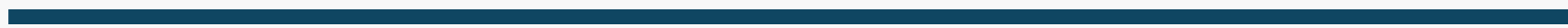
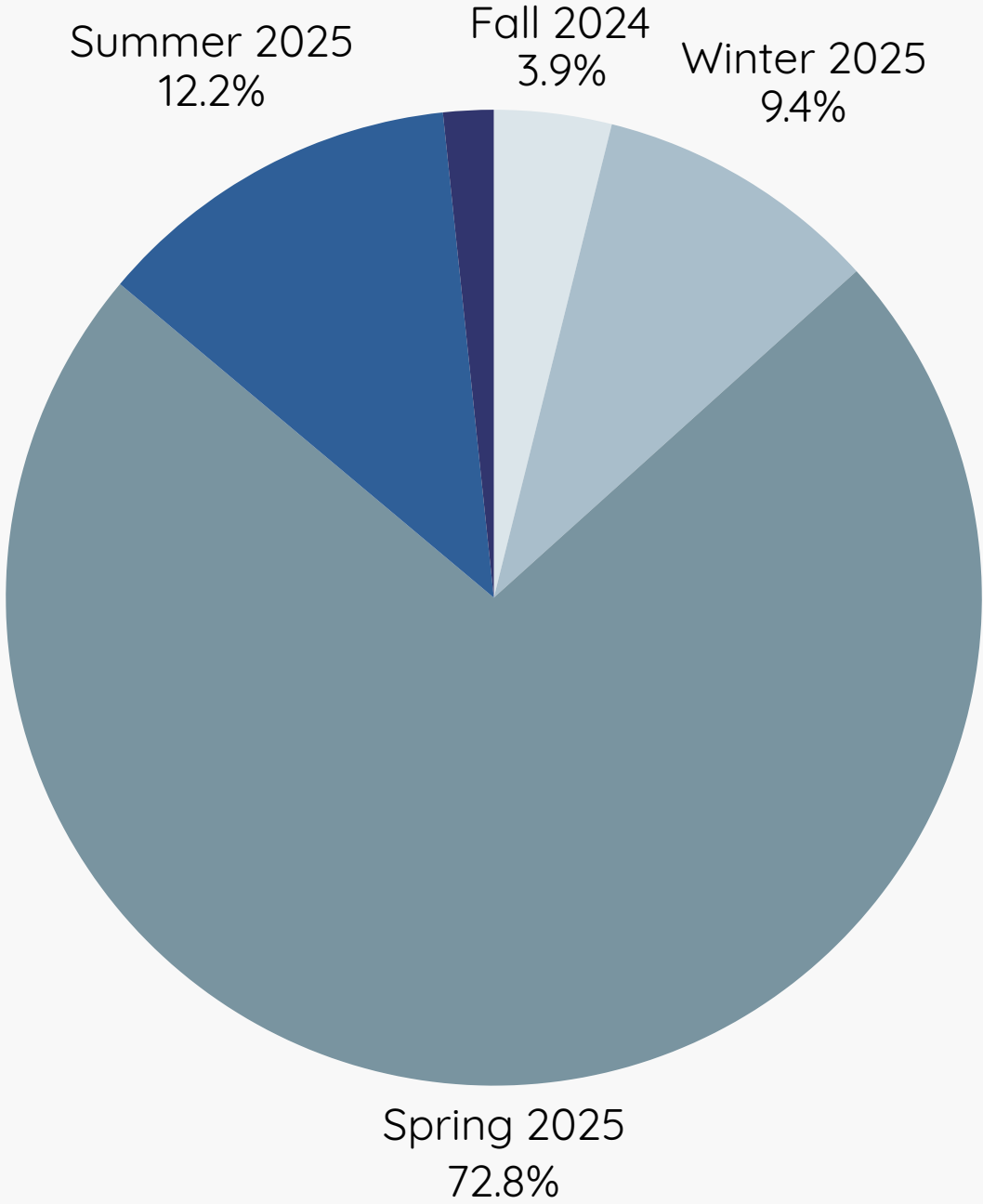


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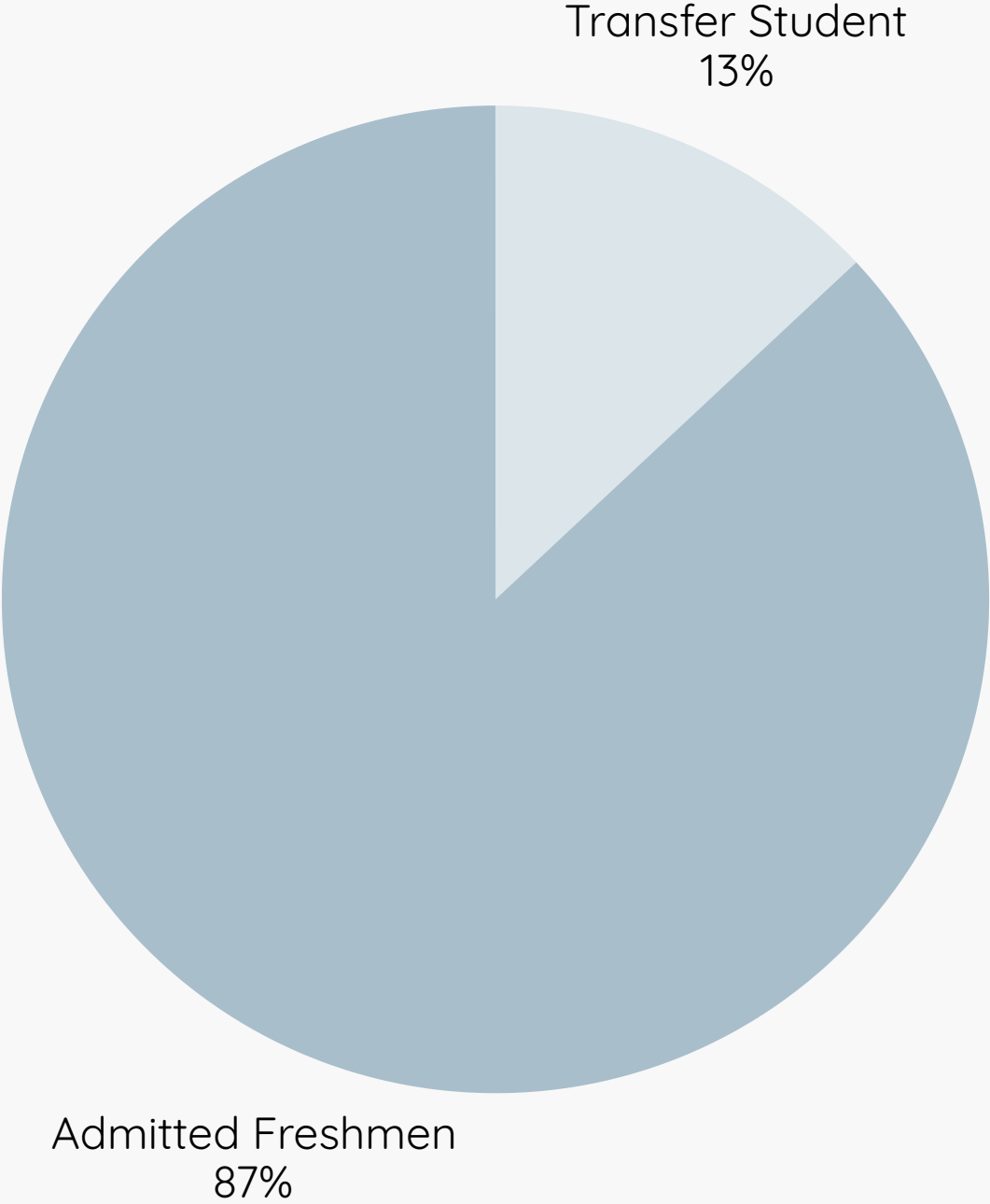
# *2025 Exit Survey*



# *207 Graduating Seniors Sampled*



Degree Completion Term



Admitted Freshmen  
87%

# *Why did you major or minor in neuroscience?*



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“I’ve always been fascinated with how the brain works and what factors play into shaping cognition, memory, decision-making, and behavior. Neuroscience is an interdisciplinary field that allowed me to explore my fascination with psychology while still engaging with its scientific and biological foundations -- something I’ve always appreciated and been curious about. “

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# *Why did you major or minor in neuroscience?*



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“I knew I wanted to pursue a science-related field, but I wasn’t drawn to the idea of a general biology major. Neuroscience initially seemed daunting, but I was intrigued by the complexity of the brain and how it shapes everything from behavior to memory. I chose Neuroscience because I wanted to challenge myself and specialize in a subject I was genuinely passionate and curious about.”

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# *Why did you major or minor in neuroscience?*



“I care deeply about mental health research and wanted to learn about the brain and tools that can be used to understand the biological manifestations and causes of psychiatric illnesses.”



# *Why did you major or minor in neuroscience?*



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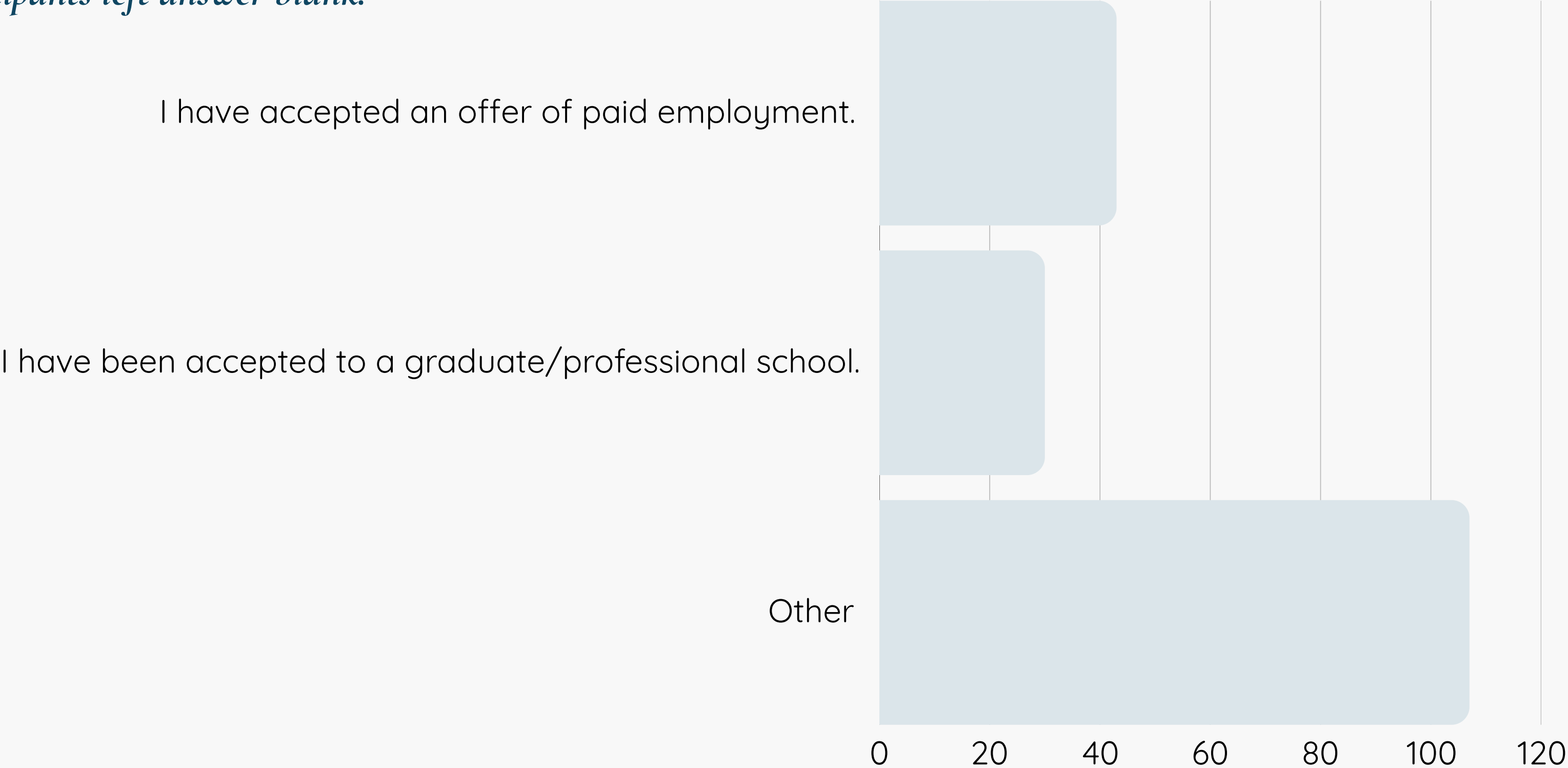
“Since my grandfather’s Alzheimer’s Dementia diagnosis when I was in middle school, I have been fascinated with understanding the inner workings of the human brain and how different disease pathologies affect the brain. As an avid sports enthusiast, I have also been interested to learn about how concussions, repeated head trauma, and CTE can affect the brains of athletes. Therefore, in line with my career aspirations of becoming a physician, I decided to major in neuroscience at UCLA and learn more about the neural mechanisms of behavior, structure, and function.”

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# Post Grad Plans

*Some participants left answer blank.*



# *Post Grad Plans (Other)*

**53 students explicitly mention that they are applying to medical school.**

In answering this question, these students included clear phrases like:

“applying to medical school”

“working on my application”

“this cycle” or specific application years like “2026”  
or closely related variations.



# *Post Grad Plans (Other)*

## **7 Students mention Travel**

- Mentions of study abroad
- Plans to teach english
- Plans to travel for personal reasons.

## **43 students mention research**

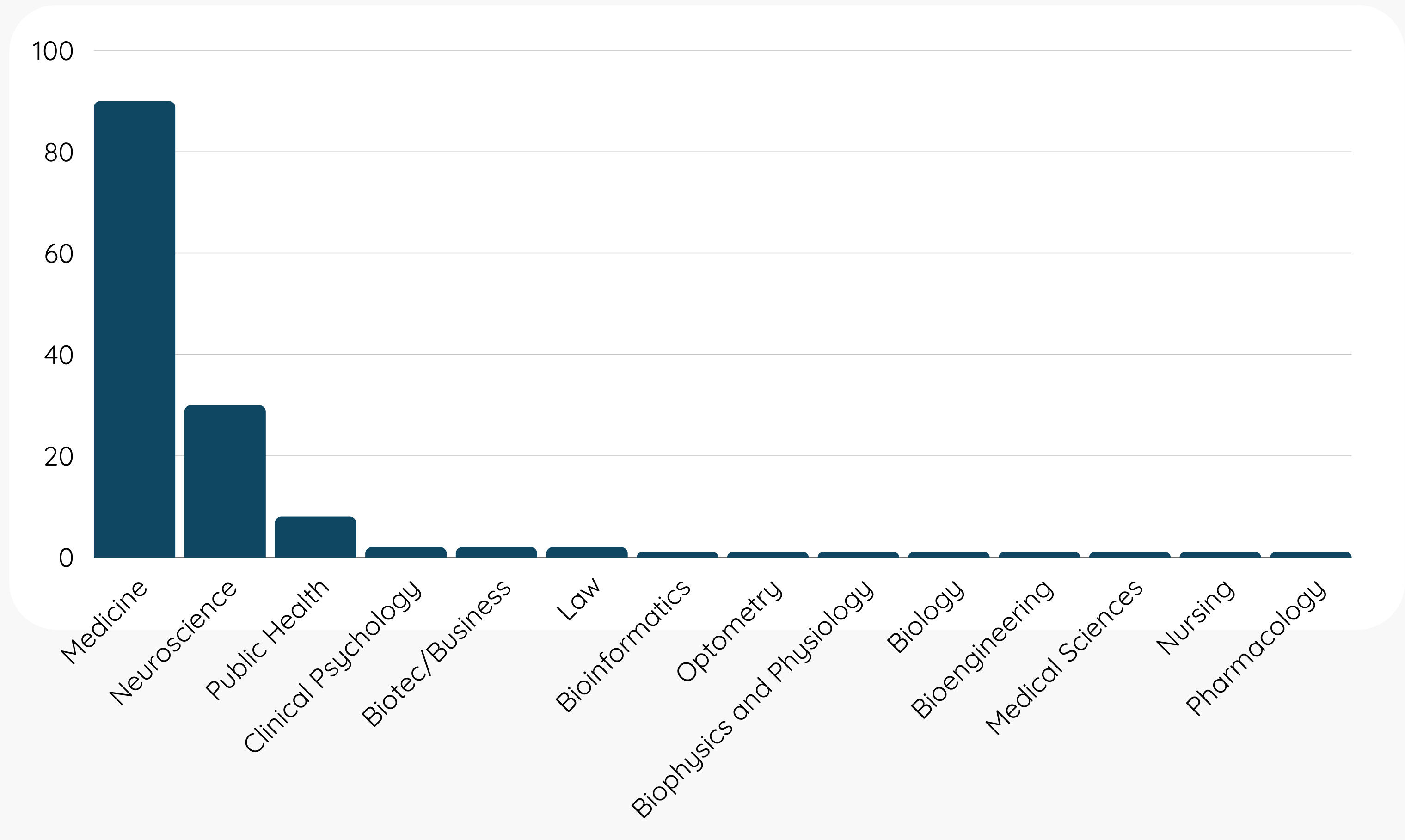
- Mentions of "research jobs," "research assistant," "research coordinator," "lab work"
- Plans to continue current research, gain experience, or apply to research-focused grad programs
- Working in named labs or specifying research fields (e.g., neuro-oncology, biomedicine)

# *Where will you be working?*

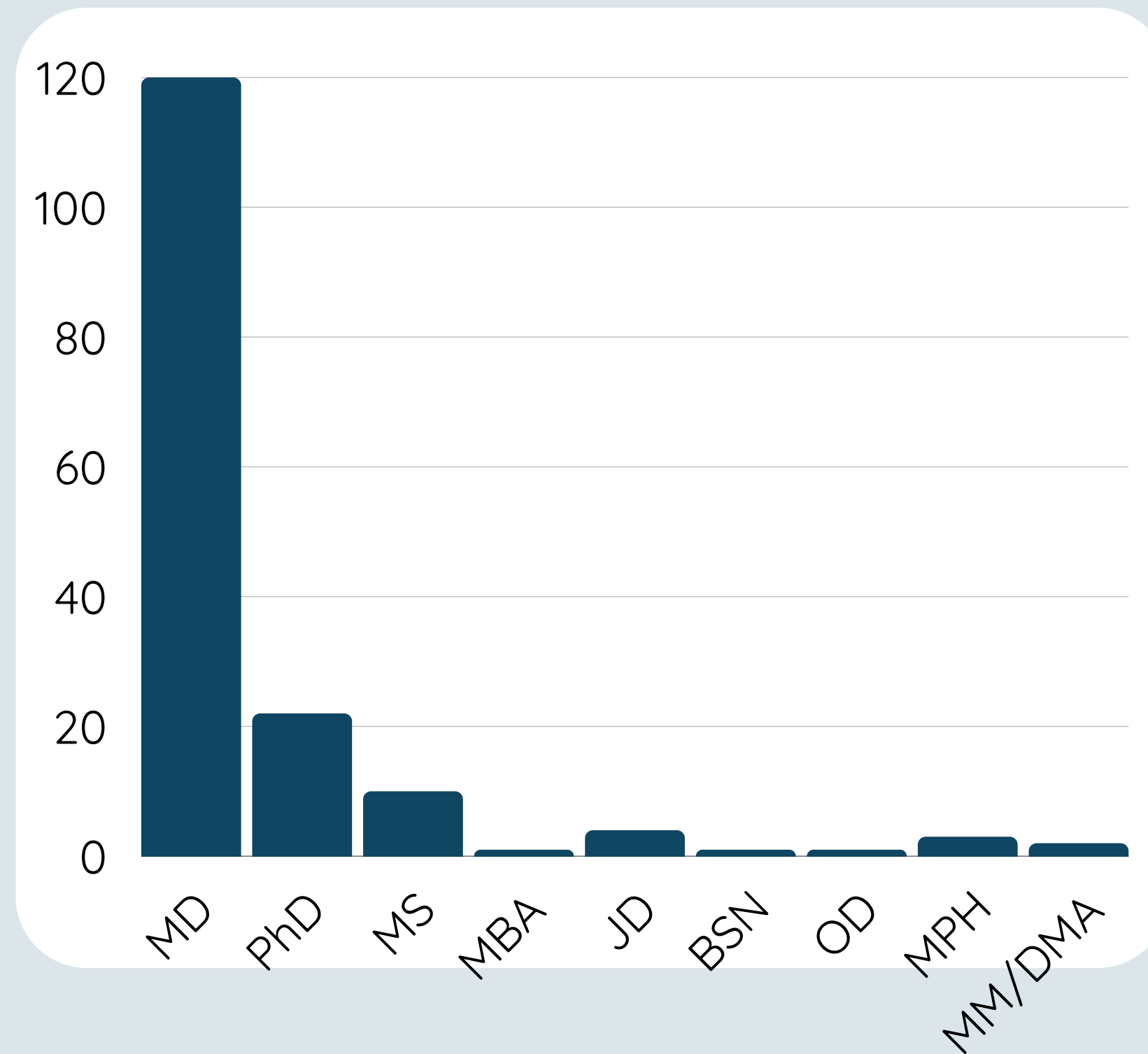
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- Buffalo Medical Group
- NALCAP
- Cardiology Consultants of Santa Monica
- Switch Therapeutics
- Sender One Climbing
- UCLA
- UCSF
- UT Southwestern
- Cohen Children's Medical Center
- Buck Institute of Aging
- Yale University
- Scribe X
- Resnick Neuropsychiatric Hospital
- Duke School of Medicine
- Massachusetts General Hospital
- Boardwalk's Best INC
- UCLA Ronald Reagan
- St. John's Health Center
- Amgen
- Connecticut Glaucoma Associates

# *What field will you complete your graduate studies?*



# *Graduate/Professional Degree Objectives*



*\*Includes variants: M.D., MD., MD (possibly MD-MPH), MD/MPH, MD + MS, MD/PhD, etc.)*