

OCCUPATION AFTER STUDYING FOREST SCIENCES IN GERMANY

First results for the Faculty for Forestry and Environmental Sciences of the University of Freiburg

Abstract

When job market and working life for graduates of forestry curricula changed over the last years there was also a change of demands of competences from the field of occupation. In this context the Faculty of Forestry and Environmental Sciences of the University of Freiburg together with the Chair for Social Psychology and Research on Higher Education, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich, initiated a graduate survey in order to analyse and evaluate their study experiences of graduates from forest sciences curricula, their search for occupation and during their first occupations.

This analysis aimed at gaining up-to-date information on study programs, study conditions and the transition from university to occupation, on occupational orientation and on the current occupations of graduates of forest sciences curricula.

The first results show, that many of the graduates from the forest sciences curriculum in Freiburg found an occupation in quite short time after graduation, had an occupation at the time of the survey and sometimes already had leading positions. There is also more detailed information on study experiences, on transition of the graduates from studies to occupation and on current occupational situations. This will allow conclusions for the further development of the new curricula in Freiburg to prepare students for the changing job market and for the future fields of occupation.

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