What did I do with my Psychology major?

What is your primary discipline/field?

Neuroscientist

Was Psychology your undergraduate major?

- (●) Yes
- ( ) No

What degree is required (or most typical) for your job?

Ph.D./Psy.D.

What is your primary work setting?

University

In just a few words, how would you describe your job? What are the primary activities you engage in?

I am a professor in a psychology department affiliated with the behavioral neuroscience program. I teach, mentor students,manage a laboratory, serve on university committees, do research, and write papers and grants.

Can you guesstimate about what percentage of your work time you spend engaged in each of the following activities?

Research?	Teaching	Practice: Assessment	Practice: Therapy	Consultation or Administration
50	30			20

What makes your field most unique from some of the other fields on the list above?

My field involves pre-clinical research using animals models.

What other non-psychology-related activities does your job entail that you did not expect? For instance, does your job include accounting, personnel management, business administration, clerical work, or other activities?

With an NIH-funded lab I am essentially running a business. I manage employees (and students), oversee a budget, and spend a lot of time making sure that my business is performing optimally.

What is the BEST thing about your field? What would you tell a college student to encourage them to enter your field?

Being involved with discovery of new neurobiological mechanisms is highly rewarding.

What is your LEAST FAVORITE thing about your field? What would you tell a college student to DISCOURAGE them to enter?

The constant battle for grant money in a time of reduced government funding can be stressful.

(Optional) What is your age?

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