

Table 31. Most important resource used and length of time taken to find first career path job for recent doctoral recipients, by field of doctorate: 2001

Resource and length of time	Field of doctorate							
	All fields	Computer and mathematical sciences	Biological and agricultural sciences	Health sciences	Physical and related sciences	Social sciences	Psychology	Engineering
Total recent doctoral recipients holding a career path job (number).....	40,200	3,000	10,000	2,200	6,200	5,100	6,100	7,600
Most important job search resource:	Percent							
Faculty or advisor.....	25	24	30	33	29	21	16	22
Informal channels through colleagues or friends.....	26	22	20	25	25	25	40	26
Professional meetings and/or journals.....	13	S	16	S	S	20	13	9
Other resource ¹	37	44	34	31	38	34	32	43
Length of time between completion of first doctoral degree and first career path job:								
Less than 1 month ²	72	82	68	74	76	75	70	72
1-6 months.....	20	S	23	S	19	18	22	19
7-12 months.....	5	S	5	S	S	S	S	S
More than 12 months.....	3	S	S	S	S	S	S	S

¹ 'Other resource' includes professional recruiter, college/department placement office, electronic postings, newspapers, direct contact with company, and other.

² Includes those who already held a career path job before completion of doctoral degree.

KEY: S = Suppressed due to too few cases (fewer than 500 weighted cases).

NOTES: 'Recent doctoral recipients' are those who reported having received their doctorate between July of 1998 and June of 2000. 'Career path job' is defined as a job that helps further one's career plans or a job in a field where one wants to make a career. Numbers are rounded to nearest hundred. Percentages are rounded to the nearest whole number. Details may not add to total because of rounding. Survey of Doctorate Recipients includes persons who had earned a research doctorate from an U.S. institution and resided in U.S. as of April 2001.

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