Aalto University 2011 graduates most satisfied with their completed degree in terms of their career on national level

Aarresaari network conducted a survey monitoring employment of students who graduated in 2011. The results of the survey indicate that Aalto TECH graduates employed well. According to the survey, 82% of the respondents had a full time job at the time of the survey in the autumn 2011, 6% had a temporary contract and 2% worked as entrepreneurs/freelancers. Only 1% of the respondents were unemployed.

Large companies hired nearly half of the respondents (44%) right after their graduation and five years later, the number had increased up to 50%. Small or medium-sized companies employed 26% of respondents after graduation and nearly the same share of students, 25% worked there five years later.

17% of respondents worked in the field of education after graduation, however five years later the number had decreased to 7%. According to the survey, after graduation almost third of the respondents, 34% and five years later, 33% of them, worked mainly in planning, development or administrative duties. Research employed 25% after graduation and five years later 14%. Consulting or training employed 17% and at the time of the survey 19%. Management and supervisory duties employed 12% in autumn 2016 and 3% right after graduation.

Aalto University 2011 graduates most satisfied with their completed degree in terms of their career

On national scale in comparison with universities in Finland, Aalto University graduates were the most satisfied with their completed degree in terms of their career. 91% were satisfied with their completed degree in terms of their career. 74% agreed with the statement: The studies
equipped me sufficiently for the working life. 2 % fully disagreed with the statement. Based on the results of the survey, 75 % of respondent’s current job requirements correspond to academic qualifications, whereas 9 % feel that the job is somewhat less demanding than the qualifications would allow.

The average gross salary or monthly income in the autumn of 2016: 4200 €/month (3165 € std. deviation).

**Ability to learn and adopt new things is the most important skill needed in working life**

Ability to learn and adopt new things, analytical and systematical thinking skills and theoretical knowledge gained from the studies were the top three skills developed by university studies.

According to the respondents, university studies developed only a little or not at all supervisory skills, teaching, instructional and guidance skills and knowledge of legislation.

Respondents considered guilds’ activities and student unions valuable. The activities developed project management skills, public speaking skills, negotiation skills and supervisory skills.

**Ability to tell people about your skills was the most significant factor influencing employment**

2011 TECH graduates from Aalto University considered the ability to tell people about your skills was the most significant factor influencing employment. Other work experience was mentioned after this.

The class of 2011 encouraged the current students to develop their working life skills. Internships, exchange studies and projects in co-operation with companies were seen as valuable skills to be developed during the studies.

The objective of Aarresaari network Master’s degree Career Monitoring survey is to provide data on the quality of academic employment and the equivalence of the skills provided in academic education to the needs of tomorrow’s working life. Surveys are targeted at Master’s degree graduates five years after graduation.

261 respondents (36 % of all 2011 graduates) took part in this survey at Aalto University Schools of Technology and Science.

Source: Aarresaari Career Monitoring for 2011 graduated with master’s degree, degrees in pharmacy and kindergarten teacher education