What did I do with my Psychology major?

What is your primary discipline/field?

Quantitative psychologist

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 university professor specializing in quantitative psychology. My primary work responsibilities are to make unique contributions to the psychological sciences via quantitative methods; to study adolescent development using advanced methodologies; and to teach classes and advise students.

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	20			30

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

As a field, we strive to support and propel the study of the individual through the development of novel statistical models and research designs. We focus on quantitative methods as a way of knowing about the world.

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?

I have held a number of large grants to support my research from the federal government. I had no idea how challenging it would be to administer these grants -- it is literally running a small business.

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

I utterly love my job. I am paid to (1) develop new knowledge and (2) teach people about it. There's no other job I would rather have than this.

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

As with any job, there are political issues that must be attended to -- from the university, from granting agencies, from publication outlets. But I view these as minor issues -- it's a natural by-product of any job.

(Optional) What is your age?

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(Optional) If you would like students to contact you with questions, please list your email below

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