

Engineering, computer science

MSU finds outlook good in some jobs

There are pockets of prosperity in the job outlook for June graduates, according to a nationwide recruiting trends survey done by Michigan State University's Placement Service.

Jack Shingleton, director of Placement Services, says graduates in certain fields, particularly engineering and computer science, will be in high demand, while the demand has leveled off or in some cases fallen off in some nontechnical fields.

"What we're finding are pockets of high demand," says Shingleton. "In some areas of engineering and computer science, for instance, there will be more jobs to fill than there will be graduates to fill them."

Patrick Scheetz, assistant director of Placement Services, says the same is true in other fields.

"In education, for instance, there is great demand for science and math teachers, while many elementary teachers cannot find jobs."

OVERALL, the placement officials say they expect the demand for graduates to be about the same as last year, when 87 percent of the graduates found

work within three months of graduation.

Their survey of 428 businesses, industries, government agencies and educational institutions nationwide also showed that salary offers to new graduates would be up about 3.2 percent more than offers to June 1981 graduates.

The highest starting salaries will be paid to chemical, electrical and mechanical engineers, who will earn an average of more than \$22,000 per year. Next highest salaries will be paid to metallurgical engineers (\$21,137), civil engineers (\$20,915), computer science majors (\$19,763), and petroleum engineers (\$19,735).

The lowest starting salary offers are expected for social science majors (\$14,112), human ecology graduates (\$14,579), educational graduates (\$15,114), hotel and restaurant graduates (\$15,156) and communications majors (\$15,514).

Master's degree candidates are expected to receive about \$23,203 as a starting salary, and doctoral degree graduates are expected to be paid \$27,375.

The survey, the 11th annual done by

Placement Services, shows that the greatest changes are expected for recruitment of minority college graduates, where an increase of 3-4 percent is expected. But the demand for female graduates will remain the same as last year.

THIS YEAR's survey also showed that geographical location is an important factor. The Sunbelt continues to be a growth area, and the Midwest is providing fewer opportunities.

On college campuses across the country, placement officials will see an increase in the demand for computer science graduates, up 3-4 percent over last year. Recruiters will also be seeking out more engineers, marketing sales graduates, hotel and restaurant graduates, and business graduates of all types.

But this will be a slow recruiting season for education, social sciences and liberal arts graduates, according to the survey.

Teens invited to France

The North Atlantic Cultural Exchange League (NACEL) is inviting Michigan teen-agers to participate in its French Homestay Program for four weeks this July.

For 15 years NACEL, a non-profit organization, has placed French students in American homes for a month during the summer. The French Homestay Program was conceived as a reciprocal program for teen-agers from American families who had previously hosted a French student.

The French Homestay Program has been expanded this year, so that the opportunity can be offered to other teen-agers throughout the state. The Michigan participants will be part of a group of 1,000 from all over the country.

Cost of the program is \$220. Except for pocket money and the round-trip

travel between Michigan and Hartford, Conn. (the point of departure), fee covers everything for the month including transportation, insurance and chaperones.

Participants should have studied at least two years of French and should be interested in speaking the language. They are asked to learn to live French style while becoming part of the host family.

The trip this year will be July 3-31. NACEL will also be placing 125 French teen-agers in Michigan homes this July. Applications for both programs are now being accepted.

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