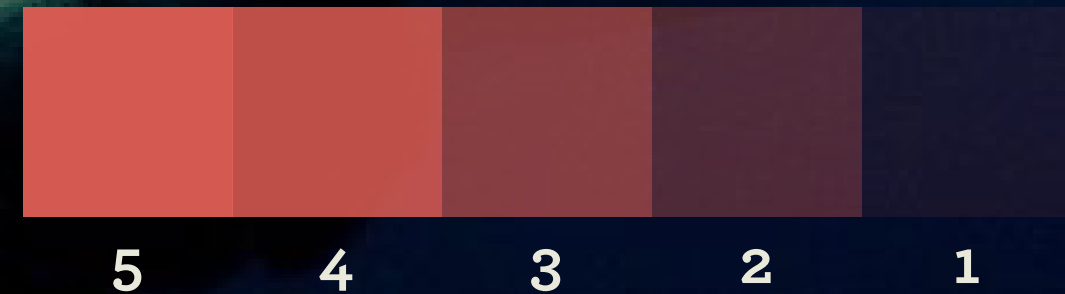




Watson Census, 1968-2018

From 2016-17, 1,080 fellows shared the impact of the Thomas J. Watson Fellowship on their lives through an online census. We learned that for nearly all fellows, the Watson was the first time that they embraced the power, and challenge, of building a blueprint for their dreams. And we learned that the confidence and perspective gained from the experience, over the years, became a renewable resource that inspired their lives and those of many others. Over 75% of fellows shared that the Watson was foundational to their professional journeys -- testament to what happens when passion and promise fuse on an independent year of discovery.



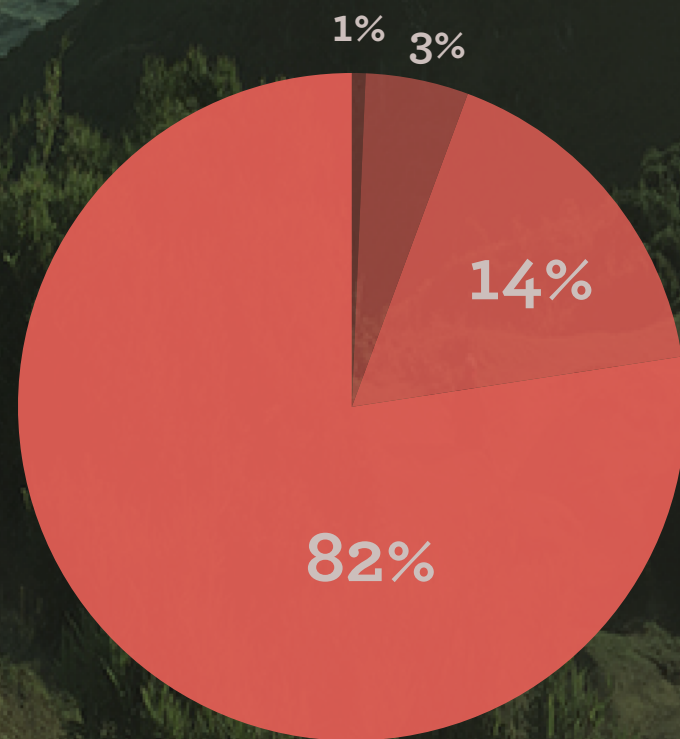
In the following slides:

5 = Definitely Agree, 4= Mostly Agree, 3= Somewhat Agree,
2= Mostly Disagree, 1= Definitely Disagree



“Seven years after I returned from my Fellowship, I founded the School for Field Studies (SFS). To date, SFS has graduated over 20,000 students, so my Watson clearly had far reaching impacts on many lives beyond the substantial value delivered to me.”

*James Elder, 1973 Watson Fellow
President, Campaign for Environmental Literacy*



Mission

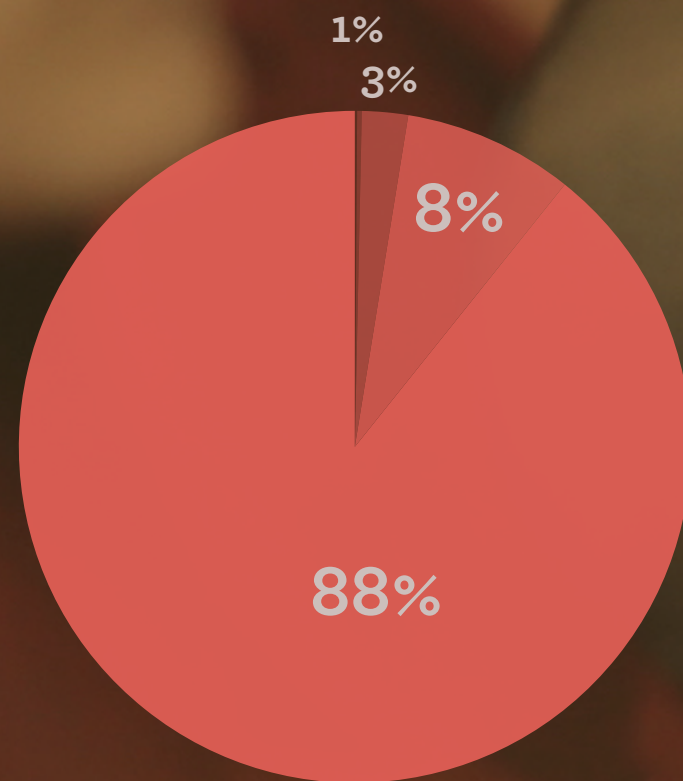
96% of Fellows definitely or mostly agreed the Watson experience matched the mission “to enhance students' capacity for resourcefulness, imagination, openness, and leadership to foster their humane and effective participation in the world community”.

Photo: Sujie Zhu, 2015 Watson Fellow
Project: Cross-cultural Improvisation



“My Watson has shaped every career decision I have made -- to pursue a first job in international development, to join the Foreign Service, and to seek out ways to use music to advance cross cultural understanding in my role as a diplomat.”

*Wren Elhai, 2008 Watson Fellow
Foreign Service Officer, U.S. Department of State*



Perspective

96% of fellows definitely or mostly agreed the Watson required them to view their lives and American society in greater perspective.

Photo: Vera Rudi, 2016 Watson Fellow

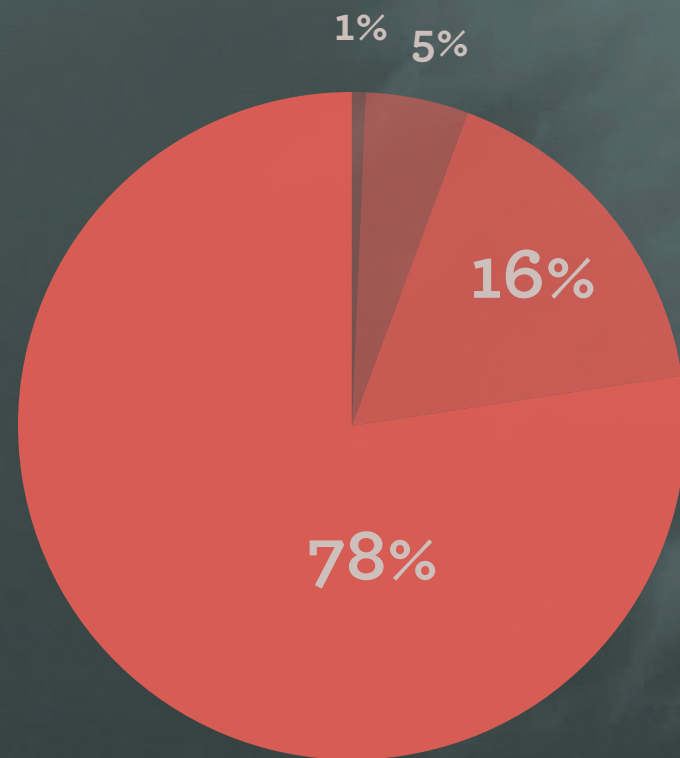
Project: Understanding Meditative Practices



“My Watson gave me a lifetime of courage to confront our most difficult challenges and to work together with others for the common good.”

Charlie Collins, 1969 Watson Fellow

President & CEO, YMCA, San Francisco



Confidence

94% of Fellows definitely or mostly agreed the Watson made them more confident to pursue the things that matter most to them.

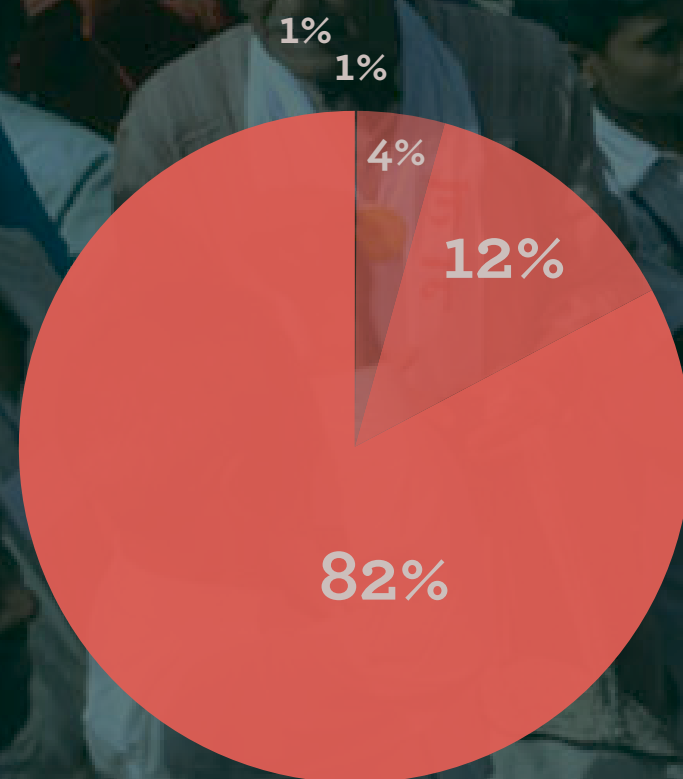


“The Watson Year woke me up, shook me to my core. The stark realities I faced almost forty years ago are still with me as a moral compass and guide which I hold close to my heart every day.”

Margaret Clark, 1978 Watson Fellow

Executive Director, Aspen Global Health and Development

Vice President, Policy Programs, Aspen Institute



International Concern

94% of fellows definitely or mostly agreed the Watson gave them a more informed sense of international concern.

Photo: Deivid Rojas, 2011 Watson Fellow

Project: Stories of the Internally Displaced



*“I felt lucky. And blessed. And saved
out of a life without dreaming.”*

*Garrett Hongo, 1973 Watson Fellow
Professor, Poet, University of Oregon*

We look forward

to celebrating 50 years of discovery with you in 2018, and sharing
insights, stories and projects to inspire the next generation of
creative leaders.

*“...a constant and lasting reminder
that impossible is nothing”.*

*Opeyemi Awe, 2015 Watson Fellow
Federal Analyst, Deloitte*