Decisions about higher education are some of the biggest that you will ever have to make. Where Grads Go is dedicated to helping you make informed choices through providing the latest information on things like what Australian graduates do and how much they earn shortly after graduating, as well as providing guidance on where to find further information. These figures are from the 2013 Australian Graduate Survey, conducted by Graduate Careers Australia.

Grad salaries
In 2013, the average bachelor grad earned a full-time salary of $55,000. How much did grads in your field of interest earn?

Median salaries of Australian bachelor graduates in full-time jobs, 2013.

FACT
Young grads aged less than 25 and in their first full-time jobs earned a median salary of $52,750.

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Getting a job
Finding a full-time job after graduation is not always easy. See how bachelor graduates from your field of interest who were looking for a full-time job had fared four months after graduating.

Employment activities of Australian bachelor graduates who were looking for full-time work, 2013 (%).

Employed full time | Employed part time | Unemployed
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Biology | 46.3 | 33.2 | 20.5
Other sciences | 60.7 | 21.9 | 17.4
Mathematics | 67.2 | 20.1 | 12.7
Information technology | 70.3 | 14.0 | 15.7
Engineering | 82.6 | 7.0 | 10.3
Architecture and building | 69.9 | 16.6 | 13.5
Agriculture and environment | 64.4 | 20.7 | 14.9
Medicine | 96.9 | 0.6 | 0.1
Nursing | 82.0 | 12.7 | 5.4
Rehabilitation therapies | 81.7 | 12.0 | 6.3
Other health | 75.4 | 17.3 | 7.3
Education | 70.8 | 24.1 | 5.1
Accounting | 77.4 | 10.4 | 12.2
Banking and finance | 75.4 | 13.4 | 11.1
Business and management | 72.1 | 17.9 | 10.1
Sales and marketing | 69.0 | 21.5 | 9.5
Language and literature | 60.6 | 24.7 | 14.7
Psychology and behavioural sciences | 56.0 | 28.0 | 16.0
Studies in human society | 57.8 | 25.7 | 16.5
Social work and human welfare | 69.9 | 18.1 | 12.8
Law and justice studies | 75.4 | 14.1 | 10.5
Economics | 76.3 | 14.3 | 9.3
Other humanities | 66.4 | 24.0 | 11.7
Visual and performing arts | 48.3 | 32.5 | 19.2
Communication and media | 55.8 | 30.2 | 14.0

FACT
More than one in three grads do something other than full-time work immediately after graduation.

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Working in your field

While there is not always a direct link between your field of study and your job, there is often a strong relationship. Check below to see if bachelor graduates from your field of interest were working in a full-time job where they felt their field of study was important.

Fact

In some fields, like engineering and nursing, most graduates find work in the fields they trained for. The graduates of other fields can often find work in a wide variety of jobs.

Bachelor graduates in full-time work who said that their field of study was at least somewhat important to their jobs, 2013 (%).

Fact

93.7% of Australian bachelor grads said that they were broadly satisfied with their higher education experience.

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Further full-time study

Many bachelor graduates choose to enhance their qualification through further full-time study. As shown at right, this can vary greatly between fields of study.

Graduates who go onto further full-time study the year after finishing their bachelor degree, 2013 (%).

FACT
Postgraduate study can lead to a higher salary and a greater likelihood of employment.

Entering a university or college requires much thought and research. The choices you make about higher education shouldn't be taken lightly, but the rewards are immense and typically include personal growth, a fulfilling career with stronger employment prospects and higher earnings potential than non-graduates. Make an appointment to meet with a career counsellor and search the web – university websites, www.myuniversity.gov.au, and www.graduatecareers.com.au are good starting points.