

Table 1**Reasons Most Commonly Cited for Shifting Career Goal Away from Professor with Research Emphasis**

Factor	% Citing as “Very Important”	
	Women	Men
Other life interests	48	35
Issues related to children	46	21
Negative experience as PhD student	46	44
Professional activity too time-consuming	45	35
Geographic location issues	40	28
Feelings of isolation or alienation as PhD student	35	31
Spouse or partner issues or desire to marry	32	22
Bad job market	30	29
Job security	29	29
Career advancement issues	27	34
Other career interests	27	23
Monetary compensation (salary, benefits)	23	31
	N= 550 to 666	402 to 529

Shading indicates response rates that are significantly higher among one gender than the other ($P < .01$).

Source: Mary Ann Mason and Marc Goulden, UC Doctoral Student Career Life Survey (2006), <http://uctfamilyedge.berkeley.edu/grad%20life%20survey.html>.

Note: Responses of “not applicable” are excluded from this analysis.