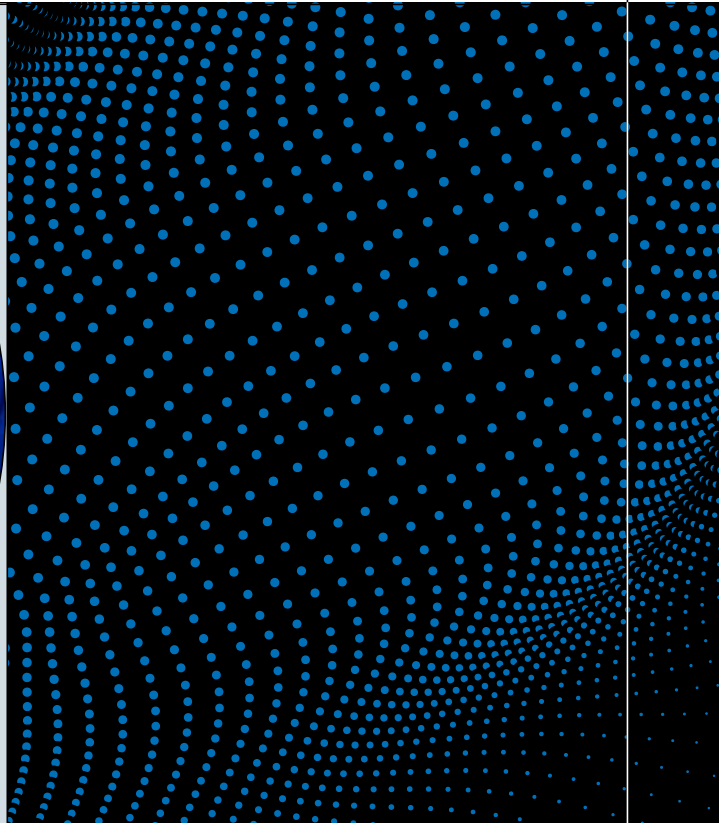


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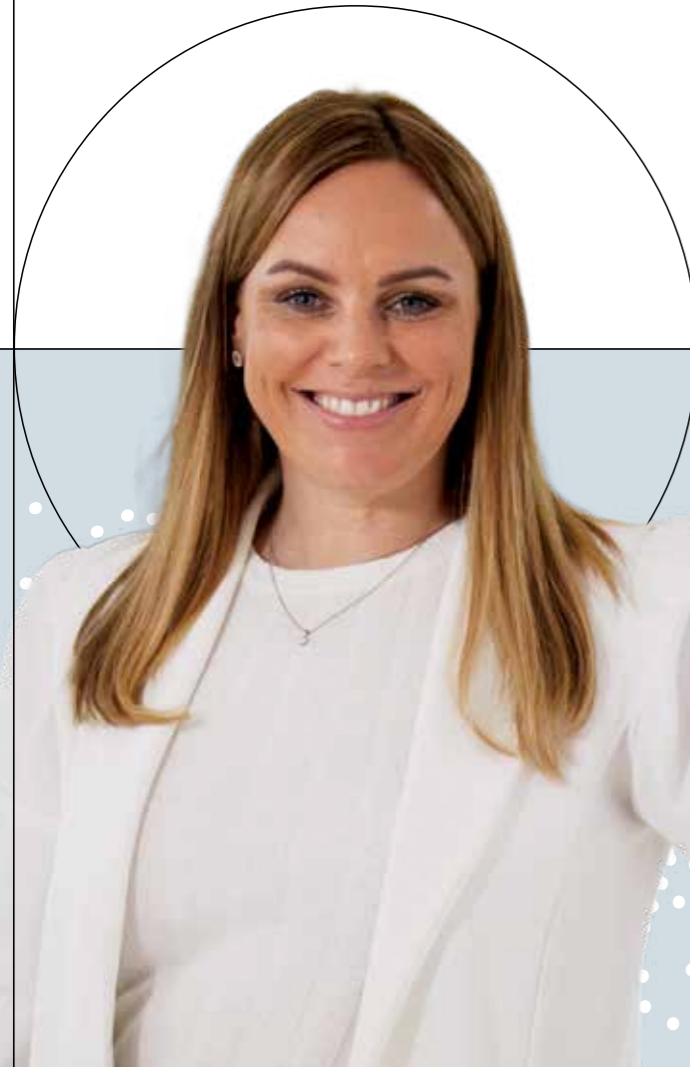
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Head of Career Services & Internships team



Moving science and society forward with the power of AI, MBZUAI is the world's only graduate research university dedicated to artificial intelligence (AI).

Imaginative yet practical, MBZUAI graduates leave ready and prepared to investigate what AI can offer, a select community of thinkers, problem solvers, and doers whose solutions deploy the transformative power of AI.

Established by the UAE Government, we exist to accelerate its ambitious vision for AI from our campus in Abu Dhabi, a technological powerhouse where every component, from the lab to the library, is designed to spark curiosity and inspire disruptive ideas.

MBZUAI is ranked 10th globally across the combination of AI, computational biology, computer science, computer vision, machine learning, natural language processing, and robotics, according to the latest CS Rankings.

We are delighted to present the MBZUAI 2024 Employment Report, showcasing the career outcomes of our graduates from the June 2024 cohort, comprising a total of x 101 talented individuals.

Our AI graduates have successfully secured positions, PhD and Postdoc opportunities, across a diverse range of industries including Academia, Data &

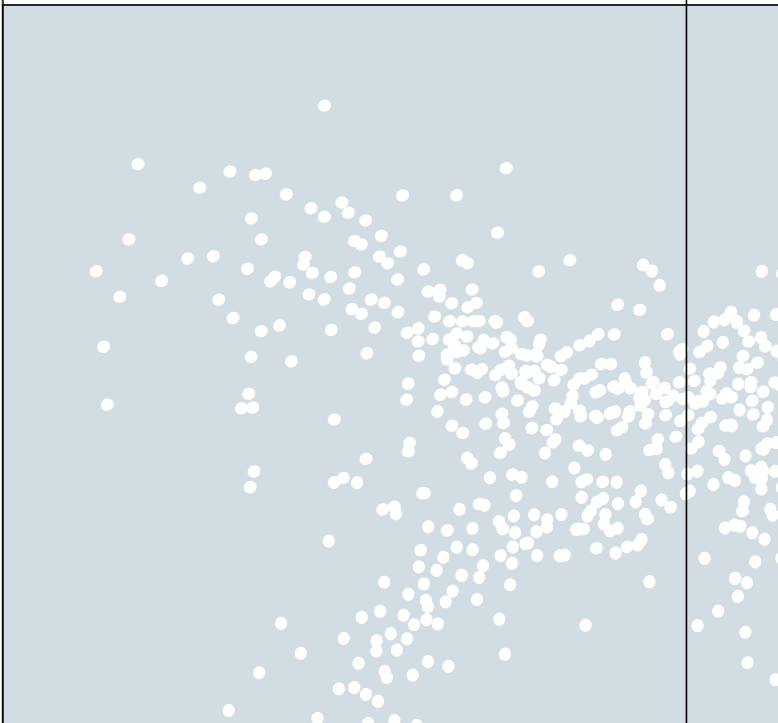
Technology, Defense, Education, Finance, Healthcare, Oil & Gas, Research, and other key sectors. This is reflective of the main UAE economic sectors seeking talent with AI qualifications, driving demand for AI talent across diverse industries and domains. Top job titles reflected in this report, also reflect the main AI job categories by UAE employers seeking AI talent, including Data Scientists and Analysts, AI Engineers, and Machine Learning Engineers.

Our AI talent has made its mark across government entities, prominent industry partners, and startups, with the majority opting to remain in the UAE, with others achieving global success.

To our esteemed industry partners, we look forward to our continued collaboration and growth.

Kind Regards,
Emma Blakemore
Head of Career Services & Internships team

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- Established in 2020
- Public, graduate research university
- Dedicated to advancing AI Research



We give our researchers and students unparalleled access to the resources and tools that will enable them to shape a future where ethical innovation and technology serves the common good. And like the great scientific revolutions before us, we are helping write the story of what comes next.

Vision, Mission, and Objectives – In a Nutshell

Cohort 3 Graduates, June 2024

Vision



Paradise for transformative research

Mission



Hub for start-up eco-system and high-tech innovation in MENA

Objectives



Cradle for best CS scientists and engineers



Abdalla AlJasmi
SAP



Adham Ibrahim
Kintsugi LLC



Ahmad Hammoudeh
PhD, MBZUAI



Ahmed Aboeitta
SCAD



Ahmed Albreiki
Target Engineering Construction Company, then PhD, Khalifa University



Ahmed Almansoori
Ministry of Defense Court



Ahmed Alwheibi
Halcon



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Aisha Alraeesi
Limb



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Amirbek Djanibekov
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Cohort 3 Graduates, June 2024



Baketah Khalid Alrashdi
ADNOC



Baliah Sanoojan
MBZUAI, Research Engineer



Bhuvnesh Kumar
Hoi - Your Travel Companion



Chong Tian
PhD, MBZUAI



Chulu Xiang
Zhejiang Changtang Network Co.



Hosam Elgendy
MBZUAI, Research Engineer



Ibraheem Hamdi
Undisclosed



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Johns Hopkins



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PhD, MBZUAI



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PhD, Central England NERC Training Alliance



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AI Engineering Lab - Institut du Cerveau



Leena Bin Kuwair
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Hamza Alobeidli
TII



Hanlue Zhang
MBZUAI, Research Engineer, prior to PhD, MBZUAI



Hawau Olamide Toyin
PhD, MBZUAI



Hilal AlQuabe_h
MBZUAI, PostDoc



Hour Mohamed
Sharjah Digital Department



Mario Cantero
IDS, Walmart



Maryam Al Ali
Confidential



Mehaboobathunnisa Sahul Hameed
Mohamed bin Rashid University of Medicine and Health



Mohamed Alzarooni
Atkins Realis



Mohammad Amaan Sayeed
Inception



Cohort 3 Graduates, June 2024



Mohammad Gani
MBZUAI, Research Engineer



Mohammad Talha Alam
MBZUAI Research Engineer, then MBZUAI, PhD



Mohammed Azz
PhD, Khalifa University



Mohammed El-Amine
Researcher, Technical University of Munich



Mohammed Fazil Imam
MBZUAI Research Engineer



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Rufael Hussein
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Muhammad Huzaifa
PhD, University of Tubingen



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Noor Hussein
PhD, Michigan State University



Nouf Alshamsi
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Sara Abedalmon_em Mohammad Shatnawi
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MBZUAI, Research Engineer



Shamma Alsaedi
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Raza Imam
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Xun Li
Chichen Tech



Yanlin Wu
Gap Year



Cohort 3 Graduates, June 2024

Where Cohort 3 Graduates accessed Internship Opportunities:



Yichen Huang

Carnegie Mellon University



Yifan Shen

PhD, MBZUAI



Yixuan Chen

MBZUAI, Research Engineer



Youssef Sharaf

PhD, MBZUAI



Yulang Fei

PhD, Undisclosed in Canada



Zain Mujahid

PhD, University of Copenhagen



Zhenhui Lin

MBZUAI, Research Engineer

Imane Hilal

Undisclosed

Yufei Zhang

Zhejiang Chang Tang Network Co.

Aliyu Bagudu

MBZUAI, Research Engineer

Farah Alharthi

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PhD, University of Utah

Sana Kurungadan

PhD, Khalifa University

Liang Li

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Xingyu Qu

PhD, MBZUAI

Yunxiang Li

PhD, University of British Columbia

Zeyuan Yin

PhD, Michigan State University

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Ministry of Defence Court

Haifa Altllili

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Majed Alsuwaidi

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Abu Dhabi Ports
ADNOC
Archireef
Cleveland Clinic
CPX
CyberAgent AI Lab
DHL
Digital Authority Ajman
Dubai Police
Emotech
Emirates Nuclear Energy Co-operation
Etihad Airways
Federal Competitiveness And Statistics Centre
Forty Guard
Fujairah Research Centre
G42
Halcon Systems
Hippo Video
Huawei
IBT
IIAI
iControl Smart Technology Company
Insilico Medicine
John Hopkins University

Kaust
Labib AI
Lockheed Martin
MBZUAI
MBZUAI - Metaverse Centre
Ministry of Defense Court
Nawah
Neuro-Engineering Lab (Hanein Lab)
Tel Aviv University
Oxford University
Prince Sultan University
Prognica Lab
Rigr AI
Sorbonne University
Statistics Centre Abu Dhabi
Sun Yat-sen University
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UAEU
University of British Columbia
Vortexa
Yalla Group
YOURIKA
Zhejiang University

MBZUAI Cohort 3 Graduate Destination Summary:

Employer Highlights for Cohort 3
 64 talented individuals, from an overall cohort of 101 graduates, entered industry both in the United Arab Emirates and on a global scale including opportunities in China, France, Germany, India, Jordan, Mexico and the United States. Sectors included Academia, Data & Technology, Defense, Education, Finance, Healthcare, Oil & Gas and Research. Top job titles included AI Engineer, Research Associate, Data Analyst, Data Science and ML Engineer.

MBZUAI Cohort 3 Graduate Destination Summary: Employer Highlights for Cohort 3

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 Abu Dhabi Executive Office
 ADNOC
 American University of Madaba
 Atkins Realis
 Chichen Tech
 Carnegie Mellon University
 Core 42/Inception
 Halcon
 Hoi – Your Travel Companion
 IDS, Walmart
 Insilico Medicine
 Institut du Cerveau
 Office of Deputy Ruler of Abu Dhabi
 Kintsugi LLS

M42 Health
 Mohamed bin Rashid University of Medicine and Health
 NMDC Group
 Rigr AI
 SAP
 SCAD
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 7X
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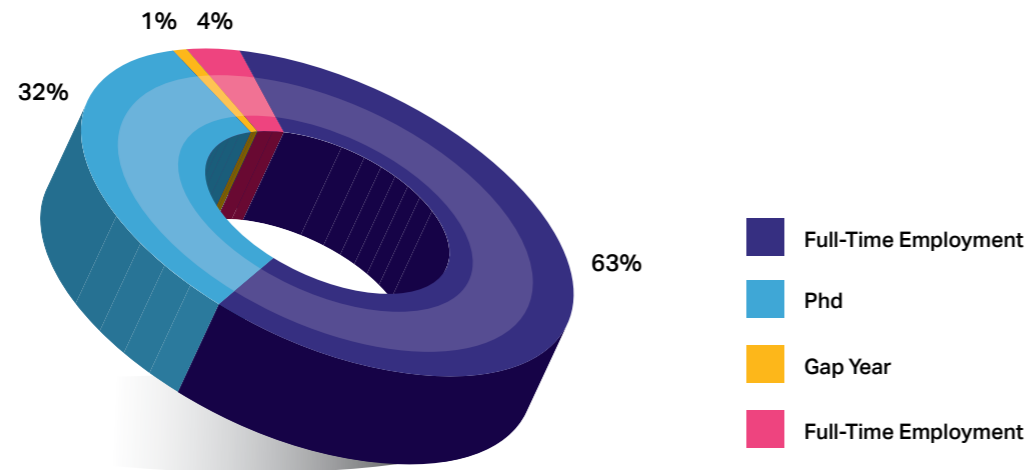


MBZUAI Cohort 3 Graduate Destination Summary:

Outcome	Expats	UAE Nationals	Total
Full-Time Employment*	43	21	64
PhD	30	2	32
Gap Year	1		1
Pending Update	3	1	4
TOTAL	77	24	101

* Data as per the first positive outcome within x 12 months of graduation

Summary of Overall Outcomes for Cohort 3



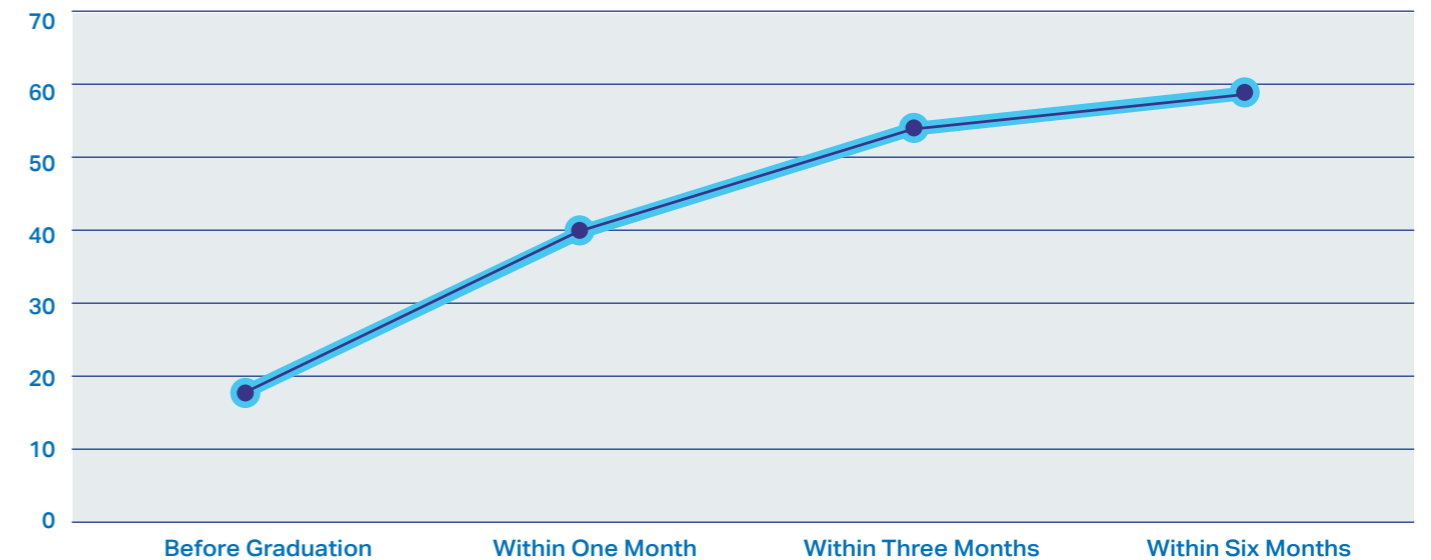
MBZUAI Cohort 3 Graduate Destination Summary

Location of employment destination

	Expats	UAE Nationals	Total
International posting	9		9
UAE based	34	21	55
TOTAL	43	21	64

Timeline for receiving employment offer

30% of Cohort 3 graduates gained an employment offer prior to graduation, with 67% receiving an offer within one month, 90% receiving an offer within three months and 98% within six months of completing their studies and research.



MBZUAI Cohort 3 Graduate Destination Summary: PhD Outcomes

MBZUAI Cohort 3 Graduate Destination Summary: PhD Outcomes

Outcome	Expats	UAE Nationals	Total
MBZUAI	14	2	16
International Institutes	15		15
Undisclosed	1		1
TOTAL	30	2	32

Name of University

MBZUAI	The University of British Columbia
Khalifa University	The University of Edinburgh
The Australian National University	Universitat Potsdam
Johns Hopkins University	The University of Utah
Michigan State University	Central England NERC Training Alliance
Tubingen University	



MBZUAI Cohort 3 Graduate Destination Summary

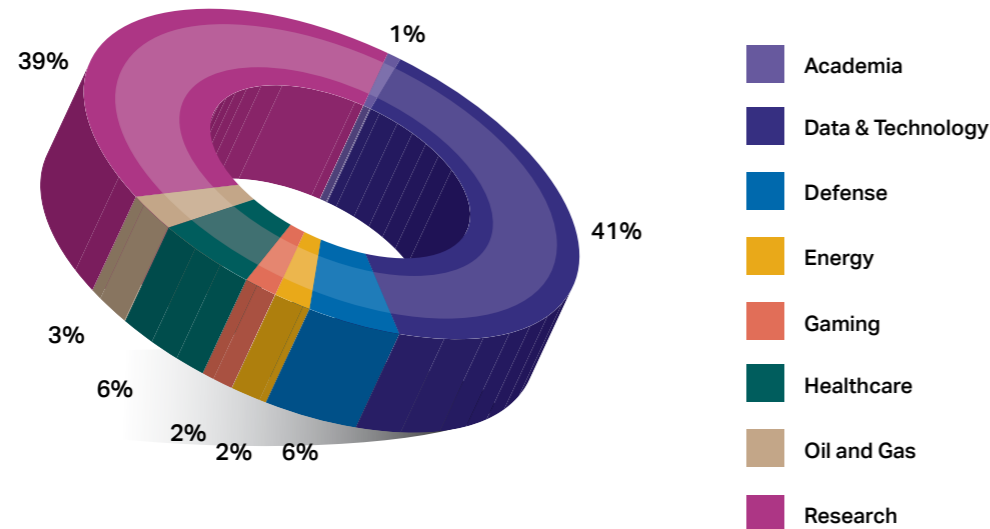
MBZUAI Cohort 3 Graduate Destination Summary: Cohort 3 Graduates

Cohort 3 Graduates – Salary and Sector

Student and Salary Type	Amount Per Month
Salary Indicator for Graduates, Returning to Employer	45'000 AED
Average MSc in first graduate outcome salary (excluding MBZUAI RAs)	26'000 AED*

* From salary data currently available

Top Graduate Sectors



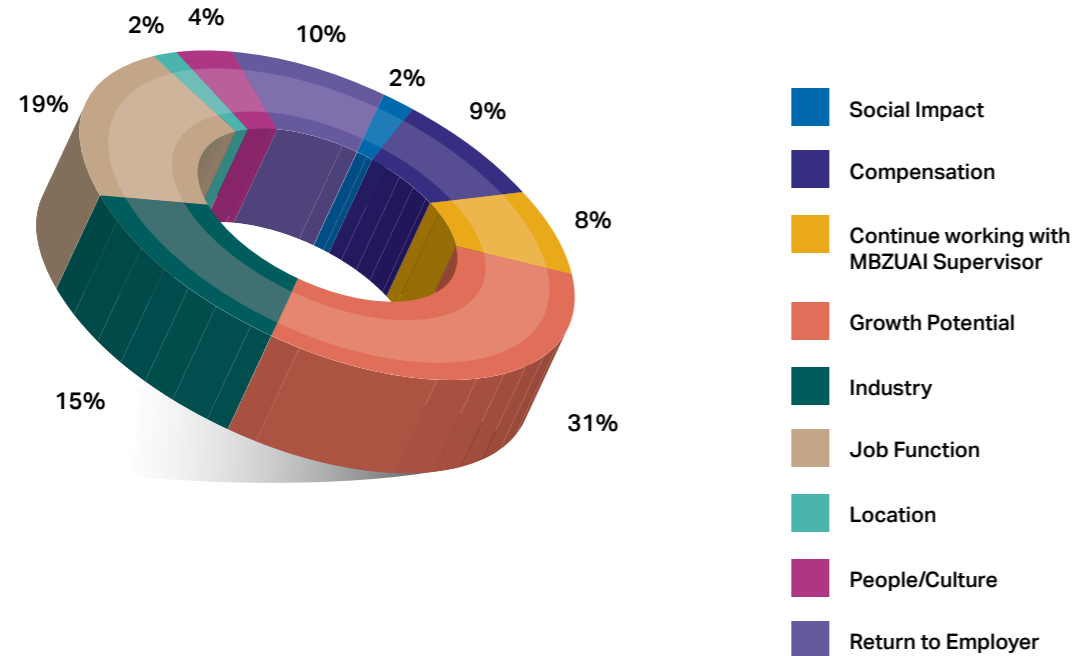
Students identified growth potential as the top reason for accepting an employment offer, followed by job function and industry. Returning to their employer, compensation and continuing working with their MBZUAI Supervisor were also other top factors.

Graduates returning to their employer were on study leave, where part of the contractual requirement was then to implement their AI knowledge and skills within their organization.

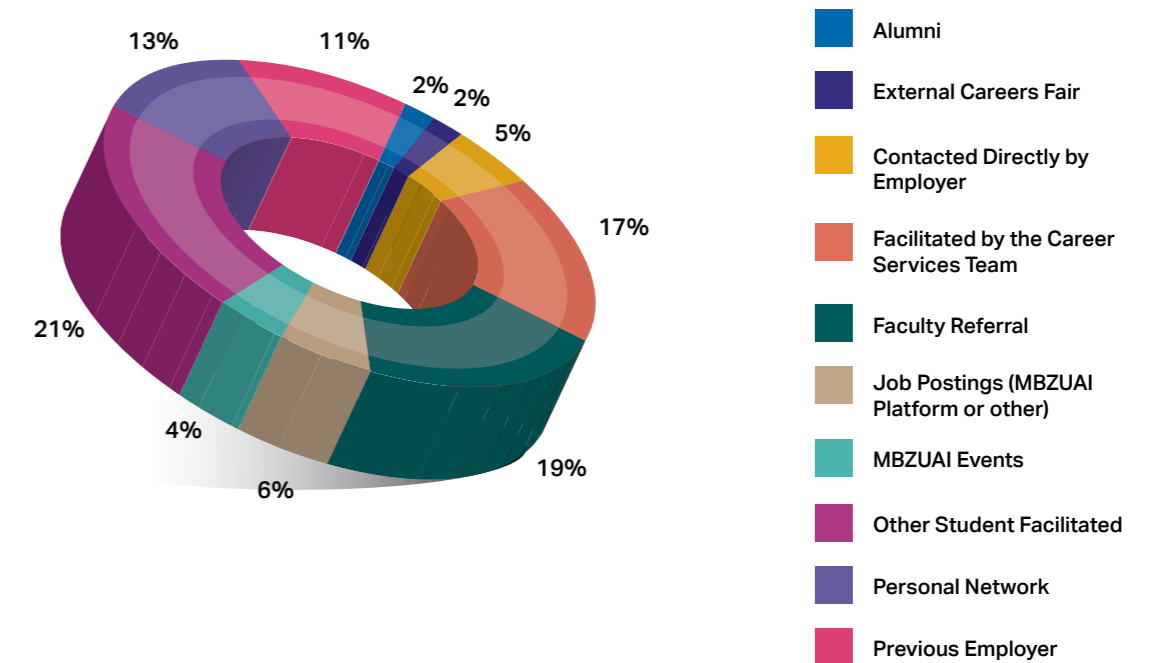
In terms of how the graduate found the opportunity, 21% were student facilitated, which correlates to students being successful in obtaining Research Associate positions. Other key routes for gaining employment included faculty referral, facilitated by the Career Services & Internships team, personal network and (has highlighted previously), returning to their previous employer.

MBZUAI Cohort 3 Graduate Destination Summary: Cohort 3 Graduates

Top reason for accepting offer



How the Opportunity was Sourced



Interested to connect with our talented AI, Robotics and Computer Science students for internship opportunities, have access to a pipeline of AI talent for recruitment opportunities or take part in a range of industry partner engagement initiatives at MBZUAI?

Please reach out to the MBZUAI Career Services and Internships team:

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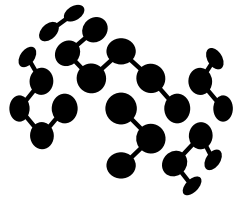
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