. What are the main employer sectors in your field? What about the primary duties?
4. What was the most surprising piece of information you discovered in the report?
5. If you were to give yourself one piece of advice or make one remark based on the report, what would it be?