AAG Jobs in Geography Center Jobs Board Report, 2013-2017

The following report provides an analysis of job advertisements posted to the AAG’s online Jobs in Geography Center jobs board, from the time the board went online on January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2017. The report includes a summary of key findings and figures. To download the full dataset on which these findings are based, visit: www.aag.org/cs/disciplinarydata/aagworkforcedata

Key Findings

- The average number of job postings per year over the five year period (2013-2017) was 351. The number of annual postings ranged from a high of 395 (2015) to a low of 317 (2017) (Figure 1).

- September averaged the highest number of job postings for any month (67.4), followed by October (55.6), November (33.6), August (32.6), and December (29.6) (Figures 2 & 3).

- Within the U.S., the Pacific Coast regional division has seen the highest number of job postings since 2013 (320), followed by the Southeast (282), Middle States (207), West Lakes (154), and Great Plains/Rocky Mountains (133) (Figures 4 & 5).
  - California has seen the most job postings of any state since 2013 (182), followed by New York (91), Pennsylvania (80), Florida (65), and Texas (59).

- There were 251 postings for positions outside the U.S. since 2013, comprising 14.3 percent of all postings (Figures 6 & 7).
  - Canada has seen the highest number of postings outside the U.S. since 2013 (103 (101), followed by China (36), Singapore (22), the U.K. (16) and Australia (15).

- Academic jobs accounted for 95 percent of all job postings since 2013. The public sector accounted for 2 percent of all postings, and the private sector, nonprofits, and other jobs each accounted for 1 percent of all postings (Figure 8).
• Assistant/Associate Faculty positions were by far the most frequently posted positions, accounting for over half (54.6 percent) of all job postings. Lecturers (5.3 percent), Faculty/Adjunct Faculty (4.9 percent), Assistant, Associate, or Full Professor (4.1 percent), and Instructor/Assistant Instructor (3.4 percent) were the next most commonly posted positions (Figure 9).

• GIS was the most commonly listed specific area of study, accounting for 14.9 percent of all job postings, followed by Human Geography/Humanities (10.3 percent), “Other” (6.7 percent), Gender Studies (6.6 percent), and Urban Studies (5.4 percent) (Figure 10).

• 75 percent of all jobs listing an education requirement listed Ph.D. as the minimum requirement (Figure 11).

• 74 percent of all job postings were for full-time positions (Figure 12).

**Figures**

![Figure 1. Total Job Postings, 2013-2017](image-url)
Figure 2. Total Job Postings by Month, 2013-2017

Figure 3. Job Postings by Month and Year, 2013-2017
Figure 4. Total Job Postings by AAG Regional Division, 2013 - 2017

- East Lakes: 282
- Great Plains/Rocky Mountains: 100
- International: 154
- Middle Atlantic: 103
- Middle States: 112
- New England/St. Lawrence Valley: 251
- Pacific Coast: 207
- South East: 320
- South West: N/A
- West Lakes: 87
- N/A: 6

Figure 5. Job Postings by State and AAG Regional Division, 2013 - 2017

Source: American Association of Geographers
Figure 6. Total International Job Postings by Country, 2013 - 2017

Figure 7. International Job Postings by Country, 2013 - 2017
Figure 10. Job Postings by Most Commonly Listed Areas of Study, 2013 - 2017

- GIS: 250
- Human Geography/Humanities: 180
- Other: 150
- Gender Studies: 120
- Urban Studies: 100
- Environmental Geography/Sciences: 90
- Physical Geography: 80
- International Studies: 70
- Planning and Public Policy: 60
- Geography: 50
- Development/Geography/Planning: 40

Total Number of Posts

Figure 11. Minimum Education Requirement for Job Postings, 2013 - 2017

- Ph.D.: 75%
- Masters: 10%
- Other/Not Specified: 6%
- All But Dissertation (ABD): 5%
- Bachelors: 4%
- Associates: 10%
- <1%
The full datasets used to compiled this report are available to download from the Disciplinary Data Dashboard:

http://www.aag.org/cs/disciplinarydata/aagworkforcedata