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Te Whare Wānanga o Waikato

Graduate Destination Survey 2022

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2022 Survey Results

Introduction

The University of Waikato launched its seventh Graduate Destination Survey (GDS) in August 2022 and 2525 graduates who completed their qualifications between January 2021 and December 2021 were invited to participate in the GDS survey. An overall response rate of 23% was achieved, up from 17% in 2020. This survey is designed to gather insights, feedback, and current employment data from University of Waikato Graduates.



23%

response
rate



78%

Domestic
respondents



22%

International
respondents



17%

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 85% of respondents agreeing or strongly agreeing. 82% of respondents would recommend study at UoW to others.

Employment

The employment rate remained high with 88% of respondents indicating that they were working in either full- or part-time employment. 72% of respondents felt that their university study prepared them for the workforce.



88%

Employment
rate



72%

felt their study
prepared them for
the workforce

\$60,000 -

\$69,000

Average salary



Further Study

Among the 2022 respondents 15% were undertaking further study the time of the survey with 70% of respondents currently enrolled in a postgraduate qualification. Furthermore, 81% of the respondents who continued to study have re-enrolled with the University of Waikato.



15%

Undertaking
further
study



81%

Who chose to
continue study,
reenrolled at UoW



19%

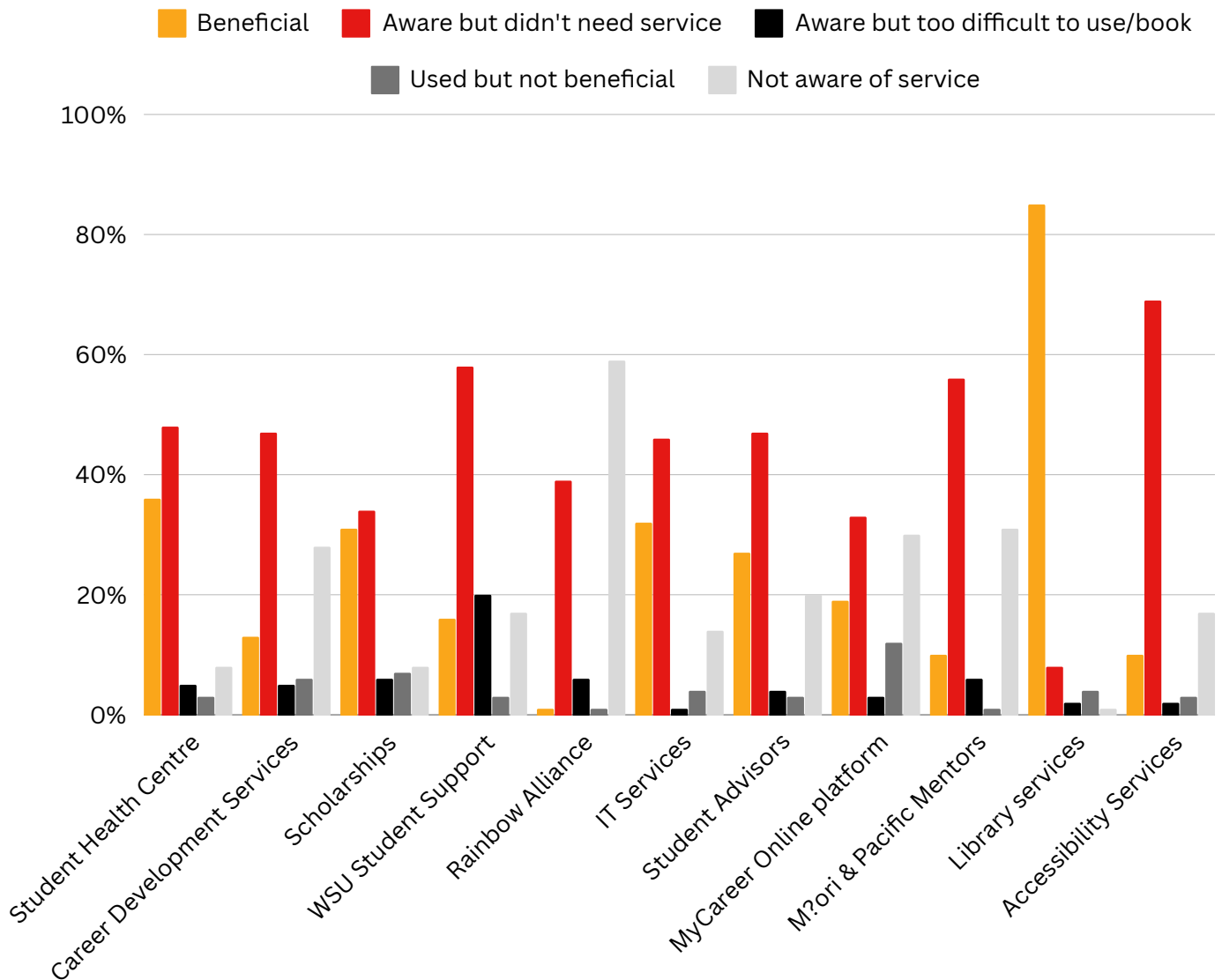
Chose to continue
study at another
institution

Work Integrated Learning/Internships

66% of Graduates undertook either an internship, placement, work integrated learning paper and/or an applied research project while studying at the University of Waikato. 73% of respondents were satisfied that the learning placement prepared them for their chosen industry with 5% being extremely dissatisfied.

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 87% of respondents being satisfied with services available and 13% dissatisfied compared with 7% from 2021..



Doctoral Feedback

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

Within eighteen months of completing their PhD, 83% of respondents were working in full-time employment.



69%

working in
academia



22%

working in
corporate



13%

working in
Government



4%

working in
Research