



THE DIVERSE CAREER PATHS OF
EDUCATIONAL STUDIES ALUMNI

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REPORT 1

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Initiative in Numbers: The Diverse Career Paths of EDST Alumni Initiative

What is it?

The Diverse Career Paths of Educational Studies Alumni is a student-led initiative that aimed to support graduate students in UBC's Department of Educational Studies in exploring diverse careers by drawing on alumni's career experiences across sectors, degrees and program areas. During this two-year Initiative, we organized events, created resources, and surveyed EDST alumni from the 1968 to 2020 about where they work and how their learning made a difference to their career.



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Reach and Impact of our Events



305 unique students, alumni, faculty and staff registered for our events



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Event feedback: What did you learn or take away from our event?

I learned a lot from this event. Sincerely wish it could happen regularly (although I know it might be too much to ask for). THANK YOU for holding this event.
—LLED PhD Student

It was great to reminisce about my day at UBC and the truly impactful ways it has had on my career path.
—EDST Alum

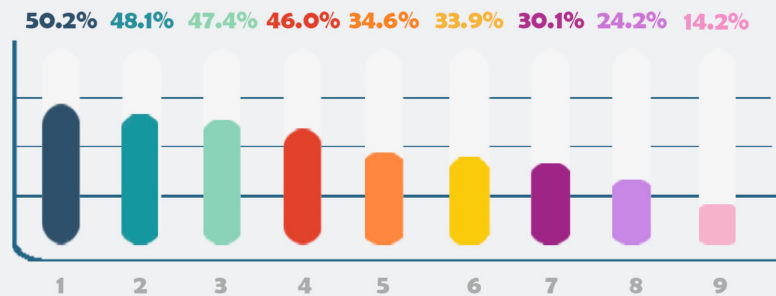
There are indeed others with the same questions I have!
—EDST Alum

Education can open up so many doors. Most importantly for me, it also caused a determination and passion to want to do more, differently, and in the spirit of my people in knowledge transfer and that's OK because that's what places of higher learning fosters - divergent thinking.
—EDST Alum

I love that this helped me start networking confidently with alumni that are in places I aspire to be in.
—BEd Alum



To what extent are EDST alumni interested in being involved with graduate students and their department? (289 participants)



1. Share their bio in an EDST Alumni Profiles section
2. Be informed about different upcoming events and activities
3. Respond to reflective questions about their career
4. Speak in a panel about their career experiences
5. Participate in a short video interview
6. Mentor graduate students in an annual career-related event
7. Join networking events with alumni and graduate students
8. Join a digital networking space with graduate students and alumni
9. Share job shadowing, internship or work placement opportunities



Alumni's suggestions regarding how they'd like to be involved

Social

- Join adult education potlucks
- Participate in synchronous virtual activities (and/or asynchronous activities for alumni residing abroad)

Career

- Coach students seeking career transition
- Organize volunteer experience
- Encourage students to join international civil service

Academic

- Participate as a guest speaker in a course
- Mentoring graduate students in their research
- Read their work and provide feedback
- Host student researchers in a K-12 class
- Speak at an online conference



Seeking Connections

"As much as I am happy to help current students, as an early career professional myself, I would really appreciate if the department or the faculty could connect me with alumni who are senior in their career. I still have a lot to learn and would love to be able to benefit from the department's rich alumni resources."

Involvement with Graduate Students

"I would love to participate in any way."

"I have mentored student teachers and counseled interns. It would be great to be able to support the EDST department in any way needed."