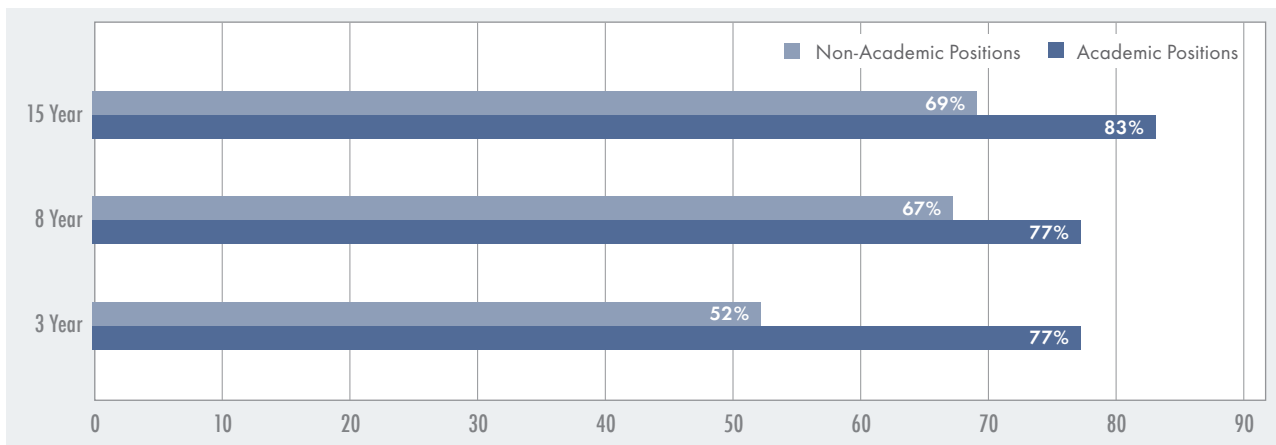


## THE VALUE OF A PH.D. IN THE HUMANITIES

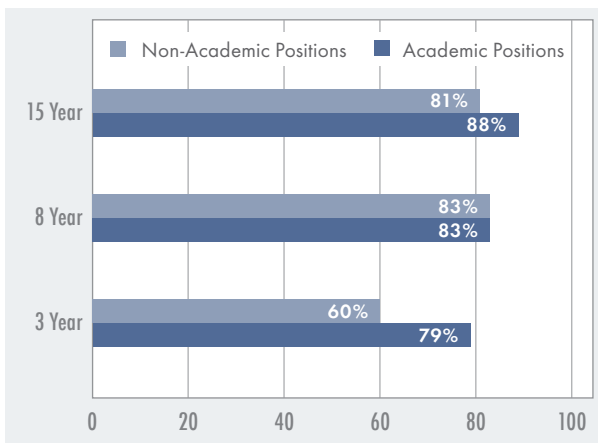
In October 2018, the Council of Graduate Schools reported on the results of its Ph.D. Career Pathways Project Fall 2017 Alumni Survey. The report features data collected from 882 humanities Ph.D.s from 35 institutions. Doctoral degree recipients who were three, eight, or fifteen years post-graduation participated in the survey. Findings indicate that the majority of humanities Ph.D.s working both in academia and in non-academic positions feel their doctoral degrees prepared them for their jobs.

Percentage of Ph.D.s Indicating Their Degree Prepared Them Either Extremely Well or Very Well for Their Current Job

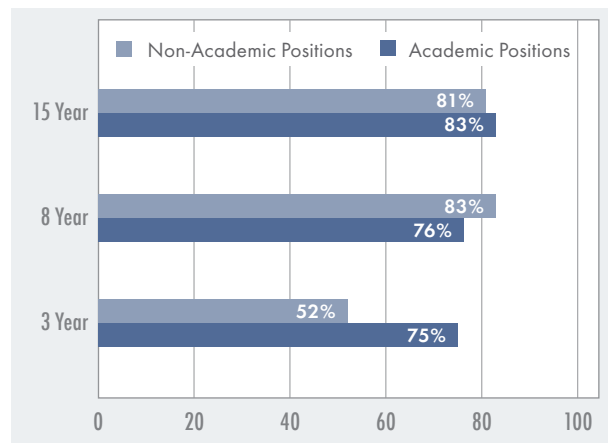


Findings also indicate that graduates would still pursue a Ph.D. if they had to start over, with the majority indicating they either “definitely would” or “probably would.” Further, most humanities Ph.D.s reported that they would be likely to pursue a doctorate in the same field.

Percentage of Ph.D.s Who Would Likely Pursue a Ph.D. in General



Percentage of Ph.D.s Who Would Likely Pursue a Ph.D. in the Same Field



Note: Humanities Ph.D.s who worked in jobs closely or somewhat related to their doctoral degrees were the primary focus of this analysis. Only 60 respondents were employed in unrelated fields.

Source: Council of Graduate Schools, *Closing Gaps in our Knowledge of Ph.D. Career Pathways: How Well Did a Humanities Ph.D. Prepare Them?* (<https://cgsnet.org/sites/default/files/RESEARCH%20BRIEF.pdf>).