About **one year** after earning a bachelor’s degree in academic year 2015–16, **first-generation** college graduates reported a **lower expected level of educational attainment** than **continuing-generation** graduates.

- **Did not expect to earn a graduate degree**
  - 36% of **first-generation** college graduates
  - 32% of **continuing-generation** college graduates

- **Expected to earn a master’s degree**
  - 45% of **first-generation** college graduates
  - 46% of **continuing-generation** college graduates

- **Expected to earn a doctoral degree**
  - 19% of **first-generation** college graduates
  - 22% of **continuing-generation** college graduates

A **lower percentage** of **first-generation** college graduates had **taken a graduate or professional entrance exam** within a year of earning a bachelor’s degree.

**GRADUATE SCHOOL ENROLLMENT**

Within a year after earning a bachelor’s degree, **23%** of **first-generation** college graduates and **24%** of **continuing-generation** college graduates **enrolled in postsecondary education again**. Among those who enrolled again, more **first-generation** college graduates **enrolled in a master’s degree program** than **continuing-generation** college graduates.

- **Percentage who enrolled in a master’s degree program among those who enrolled again within a year of graduating, by participation in a research project with a faculty member as an undergraduate student**
  - 58% Total
  - 50% Participated in a research project
  - 60% Did not participate in a research project

- **Percentage who enrolled in a doctoral degree program among those who enrolled again within a year of graduating, by participation in a research project with a faculty member as an undergraduate student**
  - 12% Total
  - 15% Participated in a research project
  - 11% Did not participate in a research project