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Source: Do you really need a degree? Recruitment Grapevine

While many see university studies as way to boost their future salaries, a new study shows that most recruiters would opt-out of getting a degree.

50.8% of professional recruiters would not to go to university if they had the choice again, according to a new survey. CV-Library surveyed over 700 recruiting experts. The results show that most of them don't think a degree is important to get the job done.

84.1% of recruitment professionals think that having a degree is not essential to land them a job. In fact, 47.2% believe that degrees will matter even less in the future. 33.6% believe that degrees will remain as important as they are today. Only 19.2% thinks that going to university will become more important in the future.

Lee Biggins is the Founder and Managing Director at CV-Library. He says: "In today's competitive job market, it's unsurprising to see that recruiters have a split opinion on the value of a degree.

"There has been lots in the media recently regarding the importance of work experience and this highlights that. Degrees can be a valuable tool to jobhunters, but it's equally important for candidates to ensure they have a strong balance of work experience and qualifications if they want to be successful in their job search."

However, the study also shows that most (90.6%) recruiters believe that the best candidates are those who have both a degree and work experience.

The news comes just weeks after another survey showed that the majority of graduates work in jobs that do not require a degree. Accenture Strategy's its Graduate Employment Survey took responses from 1,000 students who graduated this year and another 1,000 who graduated in 2013 and 2014. It shows that while recent graduates feel confident about joining the labour market, the majority of their seniors have not managed to find a job that required a degree.

Two thirds (67%) of this year's graduates expect to find work in their chosen field yet only 55% of the 2013/2014 group had managed to do so.

And of those who had found work, 60% said that they were underemployed or working at a job that doesn't require a degree.

72% of this year's graduates believe that they will find full-time work yet just 58% of their seniors have managed to do so.

At the same time, more graduates from this year have prepared themselves for the labour market.

71% of this year's graduates have participated in an internship or apprenticeship during their time at university compared to 65% for the people who graduated in 2013 and 2014.

Payal Vasudeva is a Managing Director at Accenture Strategy. She said: "This year's graduates are highly resourceful in making themselves relevant to employers. They expect good work opportunities and employer provided training, but many remain underemployed and dissatisfied with their work situation. As a result, a large number aim to return to university or college to position themselves for better jobs."