

An explorative study of Career Intention of Science Undergraduates

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Abstract

The unemploemt of graduates in all streams are marching towards the peak level and it is very promient for graduates who are coming from Science and Arts streams. Year by year the intake into the university system is increasing which is pushing out graudates into the labour market which commands for variety of skills and attributes that has to be battled by these graduates. This has captured a line of investigation into the career intention of Science undergraduates. The purpose of this study was to look into the tendency of career objectives of Science undergradauates and the preferred area for their choice, their plan for a business venture and their expectation and realization of skills and qualities that they have to cultiyate while in the university system. The findings reveals that most of the science undergradates preferred for working in the Business and supportive industries and very especially in the banking industry. A very few concentrates on the relevant field and some wants to establish themselves as educationist either in the university system or school education. More preferred for acquiring general degree and those who intended for specialization wanted computer science for good job opportunities. The intention of starting a new venture is also revealed through this study and as a preliminary preparation undergraduates opt for subjects from the Management and Commerce stream. Most of the undergraduates have realized that during their stay in the university they should acquire skills and attributes in leadership, communication, IT, interpersonal, decision making etc.

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