Key Points

- 60% overall take a postdoctoral position (range: 47-62%; fig 1, green).
- There are no obvious trends in % choosing to enter academia, industry, and other careers over the past 10 years (fig 1).
- Graduates from all programs undertake postdoctoral training (fig 2, green).
- A greater % of graduates from engineering than basic sciences move to industry (fig 2, pink).

1 year after graduation:
- 40% of graduates remain on the west coast.
- 18% of graduates choose to stay at OHSU for a postdoc.
- 0% are unemployed, except by choice.
- Within 5 years of graduation, 30% are employed by academia with 15% in tenure-track faculty positions (fig 3, blues).

- Within 5 years of graduation, 35% are in a profession outside of academia (fig 3).
- Our graduates are postdocs at prestigious universities in the USA and the world (fig 4).
- 5 years after graduation: choice of occupation is influenced by sex. As a % of total, more women (35%) than men (14%) choose academic careers and more men (23%) than women (14%) choose industry careers.

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FIGURE 1: Employment choice one year after graduation, by graduation year

Each bar represents all graduates within an academic year and their occupation one year after graduation. One year was chosen since some students take a temporary postdoc within their PhD lab to complete papers and projects while searching for a position.

FIGURE 2: Employment choice one year after graduation, sorted by graduate program (includes all students, all years)
**FIGURE 3:** Within 10 years, all graduates transition out of postdoctoral positions, and 40% become tenure track faculty

Bars represent % of students in each cohort choosing given occupations. Note, cohort number decreases with increasing years post graduation.

- **60%** of graduates take postdoctoral positions upon graduation
- **100%** of graduates have transitioned out of postdoctoral positions by their 10th year

### Initial
- **n=424**
- **Post Doctorate**
- **Tenure Track**
- **Academic Leaders**
- **Academic Scientist**
- **Adjunct Instructor**
- **Research Administration**
- **Other Science**
- **Left Science**
- **Unemployed**

### 1st Year
- **n=411**
- **Post Doctorate**
- **Tenure Track**
- **Academic Leaders**
- **Academic Scientist**
- **Adjunct Instructor**
- **Research Administration**
- **Other Science**
- **Left Science**
- **Unemployed**

### 5th Year
- **n=251**
- **Post Doctorate**
- **Tenure Track**
- **Academic Leaders**
- **Academic Scientist**
- **Adjunct Instructor**
- **Research Administration**
- **Other Science**
- **Left Science**
- **Unemployed**

### 10th Year
- **n=40**
- **Post Doctorate**
- **Tenure Track**
- **Academic Leaders**
- **Academic Scientist**
- **Adjunct Instructor**
- **Research Administration**
- **Other Science**
- **Left Science**
- **Unemployed**

**FIGURE 3:** Postdoctoral employers of PhD graduates

35% of postdoctoral fellows chose to remain at OHSU, and these are excluded.

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**FIGURE 3:** Industry employers of PhD graduates

OHSU graduates are employed by 121 unique industry employers, of which 7 have been started by our graduates. 5 years after graduation, 35% of graduates are employed in industry; of these, 28% are in Oregon.

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