The career development survey is nowadays conducted bi-annually as a part of a national survey organized in cooperation with the Aarresaari network. The survey has previously been conducted for graduates of 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2005.

**Career Development Survey - Graduates of 2007 in year 2012**

The respondents of the 2012 survey included 133 M.Sc. graduates from the School of Business who graduated in 2007. Below please find a summary of the main findings based on their responses.

**Graduates from the School of Business are employed upon graduation or soon after**

In total, 82% of the respondents were employed during the time of their graduation in 2007, while 6% were unemployed. Those, who were unemployed, found employment on average 4-5 months after graduation. At the time of the survey in 2012, only 1% of the respondents were unemployed.

**Most of the graduates find work in large companies**

Private companies and state-owned enterprises employed most (81%) of the graduates in 2007. 52% were employed by companies of over 249 employees. After 5 years into the career, the same figures were 85% and 58% respectively. Nearly all of the respondents worked in the metropolitan area at the time of the survey. At graduation, 7% were employed outside Finland. This figure rose to 11% after 5 years.

**Graduates progress in their careers**

Graduates both at the time of graduation and five years after graduation were most commonly employed in tasks in finance and accounting; administration, planning and development; and marketing and sales. Over 80% of the respondents had progressed in their careers within the five years.

**Graduates earn well 5 years into their careers**

The average monthly salary of the respondents at the time of the survey in 2012 was 5144 €/month, the median salary was 4700 €/month.

**The graduates are satisfied with the degree they earned**

Those, who were very satisfied with their degree amounted to 23% of the respondents. Those who were either very satisfied, satisfied or quite satisfied constituted 94% of the respondents. The degree was generally thought of as a good and valued education that enabled the respondent to apply for a variety of different jobs.
According to the respondents, university studies improved well the ability for English communication skills, the knowledge of the principles of business and entrepreneurship, analytical and systematic thinking, group work and social skills as well as the ability to acquire information and the theoretical knowledge of one’s own study field. The few critical comments that were made perceived that the studies had not been pragmatic enough.