Employment Results and Career Resources

MSL students have a unique combination of interdisciplinary knowledge and skills that makes them particularly valuable in a variety of legal, business, academic, and policy settings. Through MSL study, graduates develop strong analytic and reasoning ability, an understanding of and ability to navigate the intersecting worlds of law, business, and STEM, and a well-developed set of practical skills, including negotiations, writing, oral communication, teamwork, and quantitative skills. MSL graduates are well-trained and versatile, and they are creative and strategic problem-solvers, ready to hit the ground running to advance their own and their employers’ professional goals.

Professional Development Resources

The MSL staff includes dedicated career advisors, who provide one-on-one job search guidance to all students. MSL students also benefit from a wide range of career programming, including speaker events, professional development workshops, and panels exploring career options and industries. In addition, MSL students have access to Northwestern University’s job fairs and job listings platform. As members of the Northwestern Law and Northwestern University alumni communities, MSL students and graduates have a built-in network throughout the US and the world.

Professional Outcomes

94% of graduates employed or enrolled in another graduate program*

75% employed

19% enrolled in other graduate programs:

**MEDICINE**
- Georgetown
- Oregon Health Sciences
- Rush
- UCLA
- UIC
- University of Pennsylvania
- UT Southwestern
- University of Wisconsin

**LAW**
- Georgetown
- George Washington
- Loyola Marymount
- Northwestern
- Notre Dame
- Tulane
- University of Washington

**BUSINESS**
- Auburn
- Berkeley
- Duke
- Kellogg
- University of Chicago

**PHD**
- Columbia
- Peking

*Data is from the Classes of 2015-2019. Total graduates included: 240 out of 252. Graduates not seeking employment (2) or for whom no data is available (10) are excluded from the total. Data verified as of August 2020.

"The MSL allowed me to become an interdisciplinary professional. I view problems from different perspectives, which really makes me stand out. I can integrate engineering principles and legal analysis at the same time. Not many engineers have this skill set." — Scott, MSL ’16, Mechanical Engineer, Microsoft

"Having legal knowledge and being able to leverage it effectively allows you to make valuable business decisions in STEM settings. The MSL gave me a unique and multi-faceted education that taught me how to approach problems comprehensively; this approach has given me unique advantage in my career." — Jessica, MSL ’16, Project Manager and Strategist in Global Commercial Transformation, Volvo

"The MSL program equipped me with the skills necessary to transition to a new career in regulatory affairs, and to excel in that career. The skills I learned in the MSL – critical analysis, research, communication, collaboration – and the regulatory knowledge I acquired have set me apart from my peers and accelerated my career." — Victoria, MSL ’17, Director of Regulatory Affairs, Nephron Pharmaceuticals
**Professional Roles Post-Graduation**

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**Most Common Employment Sectors**

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<td>Law Firm, Legal Services, Legal Operations, and Intellectual Property</td>
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**Employers of MSL Graduates**

- Accenture
- Kirkland & Ellis LLP
- Amazon
- BIOMÉRIEUX
- NORTHERN AEROSPACE
- GE Healthcare
- Baxter
- AbbVie
- BlueCross BlueShield
- AbbVie
- Microsoft
- Alibaba Group
- Deloitte Consulting
- Discover Financial Services
- Medtronic
- CITIC Securities
- nephron
- VillageMD

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"Cabot Microelectronics was an early supporter of the MSL program. We hired an MSL graduate, Matt, from the first graduating class. Matt’s broad legal knowledge, technical background, and business acumen have allowed him to excel within our legal department and collaborate on various business transactions. He is a true asset to our company."

—Chief IP Counsel, Cabot Microelectronics

"The Northwestern MSLs have a solid grounding in law, so I don’t have to do much translation for them. Yet, because of their diverse STEM backgrounds, they bring outstanding technical skills to the table, including comfort with data, process, and technology. Indeed, now I know that this composition of talent is the way to get truly remarkable results from your legal team."

—Wendy Rubas, General Counsel, VillageMD