Two-thirds (67%) of Marine Biology BS degree graduates had plans to pursue graduate education.
The majority (86%) of graduates with an Marine Biology Major plan to obtain either a masters degree or a PhD.
Marine Biology BS graduates were interested in several different advanced degree fields, the most popular being related to Biological and Biomedical Sciences (64%).
Over a third (36%) of graduates with a BS degree in Marine Biology reported being employed within 6 months of graduation.
UCSC Marine Biology BS Graduates
Employed vs Seeking Employment

Marine Biology Major

PBSci Division (excluding Marine Biology Major)

Data from 2014-2015 Graduating Class
UCSC First Destination Survey
Of those employed, forty-three percent of BS Marine Biology graduates reported working in the Business sector within 6 months of graduation.
UCSC Marine Biology BS Graduates
Employers & Job Titles

Disney World
Santa Cruz Harbor
National Park Service
UC Santa Cruz
Self Employed
Cimi Sea Camp

Freelance Journalism
Activity Leader
Operations Assistant
Interpretive Park Ranger
Intern
Volunteer
Conservation Education Presenter Intern
Divemaster

Data from 2014-2015 Graduating Class
UCSC First Destination Survey
Fifty percent of graduates with a BS degree in Marine Biology reported earning $20,000 annually or higher within 6 months of graduation.

Data from 2014-2015 Graduating Class
UCSC First Destination Survey
More than half (58%) of Marine Biology BS graduates plan to work in the Santa Cruz or San Francisco Bay Area.
UCSC Marine Biology BS Graduates
When did they start looking for a job? (employed & seeking employment)

Over a third (36%) of Marine Biology BS graduates began looking for a job at least 3 months or more before graduation.

Start the search early! Of those graduates who were employed full-time, all started searching for a job at least 3 or more months before graduation.

Data from 2014-2015 Graduating Class
UCSC First Destination Survey
UCSC Marine Biology BS Graduates
How many job offers did they receive?

Of those employed, forty-three percent of graduates with a BS degree in Marine Biology received multiple job offers.

Data from 2014-2015 Graduating Class
UCSC First Destination Survey
About half (47%) of graduates reported that they found their internship by networking with UCSC or personal contacts.

Most graduates (85%) had at least 1 or more internships during their studies at UCSC.