

**TAUBMAN COLLEGE
CAREER & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

EMPLOYMENT REPORT

2021 Graduating Class Survey Results



OVERVIEW

A degree from Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning creates opportunities throughout one's career. From the moment students join Taubman College, they have access to one of the world's largest, most diverse, and most passionate alumni communities through the University of Michigan. "Go Blue" is a unifying statement of pride and recognition of excellence that expands networks and opens doors for a lifetime across all settings — from the more traditional firm, nonprofit and governmental options to unique entrepreneurial ventures or corporate environments. Michigan alumni are well-positioned, highly connected leaders who want to help students succeed, and they are engaged in the life of the college through speaking events, Career Fairs, Spring Break experiences, and more.

This report reflects the outcomes for the most recently surveyed Taubman College graduates.



Taubman College Career Fair

98%

of 2021 graduates said their first position was related to their degree

At one-year survey, 72% response rate, 81% knowledge rate.

9,900

U-M maintains one of the largest alumni networks, with more than 640,000 alumni around the world. Among them are over 9,900 Taubman College alumni working in every state and in 77 countries

“I would not be where I am today without the mentorship I received at Taubman College. I will take those connections, experiences, and opportunities with me throughout my career.”

CAREER AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

AT TAUBMAN COLLEGE / U-M NETWORK

The Taubman College Career and Professional Development team provides a strong complement to students' academic preparation, supporting students and alumni with ongoing skill development, search strategy, and career management. Dedicated professional career staff members work within Taubman College to provide assistance and resources specific to architecture, urban planning, urban design and urban technology.

The Taubman College Career Network is a one-stop platform where students (and alumni) can connect directly with alumni who have "opted in" to serve as a career resource, find job and internship postings, schedule career and academic advising appointments, register for career events, and gain access to a wide variety of additional career resources.

Twice a year, the Taubman College Career Fairs facilitate connections with alumni and employers from across the country who are interested in recruiting Taubman College student talent. Because of the ongoing pandemic both fall and winter career fairs were held virtually for a second year, but with the heightened hiring market we saw record-breaking employer participation, with hundreds of recruiters engaging on behalf of 99 employers.

After a year's hiatus, the Taubman College's Spring Break Externship program returned, allowing students to spend their week gaining experience in a work environment, developing marketable real-world skills and building important networking connections. Working through continued pandemic protocols, a dedicated group of firms and organizations across the country hosted a mix of virtual, hybrid and in-person externships.

Along with this major programming, the Taubman College Career and Professional Development team connects students with alumni through periodic Alumni Career Chats, Portfolio Reviews, and a half-day January Career Intensive just prior to second semester.

The Career and Professional Development team serves both students and alumni at all stages of their career. Providing tailored career tips and industry advice is an important support as the hiring market — and the overall world of work — continues to shift.



Spring Break Externships

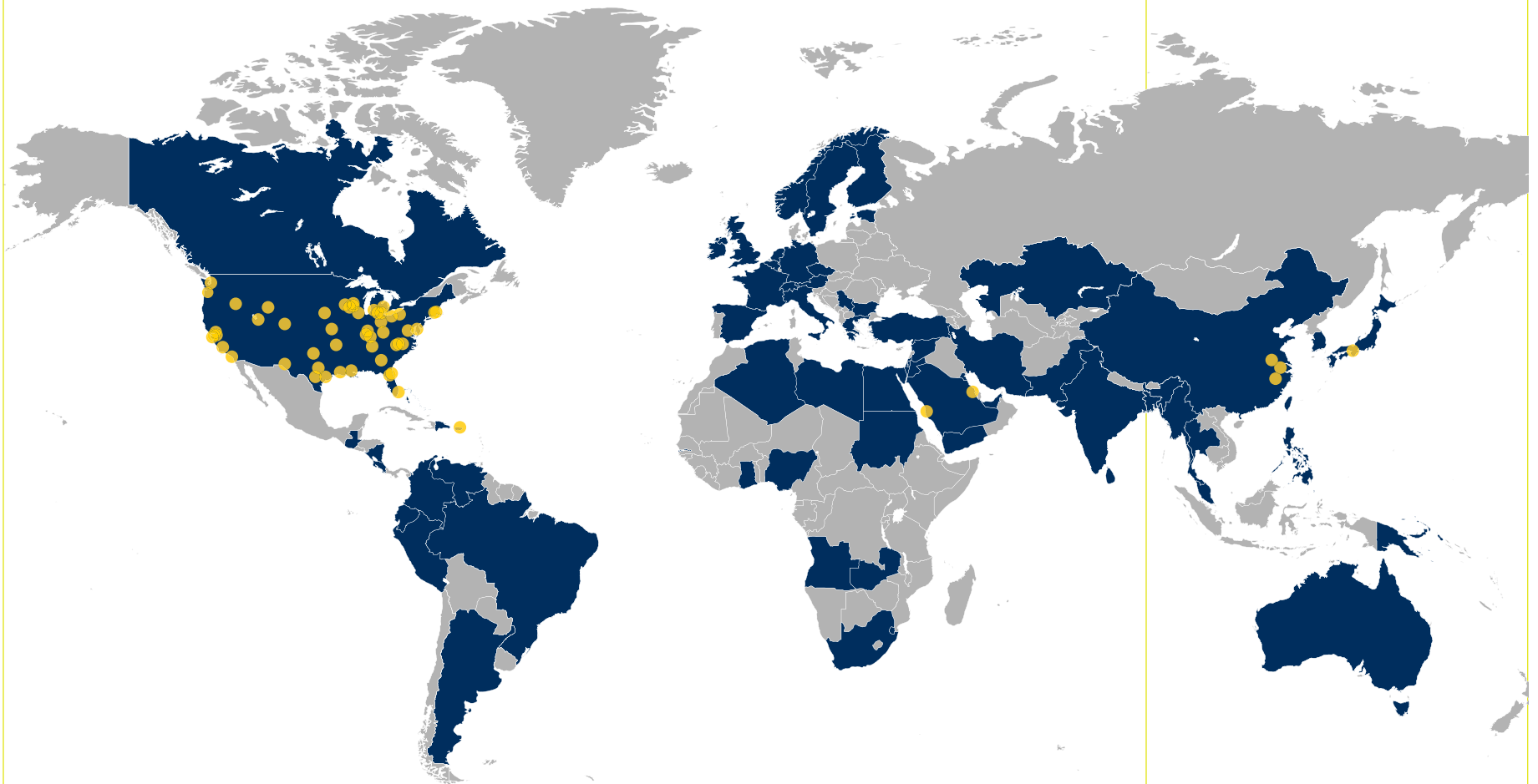


Speed Networking

TAUBMAN COLLEGE ALUMNI LOCATIONS / INCLUDES ALL DEGREE PROGRAMS

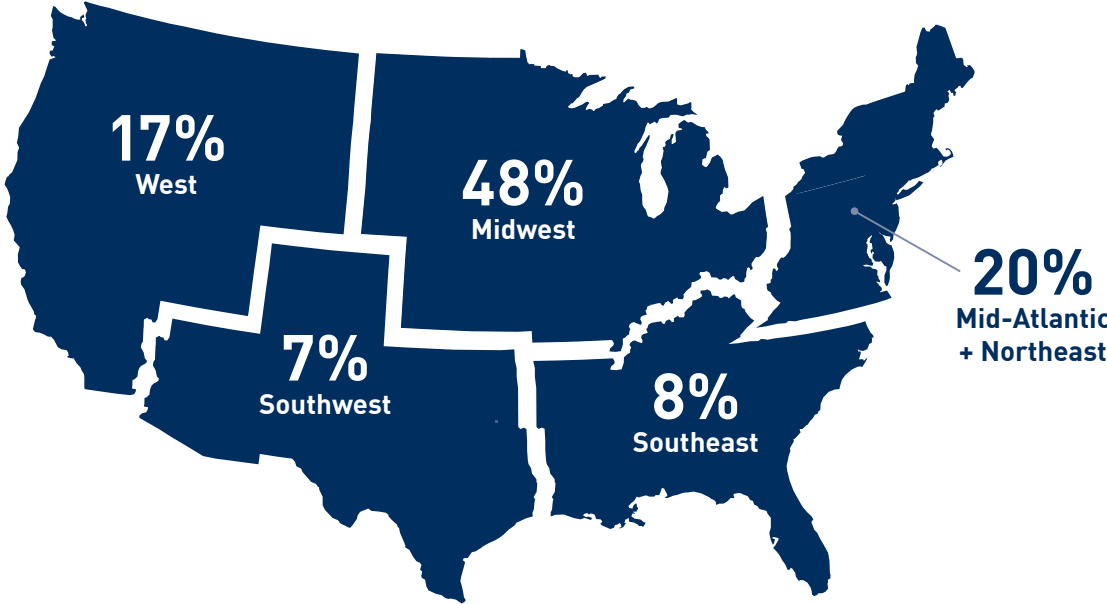
Taubman College alumni are located around the world. Our 2021 graduates took positions across the United States (including Puerto Rico) and also headed to 4 other countries: Japan, China, Saudi Arabia, and Hong Kong.

- 2021 Graduates
- All Taubman College Alumni



TAUBMAN COLLEGE ALUMNI LOCATIONS

/ INCLUDES ALL DEGREE PROGRAMS



“While there are schools out there that will prepare you to do well, graduate, get a decent job and survive, Taubman College is a school that builds leaders. The students that leave this school are built to be the head designers, engineers, and principals in their field. Taubman produces high quality innovators.”

77 COUNTRIES

Overall alumni locations

TOP 10 (NON-U.S.) COUNTRIES

China, Republic of Korea, India, Canada, Taiwan, Thailand, Hong Kong, Saudi Arabia, Japan, Singapore

TOP 10 U.S. METRO AREAS

Detroit, Chicago, New York City, Seattle, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Washington DC, Portland (OR), Denver, Austin (TX)

MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE / 2021 GRADS

EMPLOYER	LOCATION	POSITION
Anchor Homes	Sterling, VA	Project Manager
ARC Architects	Seattle, WA	Architectural Designer
Architecture Plus Information	New York, NY	Architectural Designer
Architecture Research Office	New York, NY	Architectural Designer
Atelier Global	Hong Kong, China	Architectural Design Assistant
BLDGWORKS	New York, NY	Technical Designer / Project Coordinator
Bostwick Design Partnership	Cleveland, OH	Designer
Bruner / Cott Architects	Boston, MA	Designer
Canopy / Architecture + Design	Chicago, IL	Project Associate
Center Design Studio	Ann Arbor, MI	Architectural Designer
China Architecture Design & Research Group	Beijing, China	Design Assistant
CSO Architects	Indianapolis, IN	Architecture Graduate
CUBE Architects and Studio Rodar	San Juan, Puerto Rico	Architect
CW Architects	Nashville, TN	Architectural Designer
David Baker Architects	San Francisco, CA	Designer
Drummond Projects	Washington, DC	Architectural Designer
Fogarty Finger	New York, NY	Junior Architect
French Architects, PA	Hot Springs, AK	Intern
GAV & Associates	Farmington, MI	Project Manager
Gensler	Denver, CO	Technical Designer
Gensler	Detroit, MI	Technical Designer
Gensler	Houston, TX	Technical Designer
Gensler	Washington, DC	Technical Designer
George Butler Associates	Lenexa, KS	Staff Architect
Grimshaw Architects	New York, NY	Architectural Designer
Hanbury	Raleigh, NC	Designer
Hart Howerton	San Francisco, CA	Designer
Hartshorne Plunkard Architecture	Chicago, IL	Associate

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90%

EMPLOYED

5%

CONTINUING EDUCATION

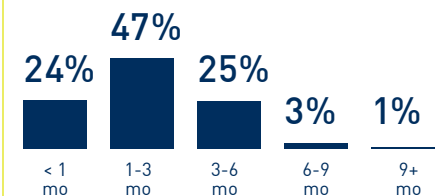
1%*

NOT SEEKING

99%

POSITION RELATED TO DEGREE

TIME TO FIND POSITION



At one-year survey, 72% response rate, 80% knowledge rate

*Individual not seeking employment is working on attaining work authorization in another country

MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE / 2021 GRADS (CONT.)

EMPLOYER	LOCATION	POSITION
HBM Architects	Cleveland, OH	Architectural Designer
HDR	Chicago, IL	Design Coordinator I
HED	Chicago, IL	Architect II
Henrybuilt	New York, NY	Designer
HOK	San Francisco, CA	Design Professional
Holland Basham Architects	Omaha, NE	Architectural Designer
Humphreys & Partners Architects	Chicago, IL	Project Coordinator
Jaklitsch / Gardner Architects	New York, NY	Architectural Designer
Kengo Kuma & Associates Beijing Office	Beijing, China	Architect
Lake Flato Architects	San Antonio, TX	Designer
Lord Aeck Sargent	Chapel Hill, NC	Intern Architect
LS3P	Charlotte, NC	Emerging Professional II
MASS Design Group	Boston, MA	Designer
McCall Sharp Architecture	Springfield, OH	Project Manager
Mithun	Seattle, WA	Designer
Normandy Remodeling	Hinsdale, IL	Architectural Drafter
NORR	Chicago, IL	Designer
Oak Street Design	Rochester, MI	Architect/Designer I
Offerpad	Austin, TX	Junior UX Designer
PellOverton	New York, NY	Junior Architect
Populous	Denver, CO	Architectural Designer I
Preen	Los Angeles, CA	Designer
QuarraStone	Madison, WI	Design Engineer
Quinn Evans	Detroit, MI	Staff Designer
Red Leaf Creative	New York, NY	Visualization Designer
RODE Architects	Boston, MA	Architectural Designer
S9 Architecture	New York, NY	Designer
Salazar Architect	Portland, OR	Architectural Staff I
Sasaki	Watertown, MA	Architectural Designer

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“The relationships and skills I built at Taubman continue to guide my decision-making in projects. The many questions my peers and I posed during my time in this institution remain ingrained in my brain, and remind me that we must continually push for better practices within the profession for the benefit of the public and the built environment.”

“Taubman College has been a great educational environment to prepare me for my career ... I was able to find valuable mentorship, meaningful relationships with colleagues and friends, and exposure to a variety of ways from which to approach the architectural profession. Healthy studio culture was encouraged by most faculty members, implicitly encouraging us, as students and design professionals, to value our work and our time. This shift in mindset is vital for the future of the profession.”

MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE / 2021 GRADS (CONT.)

EMPLOYER	LOCATION	POSITION
Sheehan Nagle Hartray Architects	Chicago, IL	Designer I
SkB Architects	Seattle, WA	Associate
Solomon Cordwell Buenz	Chicago, IL	Technical Designer
Solomon Cordwell Buenz	Chicago, IL	Technical Designer I
Solomon Cordwell Buenz	Chicago, IL	Technical Designer II
SOM	Chicago, IL	Intermediate Designer (Architecture)
SOM	New York, NY	Junior Designer
Steinberg Hart	Los Angeles, CA	Designer
Storybuilt	Austin, TX	Junior Designer
Strategy Plus - AECOM	San Francisco, CA	Consultant Design Strategist
Studio 222 Architects	Chicago, IL	Architectural Designer
Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning	Ann Arbor, MI	Research Specialist/Adjunct Lecturer
The Collaborative	Ann Arbor, MI	Design Professional
TowerPinkster	Kalamazoo, MI	Architectural Designer
Tus Design Group	Suzhou, China	Junior Architect
Urbanus Architects	Beijing, China	Architect Assistant
Visbeen Architects	Grand Rapids, MI	Project Designer
Vocon	New York, NY	Designer
WATAD studio	Jeddah, Saudi Arabia	Architect Intern

10/10

Top architecture firms have Taubman College graduates in leadership positions.

Gensler
Perkins&Will
HDR
AECOM
Jacobs
HKS
HOK
CannonDesign
Stantec Inc.
Perkins Eastman

“Taubman gave me access to experiences that made me stronger and more well rounded as a designer. I feel much more confident in my graphics, presentation skills, understanding of construction concepts, and my ability to analyze and problem solve. In my job search and now in my career I feel I am able to perform well in an array of tasks.”

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ARCHITECTURE DIGITAL MATERIALS AND TECHNOLOGY / 2021 GRADS

EMPLOYER	LOCATION	POSITION
Elkus Manfredi Architects	Boston, MA	Architectural Designer
Gensler	San Jose, CA	Technical Designer
Morphosis Architects	Culver City, CA	Fabrication Shop Manager
Olson Kundig	Seattle, WA	Architectural Staff
Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning	Ann Arbor, MI	Research Specialist/Adjunct Lecturer

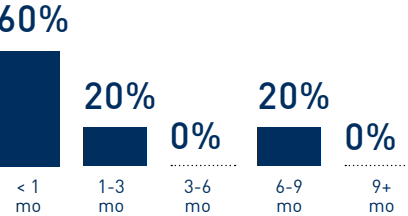
100%

EMPLOYED

100%

POSITION RELATED TO DEGREE

TIME TO FIND POSITION



At one-year survey, 83% response rate, 83% knowledge rate.

“The MS-DMT program changed the way I see architecture now and it was a great addition to my M.Arch degree. I’m so glad and fortunate that I did it!”

MASTER OF URBAN DESIGN / DECEMBER 2020 GRADS

EMPLOYER	LOCATION	POSITION
AECOM	Beijing, China	Assistant Urban Designer
Dahlin Group Architecture and Planning	Pleasanton, CA	Architectural Designer/ Drafter
Mathison Mathison Architects (MMA)	Grand Rapids, MI	Architectural Designer
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Sasaki	Boston, MA	Urban Designer
Vocon	New York, NY	Designer

“Taubman College prepared me for design with a huge sense of responsibility towards the environment, and humanity. You ask yourself, is this simple straight line going to unite this community or further segregate them? No design is neutral. These teachings live in your heart forever.”

86%

EMPLOYED

14%

CONTINUING EDUCATION

100%

POSITION RELATED TO DEGREE

At one-year survey, 50% response rate,
58% knowledge rate.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ARCHITECTURE / 2021 GRADS

EMPLOYER	LOCATION	POSITION
AMAG LLC	Flint, MI	Project Manager
Angelini and Associates Architects	Ann Arbor, MI	Project Designer
ArcDesign	Indianapolis, IN	Architectural Intern
Brown O'Dell Architects	Huntsville, AL	Emerging Architect
Center for Healthcare Outcomes and Policy	Ann Arbor, MI	Health in Design Scholar
CLB Architects	Jackson, WY	Project Coordinator
CTL Group	New York, NY	Associate Architect
Dangerous Architects	Chelsea, MI	Architectural Assistant
Davis Partnership Architects	Denver, CO	Architecture Intern
Fishbeck	Grand Rapids, MI	Architectural Designer
FitzGerald Associates Architects	Chicago, IL	Junior Associate
GREC Architects	Chicago, IL	Designer
Hooker DeJong	Grand Rapids, MI	Graduate of Architecture
Horibe Associates	Takatsuki, Japan	Architecture Intern
IKEA	Canton, MI	Visual Merchandiser
Ironstone Metal Works	San Carlos, CA	Detailer
Ivan Brice Architecture	New York, NY	Associate AIA
Jeffery A. Scott Architects	Farmington, MI	Intern Architect
Lawrence Technological University	Southfield, MI	Graduate Research Assistant
Little Diversified Architectural Consulting	Charlotte, NC	Junior Architectural Staff
Perlmutter-Freiwald	Franklin, MI	Interior Design Assistant
Ryan Companies	Austin, TX	Designer I
Sasaki	Boston, MA	Architectural Designer
Sheehan Nagle Hartray Architects	Chicago, IL	Designer I
TK Design & Associates	South Lyon, MI	Project Manager
TRIARQ Health	Troy, MI	Team Member

62%

EMPLOYED

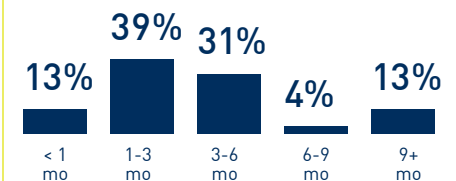
33%

CONTINUING EDUCATION

95%

POSITION RELATED TO DEGREE

TIME TO FIND POSITION



At one-year survey, 68% response rate, 79% knowledge rate.

MASTER OF URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING / 2021 GRADS

EMPLOYER	LOCATION	POSITION
AFSCME (American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees)	Washington, DC	International Union Organizer
Architecture Plus Information	New York, NY	Architectural Designer
Avison Young	Philadelphia, PA	Client Advisory Analyst
Beckett & Raeder	Ann Arbor, MI	Project and Technology Planner
Chicago Department of Public Health	Chicago, IL	Geographic Information Systems Analyst
Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning	Chicago, IL	Assistant Planner
CIB Planning	Fenton, MI	Planner II
City of Detroit	Detroit, MI	Planner II
Community Attributes	Seattle, WA	Planning Analyst
De Novo Planning Group	El Dorado Hills, CA	Assistant Planner / GIS Technician
Detroit Land Bank Authority	Detroit, MI	Project Manager
Dyett & Bhatia	Oakland, CA	Urban Planner
Harvard University, Harvard Allston Land Company	Allston, MA	Associate Project Manager
LeSar Development Consultants	San Diego, CA	Associate
McKenna Associates	Northville, MI	Assistant Planner
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Michigan Department of Transportation	Southfield, MI	Transportation Planner
Moody Nolan	New York, NY	Sustainable Design Facilitator
Newmark	Columbus, OH	Research Analyst
Tener Consulting Services	New York, NY	Real Estate Analytics Associate
The Kresge Foundation	Troy, MI	Special Assistant to the President
U-SNAP-BAC	Detroit, MI	Director of Housing
Vanguard Renewables	Wellesley, MA	Development Associate
Wade Trim	Detroit, MI	Planner II

86%

EMPLOYED

7%

CONTINUING EDUCATION

7%*

NOT SEEKING

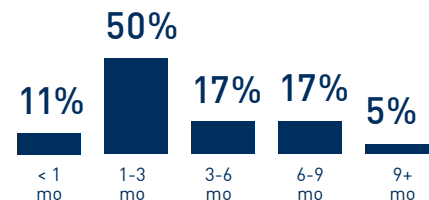
SECTOR OF WORK



100%

POSITION RELATED TO DEGREE

TIME TO FIND POSITION



At one-year survey, 86% response rate, 97% knowledge rate.

*1 deployed, 1 working contract while applying for PhD

PH.D. IN ARCHITECTURE / 2021 GRADS

EMPLOYER	LOCATION	POSITION
Imam Abdulrahman Bin Faisal University	Dammam, Saudi Arabia	Assistant Professor
Lawrence Technological University	Southfield, MI	Assistant Professor
Louisiana State University	Baton Rouge, LA	Assistant Professor
Nanjing University	Nanjing, China	Postdoctoral Researcher

100%

EMPLOYED

100%

POSITION RELATED TO DEGREE

At one-year survey, 100% response rate.

PH.D. IN URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING / 2021 GRADS

EMPLOYER	LOCATION	POSITION
Cleveland State University	Cleveland, OH	Visiting Assistant Professor
Transportation Riders United	Detroit, MI	Community Engagement Manager

100%

EMPLOYED

100%

POSITION RELATED TO DEGREE

At one-year survey, 100% response rate.

“Career Service Workshops were fantastic! Loved the presentations from other practitioners to get a sense of their work/trajectory.”

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