

African Alumni Project

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CANADIAN RESULTS 2016

The **African Alumni Project** is an initiative by seven educational institutions to learn about the career and life trajectories of their African Alumni. This report summarizes the Canadian survey and interview data collected from the following three Canadian partners:

-  McGill University
-  Simon Fraser University
-  University of Toronto

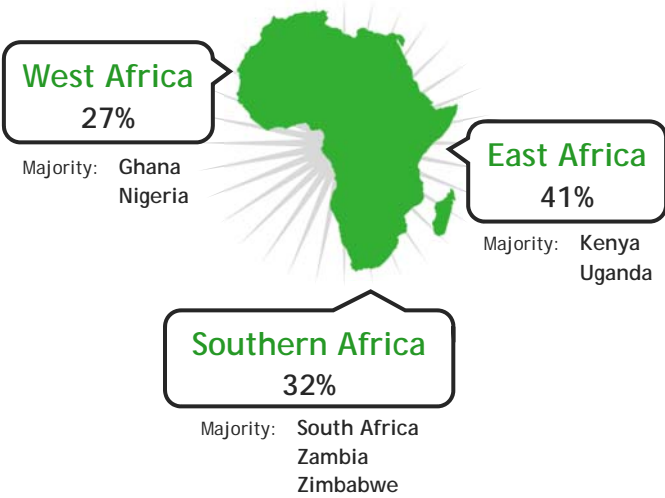


84 alumni completed the online survey

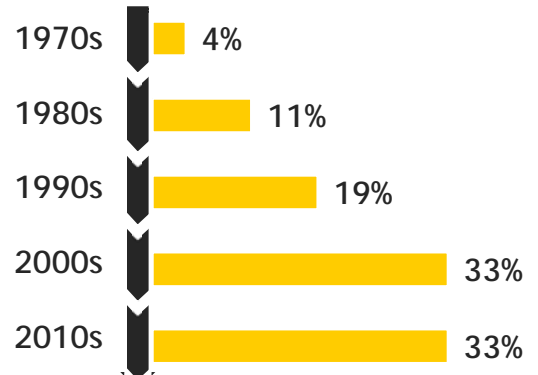
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ALUMNI BACKGROUND

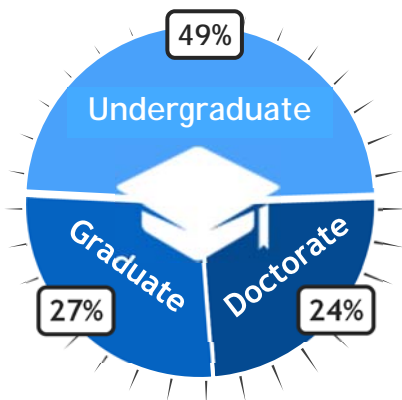
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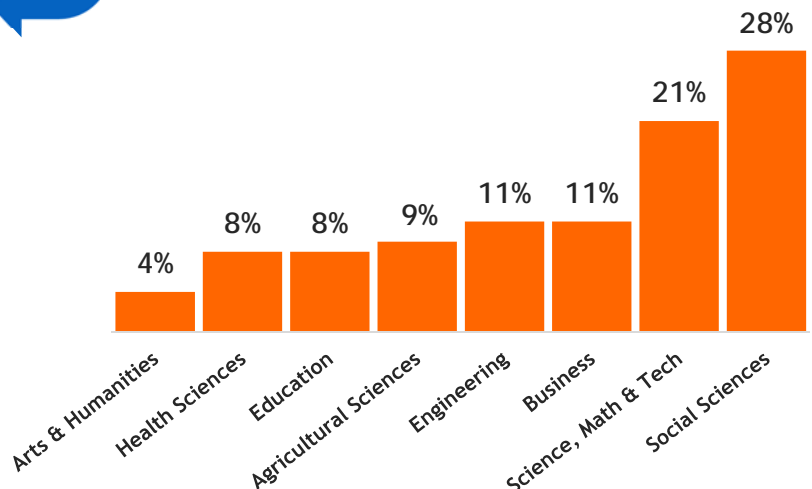
Graduation Year



Highest Completed Degree



Discipline of Study

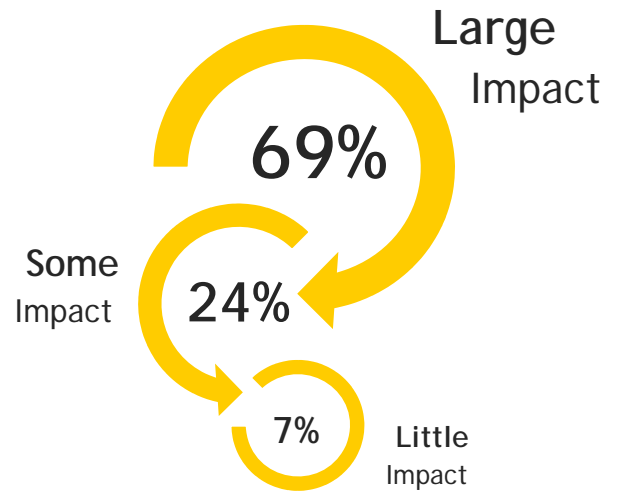


CANADIAN UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE

Motivation to Study in Canada

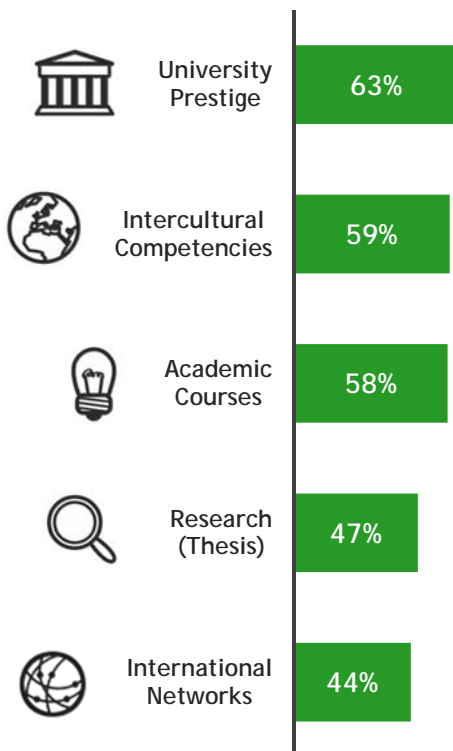


Impact on Current Career

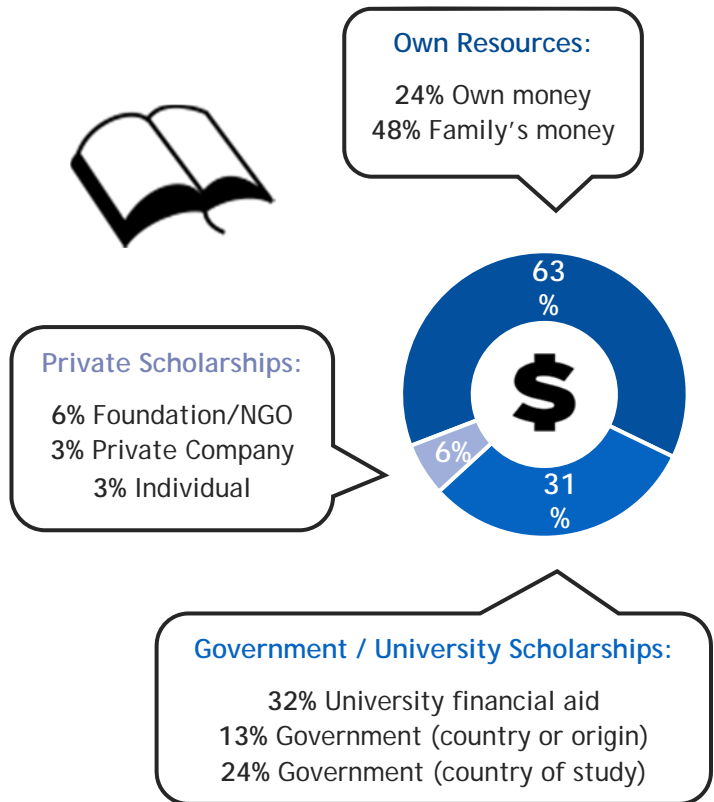


Usefulness of Experiences

Very Often / Often

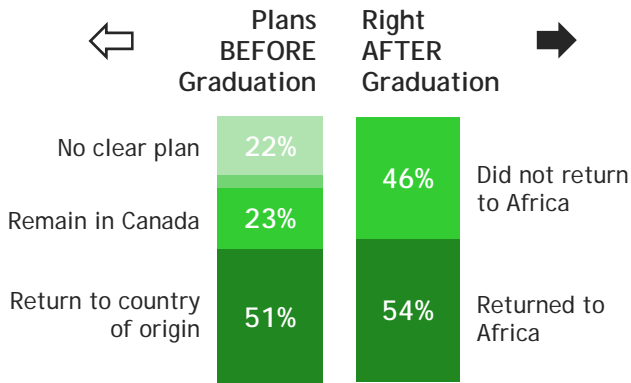


Educational Financing

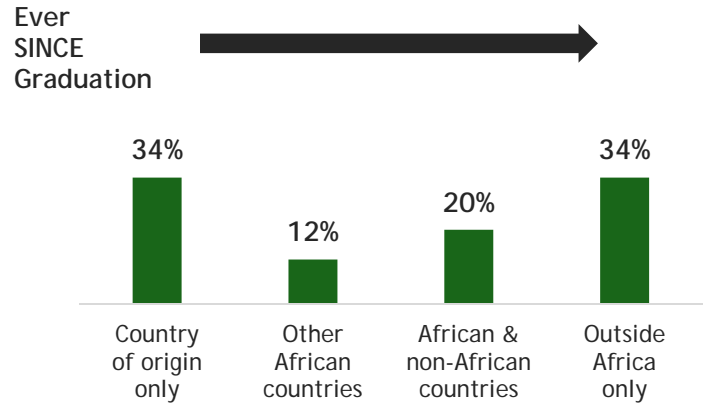


CAREER TRAJECTORY

Immediate Return to Africa

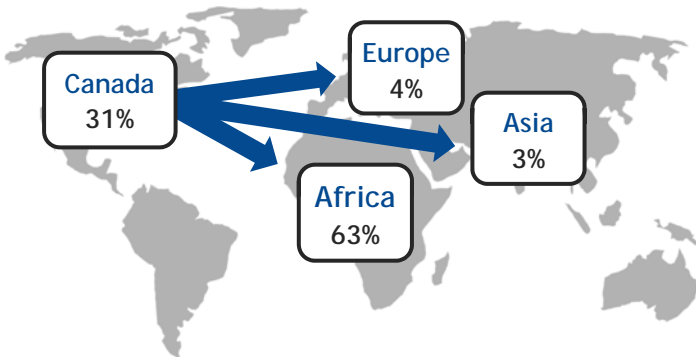


Career Locations over Time

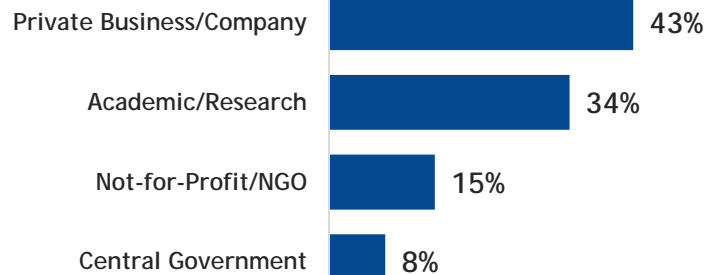


WHERE THEY ARE NOW

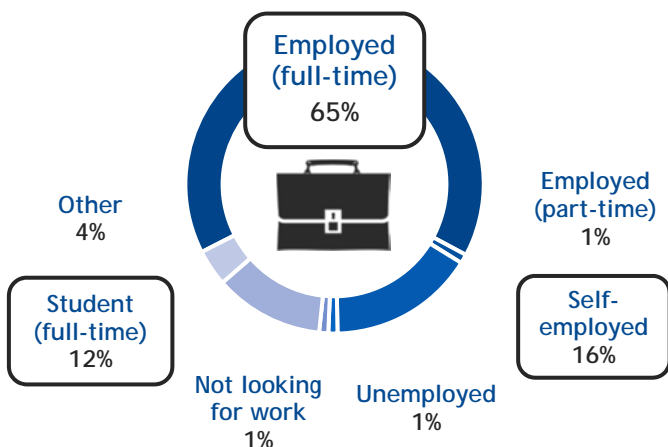
Location



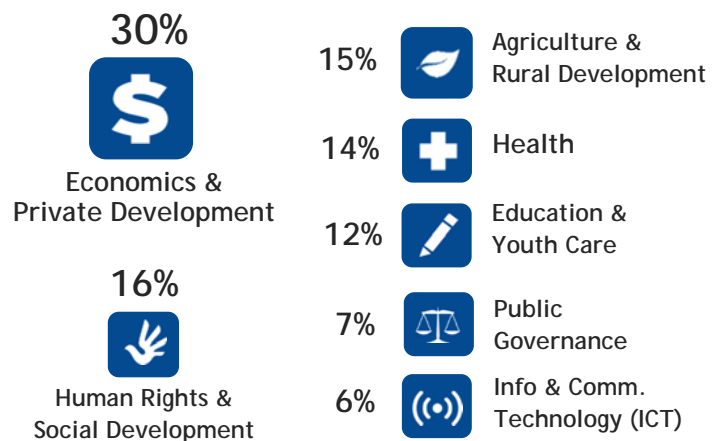
Job Sector



Career



Area of Expertise



ADVICE TO FUTURE STUDENTS

100% of alumni would encourage African students to pursue an international education!

"Open your mind to all the different possibilities.



University is the most memorable time of your life. Not only focusing on the educational aspect but learning about the environment around you is very key to developing as an adult in this world."

GAMBIA

"Coming to a university [in Canada] is an opportunity of a lifetime.



They've come to one of the best universities in the world where they can be equipped with skills and knowledge to realize their potential and discover themselves."

NIGERIA

"Think about Africa so that they can contribute to giving back to the community."



UGANDA

"Train for the whole world."



"Focus on honing your critical thinking skills.

You need to adapt to situations and make yourself useful anywhere."

GHANA

"Basically you are in Canada to gain knowledge.



Come back, use it."

NIGERIA

"Home is home, but you don't have to rush."



GHANA

"Even if they don't go back right away, just being mentors and speaking to people and the schools they have come from."



KENYA

"Entrepreneurship skills, business idea generation skills, knowledge - that is very, very important for the youth that are graduating."



ZIMBABWE

"Make the most of your opportunities in terms of academics, in terms of social life, in terms of opportunities to grow academically, career-wise -

just use everything, everything you can."

TANZANIA

"Africa is growing and that's the new frontier.



Especially the students who are studying today are very lucky that they are in the position to go back to a growing continent...

They need to grab it now or else they'll be behind."

GAMBIA