Nexford University: 92% of Alumni Employed, 1 in 3 See 50%+ Salary Growth, as the 'AI Translator' Career Path Takes Hold

The 2026 Alumni Outcomes Report shows career relevant, AI integrated degrees producing results while learners are still enrolled, not years after graduation.



WASHINGTON, DC, UNITED STATES, September 7, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Nexford University, the global, career focused online university, today released its 2026 Alumni Outcomes Report, a survey of its own graduates that measures what a degree is actually supposed to do: change someone's trajectory while they are living their life, not after it.

The headline finding is not a projection. It is a status update. 92% of Nexford alumni are employed right now. 95% say they are already hitting the goals they enrolled for, before some traditional programs would even confer a diploma. And 1 in 3 alumni have seen a 50% or greater increase in salary since graduating, a number Nexford is not aware of any competitor publishing with equivalent transparency.

The Data

- 92% of alumni are employed.
- 95% say they are already hitting the goals they enrolled for.
- 97% are satisfied with their studies overall.
- 82% have been promoted or handed expanded responsibility since enrolling.
- 64% now sit at manager level or above.
- 1 in 3 alumni saw a 50%+ salary increase since graduating.
- 75% say Nexford prepared them "extremely" or "very well" for their career.
- 92% report growth in leadership and management, 92% in critical thinking and problem solving,

90% in communication and workplace culture.

Promotion, in other words, is not the exception at Nexford. It is the median outcome.

Why It Matters Now

The report lands under the banner "The Year of the AI Translator," a category Nexford coined to describe a role companies are hiring for but have not yet learned to title: the person who can move fluidly between AI capability and business strategy. Nexford built a direct, structured path to that role through its B.S. in AI for Business, MS in AI and Technology Management, and AI specializations across its MBA and BBA programs, and this report is the first hard evidence that alumni across the institution, not just its newest AI programs, are already operating at that intersection.

"A degree is an investment, and like any investment, it should deliver a positive return," said Fadl Al Tarzi, Founder and CEO of Nexford University. "AI is accelerating how quickly the skills employers value are changing, which makes the return on education increasingly dependent on how relevant that education remains. For the fifth year in a row, our outcomes show that it is possible to combine career relevance with affordability and accessibility, and deliver an education that translates into meaningful economic progress for learners."

"These outcomes demonstrate what becomes possible when higher education is designed around where learners are going, rather than simply what they need to complete," said Dr. Ann Larson, Chief Academic Officer at Nexford University. "Our alumni are not waiting years for the value of their education to show up, they are applying what they learn to solve real business challenges, take on greater responsibility, and advance their careers now. The rise of the AI Translator reflects this shift: organizations need professionals who can connect emerging AI capabilities to sound business judgment, leadership, and execution. That is exactly the kind of career-ready, AI-integrated learning Nexford is built to deliver."

About the Report

The findings are drawn from the 2025 to 2026 Nexford Alumni Outcomes Survey. Percentages reflect the responses of alumni who participated in the survey and, where applicable, answered the relevant survey question. They should not be interpreted as representing all Nexford University alumni.

About Nexford University

Nexford University is a global, career focused online university built for people who work, hustle,

parent, and plan ahead. Nexford offers career relevant undergraduate and graduate degrees, including a growing portfolio of AI focused programs such as the B.S. in AI for Business and MS in AI and Technology Management, designed around real world outcomes instead of academic tradition. Nexford is a for-profit institution accredited by the Distance Education Accrediting Commission (DEAC) and is a Candidate for accreditation with the International Accreditation Council for Business Education (IACBE). Learn more at https://www.nexford.edu/.

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