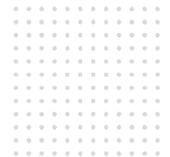


SUMMARY RESULTS OF ALUMNI SURVEY 2020



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In the year of 2020, the Department of Urban and Regional Planning, BUET carried out a survey among its BURP alumni. It recorded 184 responses. Some key extracts from the survey are presented below:

A. Facts regarding Higher Studies

- i. BURP program trains its graduates for higher studies, at home and abroad, in the fields like land use, transportation, infrastructure, housing, GIS and informatics, environment planning, disaster management, climate change adaptation, and so on.
- ii. A good number of them are studying or have studied environmental and resource economics, development studies, water resource management, public policy as well.
- iii. 90% of our graduates earned or were earning master's degree while more than 30% completed or enrolled in PhD program.

B. Professional involvement

- i. The survey result indicates that job market is highly accessible for URP graduates. 50% of the surveyed graduates got a job within 3 months.
- ii. To get more insights, the 25 percentile and 75 percentile values are checked. It is found that 25% of our graduates got a job in less than one month. And 75% of the graduates are found to be employed within 6 months.
- iii. Recent trend shows, graduates are more inclined to have government jobs within the country. In general, it takes more time to get government job than private one.
- iv. Around 52% of the URP graduates worked in Bangladesh. Rest of the 48% graduates worked in abroad. Among them, USA (24%), Canada (10%), Australia (6%), and UK (5%) were the most preferred destination. This result indicates that URP graduates not only contribute to their country but also have the ability to serve worldwide.



C. Role of alumni in getting jobs

- i. Around 45% of the URP graduates got their first job with the help of the departmental peers indicating strong relationship between alumni and current students. It also indicates that departmental predecessors are confident about the high quality of their following peers and have no reservation to recommend them.
- ii. Around 30% of the graduates got their first job by applying to an open call.
- iii. Around 3-4% of the graduates also got their first job through their internship.

D. Job satisfaction and curriculum relevance

- i. In terms of job satisfaction, the survey reveals that 81% graduates are satisfied with their career.
- ii. Around 46% of graduates stated that their current job is entirely related to their field of study. Overall, a total of 86% graduates agreed that their current job is related to their field of study in some way.
- iii. Furthermore, 72% mentioned that BURP degree has strong positive influence on their career.

But we are aware that there are rooms for improvement for us. 20% of respondents informed us that BURP degree had neither positive nor negative influence on their career i.e. they were neutral in their comments. Similarly, less than 10% of our graduates were not satisfied with their job.