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NYU | ABU DHABI

LIFE BEYOND SAADIYAT CLASS OF 2018

CAREER
DEVELOPMENT
CENTER





“ EVERY PROBLEM WE
FACE IS CREATED BY
HUMAN CHOICES. AND TO
THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE
THOSE PROBLEMS CAN
ALSO BE SOLVED BY HUMAN
CHOICES. EVERYONE NEEDS
TO UNDERSTAND THE
AWESOME POWER THAT EACH
OF YOU REALLY HAS AT YOUR
DISPOSAL AS YOU GRADUATE:
THE POWER TO CHOOSE.

**JOHN KERRY, 68TH SECRETARY OF STATE
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**
Class of 2018 Commencement Keynote Speaker

CLASS PROFILE

BY MAJOR AND DEMOGRAPHICS

This report includes NYUAD graduates from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. Placement data is self-reported. Figures in this report are rounded to the nearest whole number; therefore, totals do not always equal 100%.

36%

SOCIAL SCIENCE

- Economics
- Political Science
- Social Research and Public Policy

31%

SCIENCE

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Mathematics
- Physics
- Psychology

20%

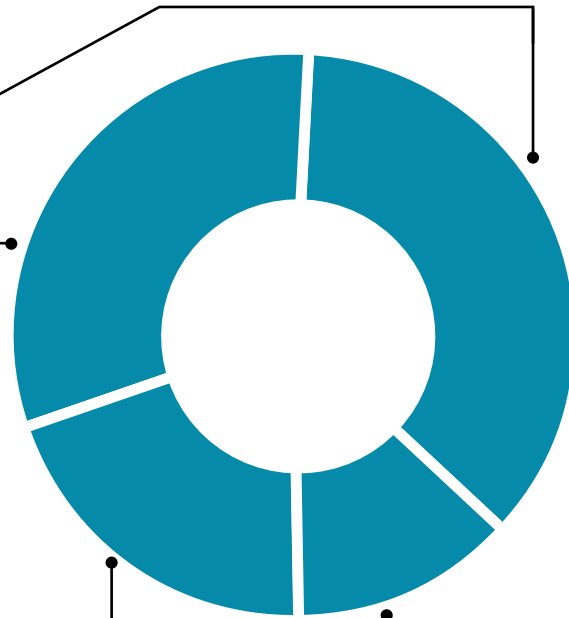
ARTS AND HUMANITIES

- Arab Crossroads Studies
- Art and Art History
- Film and New Media
- History
- Literature and Creative Writing
- Music
- Theater
- Visual Arts

13%

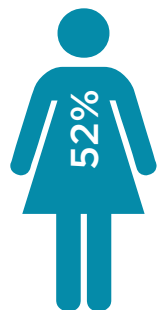
ENGINEERING

- Civil Engineering
- Computer Engineering
- Electrical Engineering
- General Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering



65+

LANGUAGES
SPOKEN



70

countries
represented

**MAITHA AL
MEMARI**



“ At Oxford, I intend to reflect on ways we can reform education so that we empower the youth through knowledge and character development. **I hope to find ways to ease the transition for students when they’re moving from high school to university to employment.** ”

CURRENT ROLE:
Master’s Student
in Public Policy,
University of Oxford
Oxford, United
Kingdom

MAJOR:
Social Research and
Public Policy

HOME REGION:
Abu Dhabi, UAE

ISAIAH MWAMBA



“ We need to think not only as engineers, but also adopt the mindsets of social scientists, economists, and end users all at once. The products we design, the services we offer, and the infrastructure we build will ultimately be used by people, and animals in some cases. We need to consider practicality, ergonomics, and most importantly, environmental and financial sustainability.

CURRENT ROLE:
Resident Engineer,
Kgosihadi Consulting
Engineers
Polokwane,
South Africa
MAJOR:
Civil Engineering
HOME REGION:
Chingola, Zambia

FIRST DESTINATIONS

CLASS OF 2018



EVGENIJA FILOVA

“ I am learning to understand and enjoy life in this small place in northern Norway, shopping for lamps, going for hikes up the frozen mountain, visiting grandparents and trying to explain in my best Norwegian how much I love their homemade cake and what life in Abu Dhabi was like.

CURRENT ROLE:
Peacepainting Foundation,
European Voluntary Service
Erasmus+, Long-Term Volunteer
Terråk, Nordland, Norway
MAJOR:
Visual Arts
HOME REGION:
Gevgelija, Macedonia



AIMAN KHURRAM

“ At Etihad, I enjoy working with people from across different departments in a highly diverse setting. I also love the fact that I continue to be a student. **I have a steep learning curve despite not being at an educational institution.**

CURRENT ROLE:
Web Analytics Specialist,
Etihad Airways
Abu Dhabi, UAE
MAJOR:
Economics
HOME REGION:
Islamabad, Pakistan

**DMITRY
DOBROVOLSKIY**



“The intellectual challenges I face here make me feel like I am becoming a better me everyday. Law school forces you to think in different ways about issues you might have never questioned before and this helps me to become a more aware, considerate and thoughtful person.”

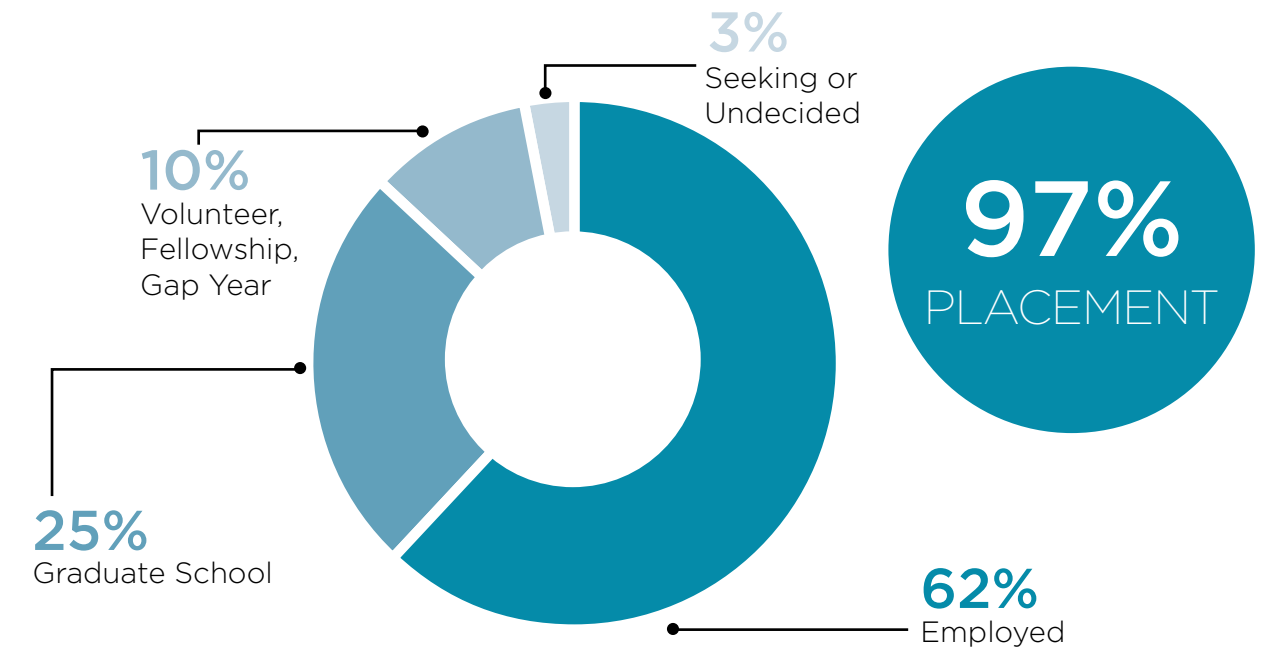
CURRENT ROLE:
JD Candidate,
Harvard Law School
Cambridge, MA,
United States

MAJOR:
Economics and
Political Science

HOME REGION:
Khanty-Mansiysk,
Russian Federation

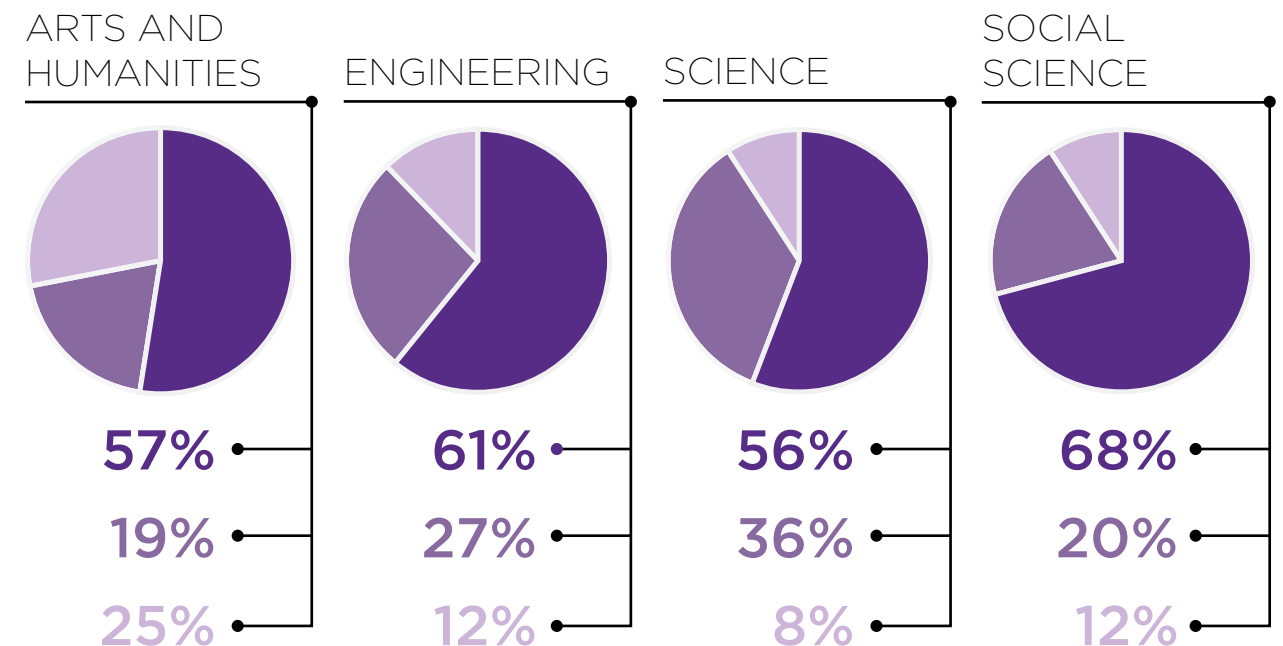
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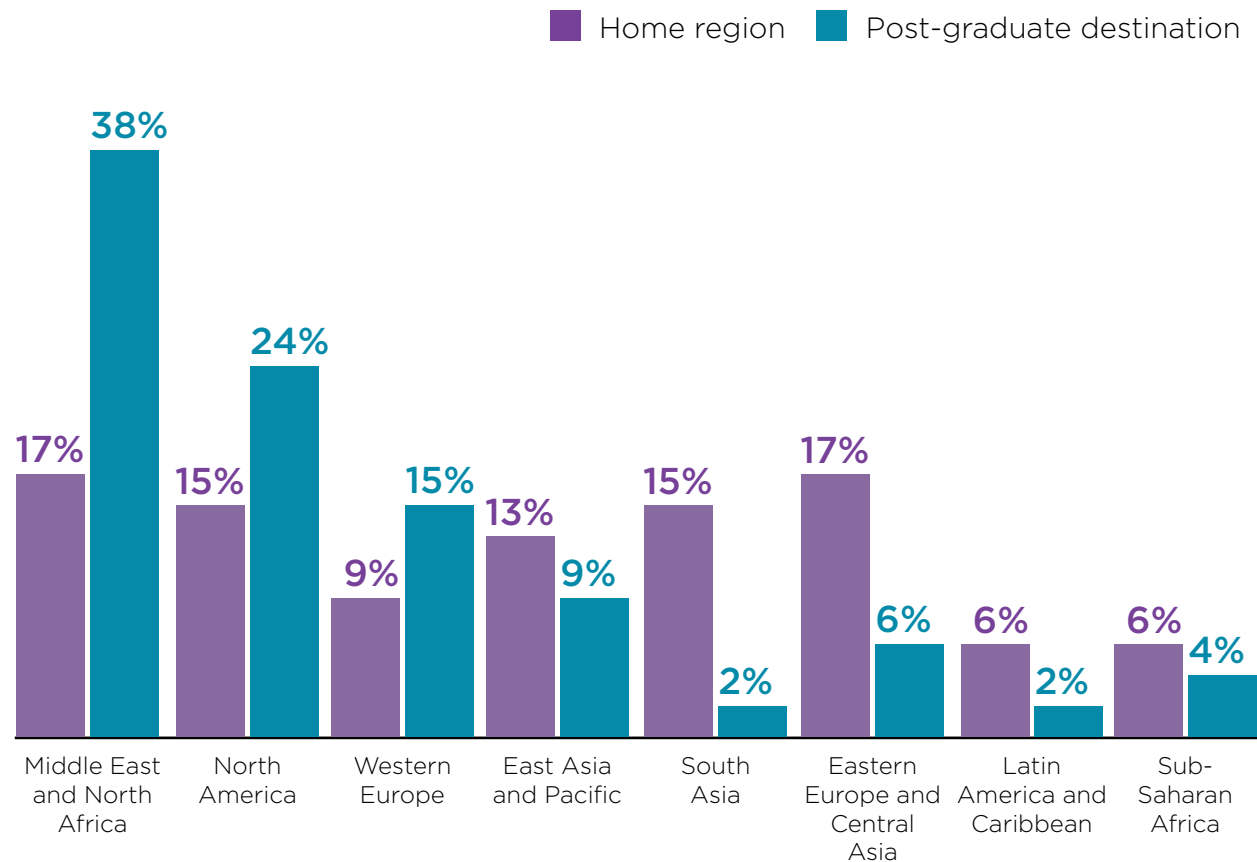
*As of December 31, 2018

BY DIVISION ■ Employed ■ Graduate School ■ Other



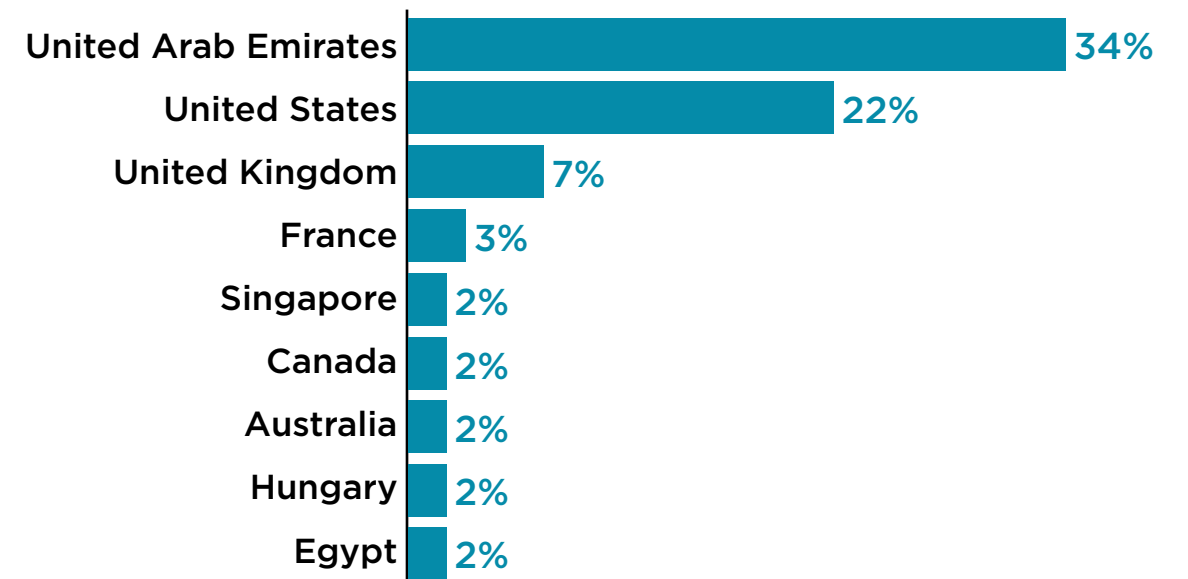


HOME REGION VS. POST-GRADUATE DESTINATION



WHERE DID THEY GO?

TOP DESTINATION COUNTRIES



50
POST-GRAD COUNTRY
DESTINATIONS

67%
ARE NOT IN THEIR
HOME COUNTRY

GRADUATE SCHOOL

CLASS OF 2018



NGHIEM Q. HUYNH

“Students come from different places and decide to join our unique community with different goals in mind. **Few places are better to experiment than NYUAD. The risks I took allowed me to find the right path that led me to where I am today.** Although it requires hard work and dedication, it is a privilege to pursue whatever direction my intellectual curiosity takes me.

CURRENT ROLE:
PhD Student in
Economics, Yale
University

New Haven, CNT,
United States

MAJOR:
Economics and
Mathematics

HOME REGION:
Ho Chi Minh City,
Vietnam

SIMRAT ROOPRA



“My time both as a member and leader of the ADvocacy student interest group impressed on me the importance of **empowering the vulnerable in our communities through service and engagement - something I desperately looked to do when I returned back to Australia.** Before starting law school, I chose to work with the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre in Melbourne to gain frontline experience with an issue I not only feel very strongly about, but one that I also see myself engaging with in the future as a civic-minded legal professional.

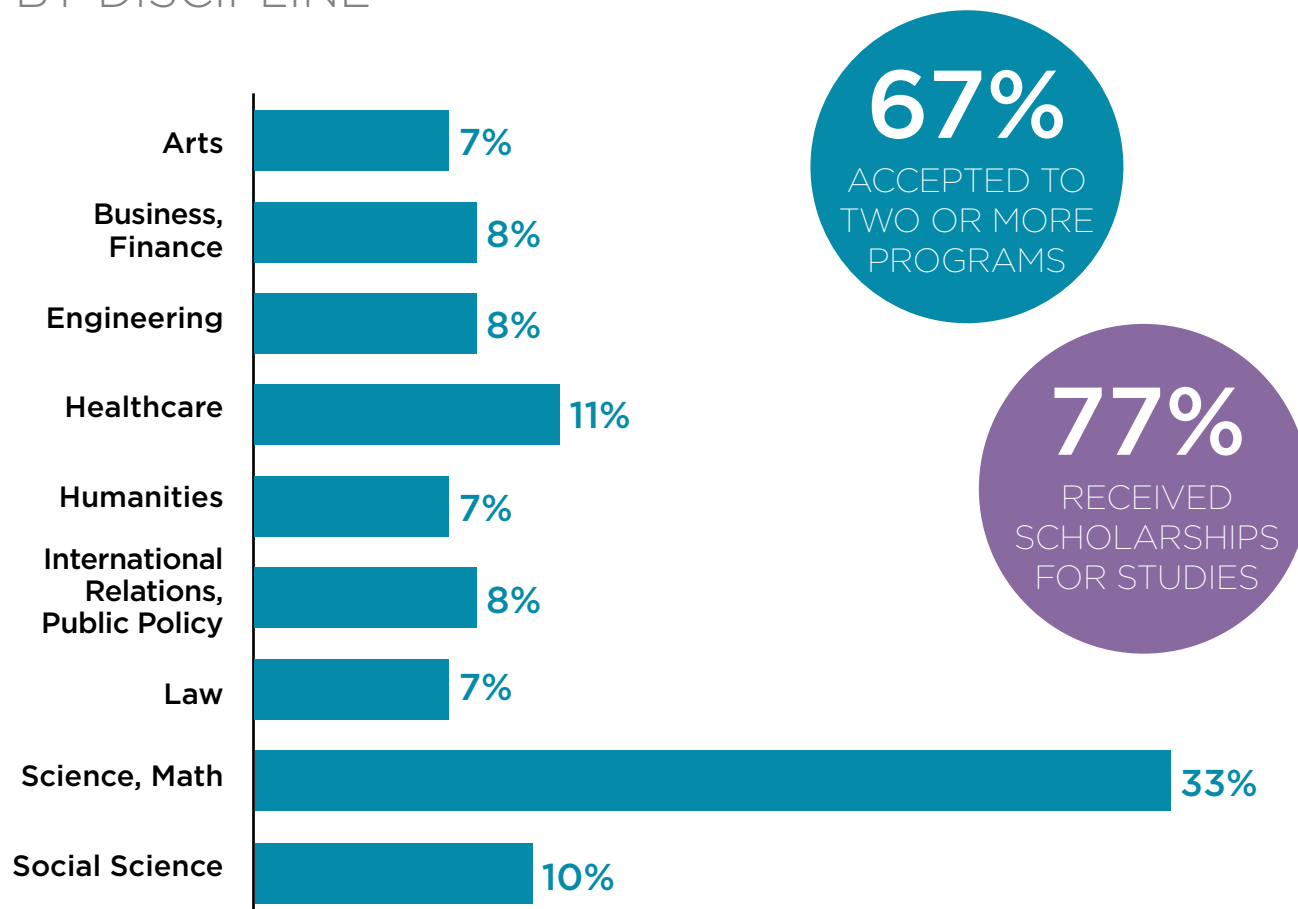
CURRENT ROLE:
JD Candidate,
University of
Melbourne
Melbourne, Australia

MAJOR:
Political Science

HOME REGION:
Brisbane, Australia

GRADUATE SCHOOL

BY DISCIPLINE



SELECTED SCHOOLS AND PROGRAMS ATTENDED

- **Boston University**
MS, Mechanical Engineering
- **Cornell University**
JD, Law
- **Georgetown University**
MA, Arab Studies
- **Harvard University**
MS, Data Science
- **HEC Paris**
MS, International Finance
- **Humboldt University**
MA, Global History
- **Khalifa University**
MD, Medicine
- **King's College London**
MS, Health Psychology
- **London School of Economics and Political Science**
MS, Conflict Studies
- **Massachusetts Institute of Technology**
PhD, Physics
- **McGill University**
MEng, Civil Engineering and Applied Mechanics
- **Princeton University**
PhD, Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering
- **Radboud University**
MS, Cognitive Neuroscience
- **Rhode Island School of Design**
MID, Industrial Design
- **Stanford University**
PhD, Comparative Literature
- **The Juilliard School**
MFA, Acting
- **University of Cambridge**
PhD, Chemistry
- **University of Melbourne**
JD, Law
- **University of Oxford**
MS & DPhil, Neuroscience



ARIANNA STUCKI

“By hearing many different artistic voices over the course of four years, I developed my own. **I developed an understanding of what I wanted to say, how I wanted to say it, and what community it could serve.** These questions are all part of being an artist and a citizen, and are the same questions I am exploring now at Juilliard.

CURRENT ROLE:
Acting, MFA Student (Group 51),
The Juilliard School
New York City,
NY, United States

MAJOR:
Theater

HOME REGION:
Ogden, UT, United States



NIKOLAJ RAMSDAL NIELSEN

“There is so much to explore at NYUAD aside from academics and research work. In the summer after my junior year I was able to go to Greenland as part of my fieldwork for my Capstone project. **That trip directly shaped the trajectory of my career as a thinker.**

CURRENT ROLE:
PhD Student, Comparative
Literature
Stanford,
CA, United States

MAJOR:
Literature and
Creative Writing

HOME REGION:
Kolding, Denmark

**ILMA
JAHOVIC**



“ My research experiences at NYUAD led to publications in reputable journals, which ultimately helped me secure a spot with a fellowship in one of the world’s top chemistry programs. As a PhD student, it is exciting to independently direct my own research, design studies that have scientific impact, and to interact with other scientists on a daily basis.

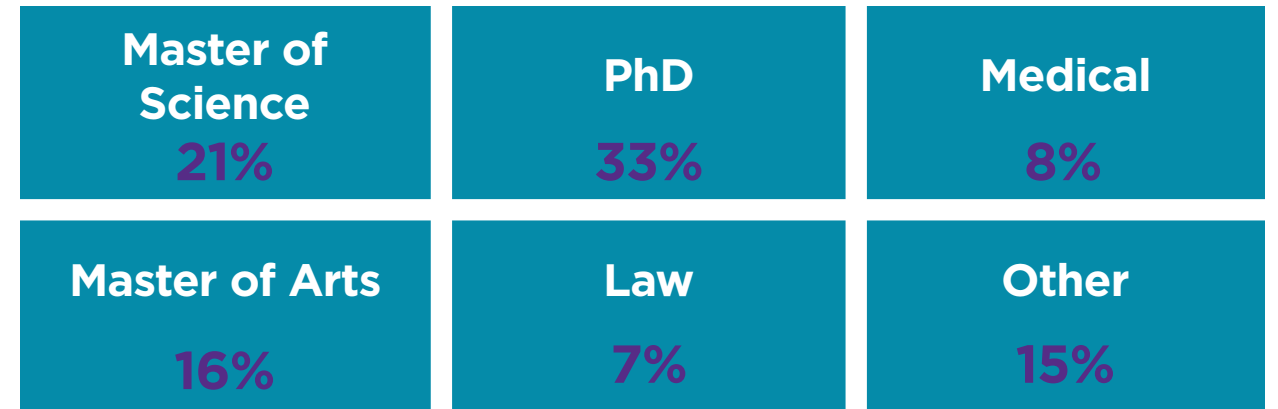
CURRENT ROLE:
PhD Student in Chemistry, University of Cambridge
Cambridge, United Kingdom

MAJOR:
Chemistry

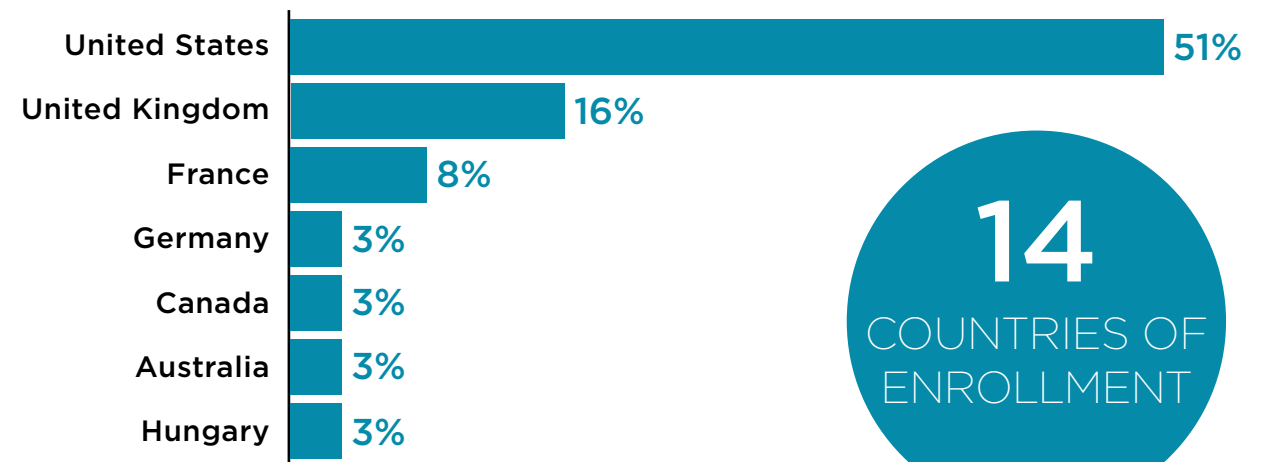
HOME REGION:
Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

GRADUATE SCHOOL

BY DEGREE



TOP COUNTRIES



14
COUNTRIES OF ENROLLMENT

TEST SCORES

Test	Average (Percentile)	Max (Percentile)
GRE Verbal	161 (88)	170
GRE Quantitative	163 (83)	170
MCAT	514 (92)	521
LSAT	159 (78)	170

SHREYA SHREERAMAN



“ My current job is essentially a result of the non-academic interests I nurtured at NYUAD: education and social impact. **I did internships in impact evaluation, sustainability, and routinely volunteered in education initiatives.** It’s how I ended up zeroing in on India — and on education specifically — during my job hunt.

CURRENT ROLE:
Research and Program
Design Associate,
Mantra Social Services
Bengaluru, India

MAJOR:
Literature and
Creative Writing

HOME REGION:
Mumbai, India

EMPLOYMENT

CLASS OF 2018



DANI CARELLI

“ At NYUAD I became immersed in the Engineering Design Studio community. Entering the UAE Drones for Good Award pushed us to think differently about engineering solutions. **We sought to challenge the status quo and worked tirelessly in the pursuit of excellence.**

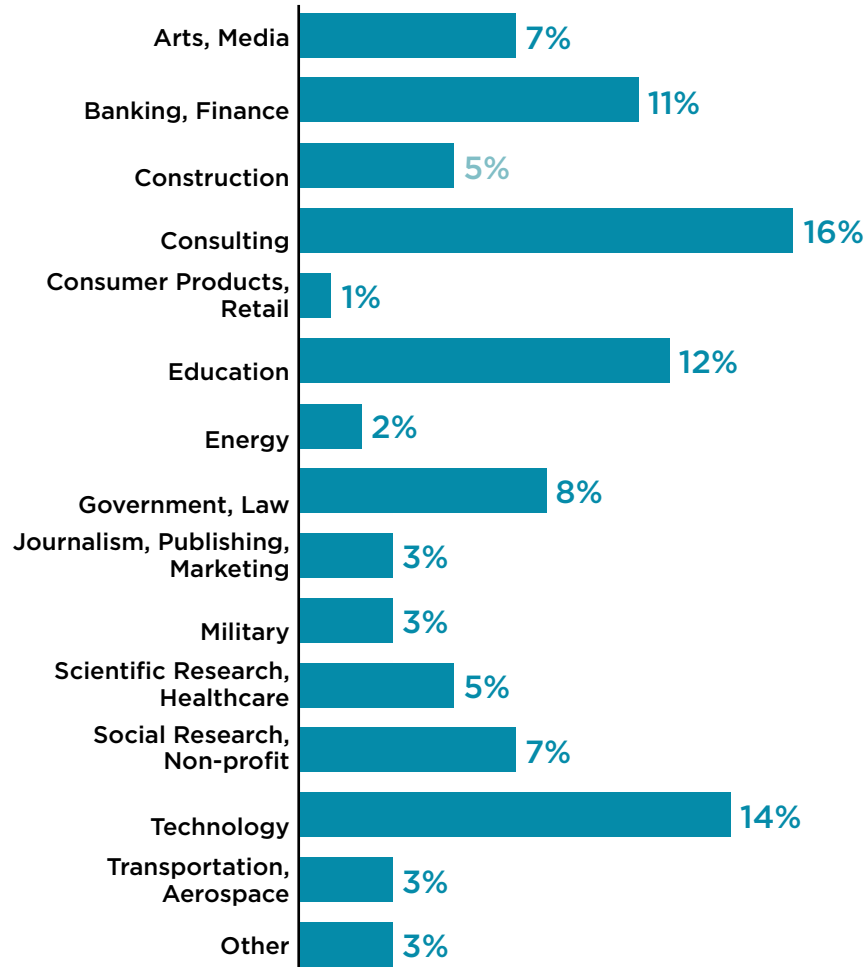
CURRENT ROLE:
Avionics Test Engineer,
Space Exploration
Technologies (SpaceX)
Los Angeles, CA, USA

MAJOR:
Electrical Engineering

HOME REGION:
Madrid, Spain

EMPLOYMENT

BY INDUSTRY



95%
OF EMPLOYED GRADS PLAN TO PURSUE GRAD SCHOOL IN THE NEXT 5 YEARS

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COMPANIES WHERE GRADS MAKE AN IMPACT

SELECTED ORGANIZATIONS

- **Amazon**
Madrid, Spain
- **BAE Systems**
Sarnesbury, United Kingdom
- **Central Bank of the UAE**
Abu Dhabi, UAE
- **Citco**
Vilnius, Lithuania
- **Da Vinci Media GmbH**
Berlin, Germany
- **Goldman Sachs**
Hong Kong
- **Honeywell**
San Francisco, CA, United States
- **HSBC**
Hong Kong
- **LG Electronics**
Seoul, Republic of Korea
- **Mantra4Change**
Bangalore, India
- **McKinsey & Company**
Budapest, Hungary
- **North Kingdom**
Skellefteå, Sweden
- **Second Spectrum**
Lausanne, Switzerland
- **SpaceX**
Los Angeles, CA, United States
- **The Australian Shakespeare Company**
Melbourne, Australia
- **The National**
Abu Dhabi, UAE
- **The World Bank**
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- **Third Way Africa**
Maputo, Mozambique
- **UK Department for Education**
London, United Kingdom
- **Unilever**
Shanghai, China



JOVAN JOVANCEVIC

“ I see my professional journey as a chain reaction, which started off doing things I found meaningful but couldn't fit into the bigger picture: from synthetic biology to a student-led effort in marine biology, only to find myself in the Italian mountain chain of Gran Sasso working on a dark matter search experiment. So, taking up software engineering at Amazon seemed like it came out of nowhere. But in reality, **I had grown as an engineer and a team player and through computer science and artificial intelligence classes I was more than prepared for everything I was to do at Amazon.**

CURRENT ROLE:
Software Engineer, Amazon
Madrid, Spain

MAJOR:
Computer Engineering

HOME REGION:
Podgorica, Montenegro



PETER SI

“ I started getting into finance technology because of the bitcoin hype of 2017. **I founded a student interest group to explore blockchain further, researching budding initial coin offerings and their technical backbone.**

I became more and more curious about the potential impact of blockchain in the banking world and thus applied to and joined Goldman Sachs.

CURRENT ROLE:
Analyst,
Goldman Sachs

London,
United Kingdom

MAJOR:
Computer Science

HOME REGION:
Daegu, South Korea

ALLANAH AVALON



“ As a multi-disciplinary artist, I’m constantly seeking out new spaces and opportunities to focus on my practice within inspiring and stimulating environments. **My work in the arts industry in Melbourne allows me to be surrounded by arts consistently, but I still actively make time to work on my own creative pieces.**”

CURRENT ROLE:
Production Coordinator,
The Australian
Shakespeare Company
Melbourne, Australia

MAJOR:
Theater

HOME REGION:
Wellington, New Zealand

EMPLOYMENT

MEAN ANNUAL BASE SALARY (AED)

Data not adjusted for cost of living differences.
Only includes regions with more than three data points.

243K

Western
Europe

151K

Middle East and
North Africa

225K

North
America

159K

East Asia
and Pacific

CAREER PREPARATION

93%

HELD AT
LEAST ONE
INTERNSHIP

900+

INTERNSHIPS
HELD OVER
FOUR YEARS

30%

PREVIOUSLY
INTERNEED AT
THEIR COMPANY

TOP COUNTRIES

United Arab Emirates

49%

United States

11%

United Kingdom

5%

Egypt

3%

Singapore

2%

Pakistan

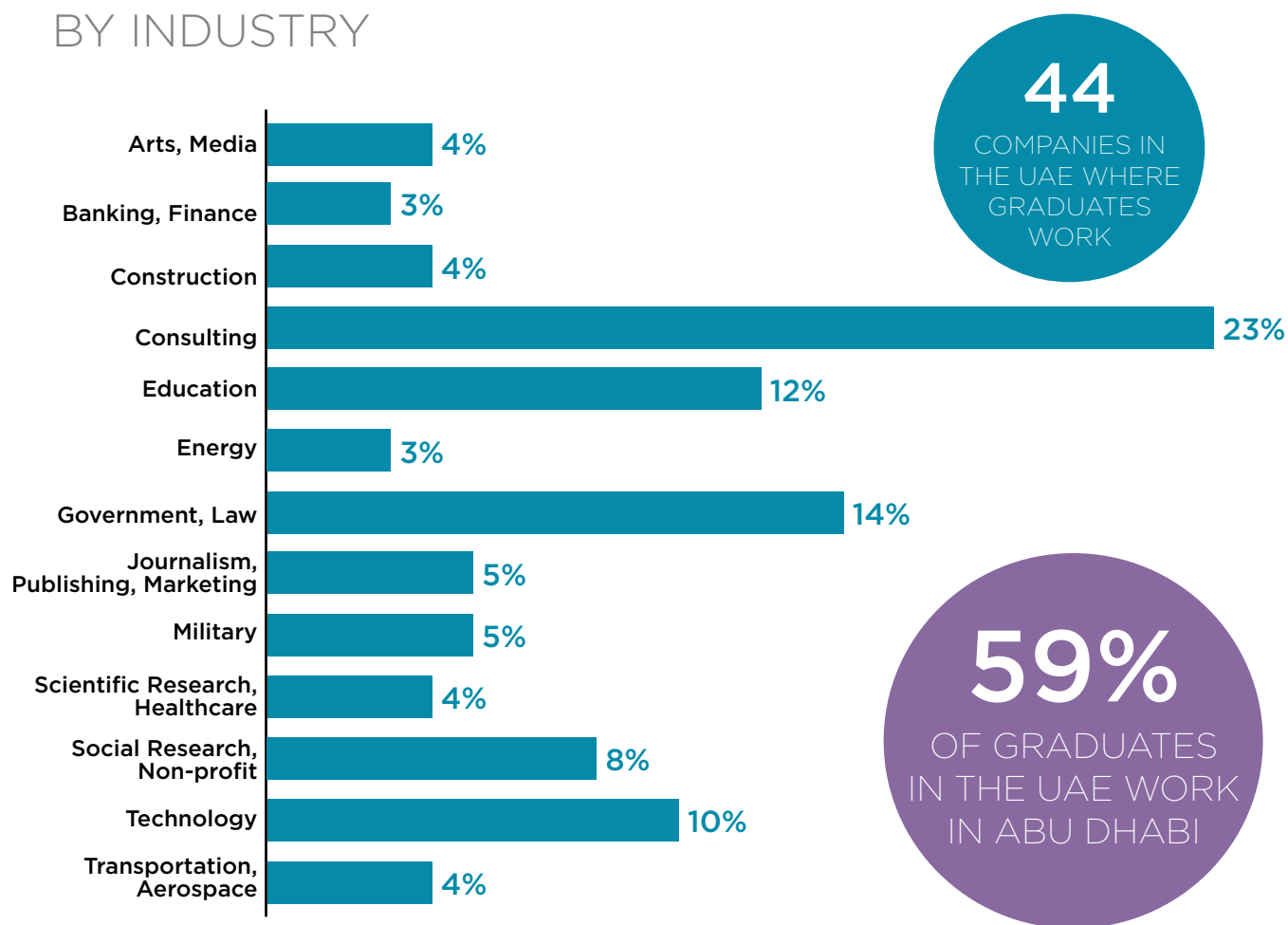
2%

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COUNTRIES
WHERE GRADS
HOLD JOBS

EMPLOYMENT IN THE UAE

BY INDUSTRY



**YUMI
GAMBRILL**

CURRENT ROLE:
Consultant, Booz
Allen Hamilton
Abu Dhabi, UAE

MAJOR:
Chemistry

HOME REGION:
Solon, OH, USA

SELECTED ORGANIZATIONS

- **Abu Dhabi Investment Authority**
Abu Dhabi, UAE
- **Accenture**
Dubai, UAE
- **ADCB**
Abu Dhabi, UAE
- **Al Qasimi Foundation**
Ras Al Khaimah, UAE
- **Alphasights**
Dubai, UAE
- **Alvarez and Marsal**
Dubai, UAE
- **Bayzat**
Dubai, UAE
- **Booz Allen Hamilton**
Abu Dhabi, UAE
- **Central Bank of the UAE**
Abu Dhabi, UAE
- **Emaar**
Dubai, UAE
- **Enerwhere Sustainable Energy**
Abu Dhabi, UAE
- **Etihad Airways**
Abu Dhabi, UAE
- **Gerson Lehrman Group**
Dubai, UAE
- **HPL Yamalova & Plewka DMCC**
Dubai, UAE
- **IBM**
Abu Dhabi, UAE
- **Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation**
Abu Dhabi, UAE
- **Namshi**
Dubai, UAE
- **PwC**
Dubai, UAE
- **Special Olympics World Games**
Abu Dhabi, UAE
- **UAE Department of Health**
Abu Dhabi, UAE

“ While I don’t use hard skills from the chemistry lab in my work at Booz Allen, the scientific method, the process of writing a research proposal, and planning a research project have many similarities to the consulting mindset. **Internships and other on-campus opportunities helped me hone the soft skills that I rely on every day at work.** Interning with the Admissions office taught me how to present myself with confidence. Working with the Student Government Dining Committee, the Office

of the Dean of Students, and the Health Promotion Office taught me how to speak to external stakeholders, solicit and incorporate feedback, and make long-term plans. My research in the Naumov Laboratory, and the time I spent in the Engineering Design Studio taught me independence, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills that are invaluable to my work as a consultant. Now, **my job is about as interdisciplinary as it gets,** and I’m glad that I can pull on the variety of experiences that I had at NYUAD.

MALU
SANCHEZ
GOMEZ



“ I used to think the only way to make a difference in a developing country was through an international organization, a government position, or academia. But through my internships **I realized the private sector also has a huge impact in improving the living standards in developing countries.**”

CURRENT ROLE:
Business Analyst,
Arthur D. Little
Dubai, UAE

MAJOR:
Economics

HOME REGION:
Ica, Peru

GLOBAL AWARDS

CLASS OF 2018

AL GHURAIR SCHOLAR



YOUSTEENA BOCKTOR

CURRENT ROLE:

Al Ghurair STEM Scholar, MEng, Civil Engineering and Applied Mechanics, McGill University
Montreal, Canada

MAJOR: Civil Engineering

HOME REGION: Alexandria, Egypt

FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR



HANNAH TAYLOR

CURRENT ROLE:

Fulbright Research Fellow, Portuguese Institute of International Relations, Universidade NOVA de Lisboa
Lisbon, Portugal

MAJOR: Social Research and Public Policy

HOME REGION: Plymouth, MA, USA

RHODES SCHOLAR



CHAIMAA FADIL

CURRENT ROLE:

MSc in Mathematical Sciences, Global Health Science and Epidemiology, Oxford University
Oxford, United Kingdom

MAJOR:

Biology, Computer Science

HOME REGION:

Casablanca and Kalaat M'Gouna, Morocco



INSPIRE.

Share your story. Reveal career possibilities.
Host a site visit at your organization.



EMPOWER.

Build awareness about your industry and organization. Pass on skills through a workshop or training session. Bridge the gap between academics and the world of work.



CONNECT.

Join our opportunity fairs. Raise your campus profile with a presentation. Engage students at our events or by becoming a mentor.



RECRUIT.

Post an opportunity. Interview on campus.
Hire students for internships and full-time jobs

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