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# Graduate Destination Survey 2022



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# 2022 Survey Results



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## Introduction

The University of Waikato launched its seventh Graduate Destination Survey (GDS) in August 2023 and 2617 graduates who **completed their qualifications between January 2022 and December 2022** were invited to participate in the GDS survey. An overall response rate of 20% was achieved, down from 23% in 2021. This survey is designed to gather insights, feedback, and current employment data from University of Waikato Graduates.



20%

response  
rate



86%

Domestic  
respondents



14%

International  
respondents



18%

Māori  
respondents



5%

Pasifika  
respondents

## Qualification & University Experience

Most respondents felt strongly that the quality of their education at the University of Waikato was of a high standard with 88% of respondents agreeing or strongly agreeing. 82% of respondents would recommend study at UoW to others.

### Employment

The employment rate remained high with 95% of respondents indicating that they were working in either full- or part-time employment. 71% of respondents felt that their university study prepared them for the workforce.



95%

Employment  
rate



71%

felt their study  
prepared them  
for  
the workforce

\$60,000 -  
\$69,000

Median salary



### Further Study

Among the 2023 respondents 12% were undertaking further study the time of the survey with 55 of respondents currently enrolled in a postgraduate qualification. Furthermore, 69% of the respondents who continued to study have re-enrolled with the University of Waikato.



12%

Undertaking  
further  
study



69%

Who chose to  
continue study,  
reenrolled at UoW



31%

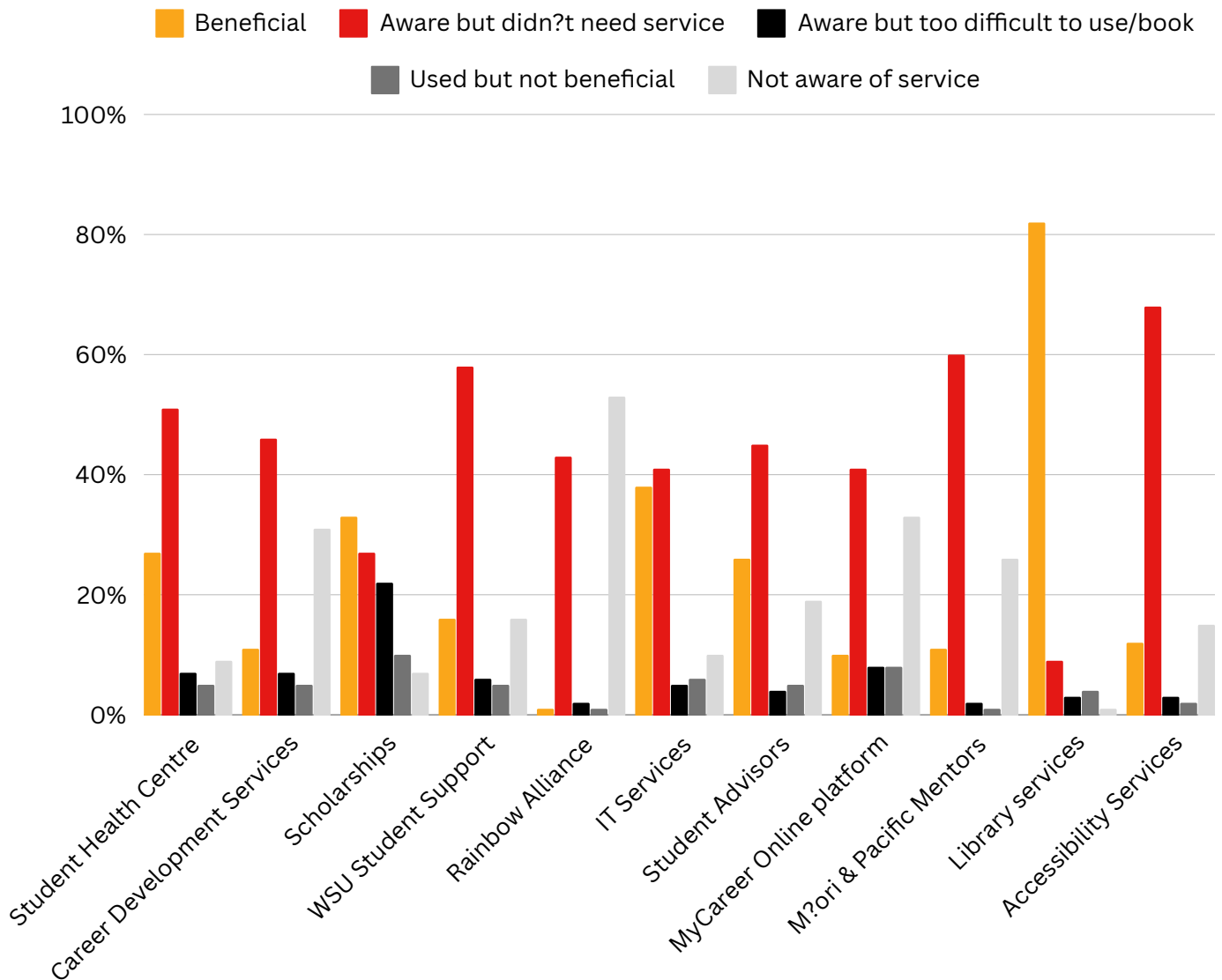
Chose to continue  
study at another  
institution

## Work Integrated Learning/Internships

65% of Graduates undertook either an internship, placement, work integrated learning paper and/or an applied research project while studying at the University of Waikato. 74% of respondents were satisfied that the learning placement prepared them for their chosen industry with 1% being extremely dissatisfied, down from 5% in 2022.

## Student Services

Graduates were asked how satisfied they were with the non-academic/non-teaching support services available to them on campus during their studies with 32% of respondents with 72% being very satisfied, up from 66% in 2021.



## Doctoral Feedback

Since 2021, the GDS was expanded to include our doctoral graduates with questions specifically designed to understand this cohort.

Within eighteen months of completing their PhD, 80% of respondents were working in full-time employment.



24%

working in  
academia



16%

working in  
corporate



24%

working in  
Government



4%

working in  
Research