

# The Graduate School at the University of Notre Dame PhD Career Pathways Project

## Communiqué #1: Wave 1 Humanities PhD Alumni

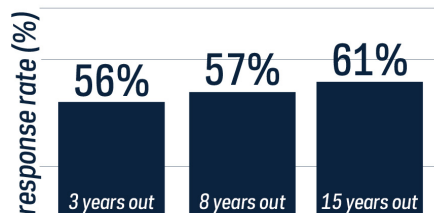
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### ND Survey Response Rate



82% surveyed alums report ND prepared them "very well" or "extremely well" for their current jobs

### Career Preparation for Diverse Job Sectors



government



archives



startups



universities



libraries



nonprofits

### Career Skills and Attributes

PhD Career Pathways consortium data suggest that the skills humanities PhD alumni use in academic and non-academic careers are more similar than different.

At ND, our findings were consistent, with ND alumni in both academic and non-academic careers citing the following top 5 skills they use in their current jobs:



critical analysis



understanding the broader significance of one's research



written communication



tools and techniques



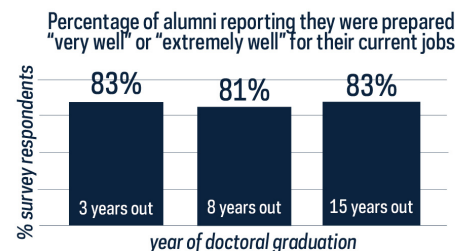
oral communication

### Career Preparation Adaptability

PhD Career Pathways consortium data suggest alumni from 3 years out felt less prepared for their jobs than those 8 and 15 years out.

At ND, this was not the case, with 83% of alumni from 3 years out reporting they were prepared "very well" or "extremely well" for their current jobs.

These findings suggest ND's career preparation approach has adapted well with changing career trends.



### Room to Improve: Grant Writing

ND alumni felt least prepared for grant writing. This feedback challenges us to raise awareness for internal grant-writing resources, like the Office of Grants and Fellowships which has helped students raise millions in external funding.

Annual external funding awarded to grad students

