Social Work, Ph.D.

Career Advancement

According to the National Association of Social Workers, there is no better time to consider furthering one's education and obtaining a doctorate. Increasingly, there are more openings for social work faculty than there are graduates of Ph.D. programs. To learn more about the academic job market, see the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) career center. The CSWE posts jobs year round, although most new ads for teaching and research positions are posted between August and November.

Graduates become leaders in education, research, and government. All of the Ph.D. graduates from the University of Iowa's School of Social Work program have obtained employment within one year of graduation. Of these, about 75 percent of graduates obtain teaching or research positions, and about 25 percent obtain policy, administrative, or practice positions.

To learn more about some of the recent graduates' careers, visit the School of Social Work website.