Career Development 5 years after graduation

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, 2005 and 2007.

The whole School of Business career development report 2009-2014 can be found from biz.aalto.fi.

Career Development Survey - graduates of 2009 in year 2014

The respondents of the 2014 survey included 80 M.Sc. graduates from the School of Business who graduated in 2009. 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, 75 % of the respondents were employed during the time of their graduation in 2009, while 18 % were unemployed. Those, who were unemployed, found employment on average 6 months after graduation. At the time of the survey in 2014, only 1 % of the respondents were unemployed.

Most of the graduates find work in large companies

Private companies and state-owned enterprises employed most (84 %) of the graduates in 2009. 56 % were employed by companies of over 249 employees. After 5 years into the career, the same figures were 87 % and 61 % respectively. Nearly all of the respondents worked in the metropolitan area at the time of the survey. At graduation, 8 % were employed outside Finland. This figure rose to 14 % 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, management and supervisory duties, planning and development, marketing and sales or consulting or training. Over 90 % of the respondents (estimate) 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 2014 was 5037 €/month, the median salary was 4666 €/month.

The graduates are satisfied with the degree they earned

Those who were either very satisfied, satisfied or quite satisfied constituted 96 % of the respondents (30 % very satisfied). 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, group work and social skills, the knowledge of the principles of business and entrepreneurship, Finnish communication skills, the theoretical knowledge of one’s own study field, the ability to acquire information as well as analytical and systematic thinking. The few critical comments that were made perceived that the studies had not been pragmatic enough.