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Summary Report

Master's - With Thesis

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THESIS / SURVEY STREAM

Is your program research-based, under the supervision of a research director/advisor, or is it more course-based without the same level of supervision? * *Response Required.*

Response	[Thesis]		[SV_Actual_Stream]	
	Frequency	Count	Frequency	Count
1. Mostly research-based, and I already have a research director/advisor << LONG STREAM	83.2%	15,050	83.2%	15,050
2. Mostly research-based, but I still do not have a research director/advisor << MEDIUM STREAM	4.6%	829	16.8%	3,036
3. Mainly course-based << SHORT STREAM	12.2%	2,207	0.0%	0
	Valid Responses	18,086	Valid	18,086
	Total Responses	18,086	Total	18,086

SECTION 1 - EDUCATIONAL STATUS

Q1: At which degree level are you currently enrolled?

Response	[Degree_Self_Report]		[UNIV_Program_Level]	
	Frequency	Count	Frequency	Count
1. Master's	98.3%	17,776	100.0%	18,074
2. Doctoral	1.7%	305	0.0%	0
Not answered/Not available		5		12
	Valid Responses	18,081	Valid	18,074
	Total Responses	18,086	Total	18,086

Q2: In what disciplinary area are you pursuing your degree? [Discipline_Combined]

Response	Frequency	Count
1. Humanities (Long & Medium)	11.6%	2,079
2. Fine and Applied Arts (Long & Medium)	5.1%	921
3. Social Sciences (Long & Medium)	17.9%	3,208
4. Business/Management (All)	2.7%	478
5. Education (All)	7.4%	1,322
6. Engineering (All)	15.5%	2,792
7. Physical and Mathematical Sciences (Long & Medium)	7.7%	1,378
8. Environmental Science (All)	5.6%	1,006
9. Biological Sciences (Long & Medium)	10.5%	1,879
10. Health Science (All)	16.1%	2,893
11. Library & Information Sciences (Short)	0.0%	0
12. Architecture/Landscape Architecture/Urban Design/Planning (Short)	0.0%	0
13. Journalism (Short)	0.0%	0
14. Public Administration/Public Policy/International Relations (Short)	0.0%	0
15. Social Work (Short)	0.0%	0
16. Law (Short)	0.0%	0
17. Arts & Culture (Short)	0.0%	0
18. Finance/Mathematics/Computing (Short)	0.0%	0
19. Other (specified) (Short)	0.0%	0
Not Answered		130
	Valid Responses	17,956
	Total Responses	18,086

Q3: What is your current year of study?

Response	[YearStudy]		[UNIV_YearStudy]	
	Frequency	Count	Frequency	Count
1st year	42.1%	7,606	48.5%	8,600
2nd year	38.6%	6,967	33.1%	5,865
3rd year	12.6%	2,268	12.4%	2,194
4th year	3.2%	570	3.6%	643
5th year	1.9%	351	1.3%	227
6th year or above	1.6%	291	1.1%	198
Not Answered/Not Available		33		359
	Valid Responses	18,053	Valid	17,727
	Total Responses	18,086	Total	18,086

Q4: What is your current status in your graduate program? [Status]

Response	Frequency	Count
1. I am still taking courses (All Streams)	54.0%	9,757
2. I have completed coursework (All Streams)	27.4%	4,954
3. I have passed qualifying exams/paper (Long & Medium)	1.1%	204
4. I have had my thesis/dissertation proposal accepted (Long & Medium)	13.2%	2,377
5. I have defended my thesis/dissertation/research paper (Long & Medium)	4.3%	776
Not Answered		18
Valid Responses		18,068
Total Responses		18,086

Q5: What was your primary reason for enrolling in your program? [Prim_Reason]

Response	Frequency	Count
1. To equip me to start a career, or advance an existing career in academia	28.7%	5,188
2. To equip me to start a career, or advance an existing career outside of academia	40.5%	7,318
3. To satisfy my interest in the field, regardless of career prospects	26.5%	4,793
4. Other (specified)	4.3%	771
Not Answered		16
Valid Responses		18,070
Total Responses		18,086

Q6: Do you expect to graduate by the end of the current academic year? [Graduate]

Response	Frequency	Count
1. Yes	45.9%	8,299
2. No	54.1%	9,773
Not Answered		14
Valid Responses		18,072
Total Responses		18,086

Other: Program/Degree Level, for Reporting (calculated, utilizing combined data) [SV_Degree]

Response	Frequency	Count
1. Doctoral	0.0%	0
2. Master's - With Thesis	100.0%	18,086
3. Master's - Without Thesis	0.0%	0
Valid Responses		18,086
Total Responses		18,086

Other: Academic Load (uploaded data) [UNIV_AcadLoad]

Response	Frequency	Count
1. Full-Time	86.6%	15,653
2. Part-Time	13.4%	2,428
Not Available		5
Valid Responses		18,081
Total Responses		18,086

SECTION 2 - GENERAL SATISFACTION

Q7 and Q8: Please select your response to the following statements. (All Streams, except #5)

		Definitely (5)	Probably (4)	Maybe (3)	Probably not (2)	Definitely not (1)	Total	Mean (out of 5)
1. If you were to start your graduate/ professional career again, would you select this same university? [StartOver_Univ] <i>Response included if this question (or later) has been answered.</i>	Count	6,042	6,782	3,217	1,503	524	18,068	3.903
	% by Row	33.4%	37.5%	17.8%	8.3%	2.9%	100.0%	
2. If you were to start your graduate/ professional career again, would you select the same field of study? [StartOver_Field]	Count	9,140	5,118	2,318	1,132	328	18,036	4.198
	% by Row	50.7%	28.4%	12.9%	6.3%	1.8%	100.0%	
3. Would you recommend this university to someone considering your program? [StartOver_Program]	Count	7,968	5,616	2,694	1,149	591	18,018	4.067
	% by Row	44.2%	31.2%	15.0%	6.4%	3.3%	100.0%	
4. Would you recommend this university to someone in another field? [StartOver_OtherField]	Count	4,631	6,507	5,543	1,039	309	18,029	3.783
	% by Row	25.7%	36.1%	30.7%	5.8%	1.7%	100.0%	
5. If you were to start your graduate career again, would you select the same faculty supervisor? (Long Stream only) [StartOver_Supervisor]	Count	7,953	3,528	1,687	1,048	735	14,951	4.131
	% by Row	53.2%	23.6%	11.3%	7.0%	4.9%	100.0%	

SECTION 3 - SATISFACTION WITH PROGRAM, QUALITY OF INTERACTIONS, AND COURSEWORK

Q9: Please rate the following dimensions of your program.

		Excellent (5)	Very good (4)	Good (3)	Fair (2)	Poor (1)	Total	Mean (out of 5)
1. The intellectual quality of the faculty [ProgRate_Faculty]	Count	8,136	6,845	2,103	506	141	17,731	4.259
	% by Row	45.9%	38.6%	11.9%	2.9%	0.8%	100.0%	
2. The intellectual quality of my fellow students [ProgRate_Students]	Count	4,377	7,953	4,068	1,044	239	17,681	3.859
	% by Row	24.8%	45.0%	23.0%	5.9%	1.4%	100.0%	
3. The relationship between faculty and graduate students [ProgRate_Relation]	Count	5,239	6,586	3,980	1,384	511	17,700	3.828
	% by Row	29.6%	37.2%	22.5%	7.8%	2.9%	100.0%	
4. Overall quality of graduate level teaching by faculty [ProgRate_Teaching]	Count	4,021	7,437	4,308	1,484	429	17,679	3.743
	% by Row	22.7%	42.1%	24.4%	8.4%	2.4%	100.0%	
5. Advice on the availability of financial support [ProgRate_FundingAdv]	Count	1,956	4,032	5,655	3,772	2,167	17,582	2.991
	% by Row	11.1%	22.9%	32.2%	21.5%	12.3%	100.0%	
6. Quality of academic advising and guidance [ProgRate_Advising]	Count	3,212	5,259	5,139	2,754	1,260	17,624	3.364
	% by Row	18.2%	29.8%	29.2%	15.6%	7.1%	100.0%	
7. Helpfulness of staff members in my program [ProgRate_Staff]	Count	5,369	6,023	3,943	1,687	652	17,674	3.779
	% by Row	30.4%	34.1%	22.3%	9.5%	3.7%	100.0%	
8. Availability of area courses I needed to complete my program [ProgRate_CourseAvail]	Count	3,401	4,995	4,891	2,810	1,562	17,659	3.332
	% by Row	19.3%	28.3%	27.7%	15.9%	8.8%	100.0%	
9. Quality of instruction in my courses [ProgRate_Teaching2]	Count	3,896	7,311	4,519	1,527	409	17,662	3.722
	% by Row	22.1%	41.4%	25.6%	8.6%	2.3%	100.0%	
10. Relationship of program content to my research/professional goals [ProgRate_Fit]	Count	3,637	6,028	4,957	2,189	873	17,684	3.530
	% by Row	20.6%	34.1%	28.0%	12.4%	4.9%	100.0%	
11. Opportunities for student collaboration or teamwork [ProgRate_Teamwork]	Count	3,488	5,585	5,093	2,324	1,170	17,660	3.447
	% by Row	19.8%	31.6%	28.8%	13.2%	6.6%	100.0%	
12. Opportunities to take coursework outside my own department [ProgRate_CourseOut]	Count	2,555	4,232	5,215	3,342	2,123	17,467	3.100
	% by Row	14.6%	24.2%	29.9%	19.1%	12.2%	100.0%	
13. Opportunities to engage in interdisciplinary work [ProgRate_Interdiscipline]	Count	2,829	4,416	5,266	3,305	1,679	17,495	3.195
	% by Row	16.2%	25.2%	30.1%	18.9%	9.6%	100.0%	
14. Amount of coursework [ProgRate_Workload]	Count	2,305	6,356	6,904	1,707	395	17,667	3.479
	% by Row	13.0%	36.0%	39.1%	9.7%	2.2%	100.0%	

SECTION 4 - PROFESSIONAL SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

Q10: How would you rate the quality of the support and training you received in these areas? (Long and Medium Streams only)

		Excellent (5)	Very good (4)	Good (3)	Fair (2)	Poor (1)	Did not participate (6)	Not applicable (7)	Total	Mean (out of 5)
1. Courses, workshops, or orientation on teaching [ProfSkill_Teaching]	Count	2,532	4,626	4,129	1,577	625	2,309	1,583	17,381	3.509
	% by Row	18.8%	34.3%	30.6%	11.7%	4.6%			100.0%	
2. Advice/workshops on preparing for candidacy examinations [ProfSkill_Exams]	Count	1,197	2,190	2,501	1,129	606	3,892	5,783	17,298	3.294
	% by Row	15.7%	28.7%	32.8%	14.8%	7.9%			100.0%	
3. Feedback on your research [ProfSkill_Feedback]	Count	3,170	4,568	4,089	1,928	806	1,087	1,693	17,341	3.506
	% by Row	21.8%	31.4%	28.1%	13.2%	5.5%			100.0%	
4. Advice/workshops on standards for academic writing in your field [ProfSkill_WriteSTD2]	Count	1,690	3,141	3,587	2,063	1,246	4,009	1,548	17,284	3.168
	% by Row	14.4%	26.8%	30.6%	17.6%	10.6%			100.0%	
5. Advice/workshops on writing grant proposals [ProfSkill_WriteGrant]	Count	1,331	2,202	2,752	2,031	1,650	4,716	2,610	17,292	2.953
	% by Row	13.4%	22.1%	27.6%	20.4%	16.6%			100.0%	
6. Advice/workshops on publishing your work [ProfSkill_Publish]	Count	1,212	1,982	2,661	1,981	1,866	4,904	2,619	17,225	2.865
	% by Row	12.5%	20.4%	27.4%	20.4%	19.2%			100.0%	
7. Advice/workshops on job searching (CV prep, interview skills, etc.) [ProfSkill_JobHunt]	Count	1,221	1,939	2,724	2,062	2,082	5,008	2,261	17,297	2.816
	% by Row	12.2%	19.3%	27.2%	20.6%	20.8%			100.0%	

Q11: How would you rate the quality of the support and training you received in these areas? (Long and Medium Streams only)

		Excellent (5)	Very good (4)	Good (3)	Fair (2)	Poor (1)	Did not participate (6)	Not applicable (7)	Total	Mean (out of 5)
1. Advice/workshops on career options within academia [ProfSkill_CareerAcad]	Count	1,132	2,137	3,034	2,276	2,100	4,497	1,859	17,035	2.806
	% by Row	10.6%	20.0%	28.4%	21.3%	19.7%			100.0%	
2. Advice/workshops on career options outside academia [ProfSkill_CareerOth]	Count	903	1,892	3,088	2,757	2,556	4,182	1,630	17,008	2.627
	% by Row	8.1%	16.9%	27.6%	24.6%	22.8%			100.0%	
3. Advice/workshops about research positions [ProfSkill_ResPos]	Count	902	1,750	2,949	2,570	2,313	4,386	2,059	16,929	2.653
	% by Row	8.6%	16.7%	28.1%	24.5%	22.1%			100.0%	
4. Advice/workshops about research ethics in human subject research [ProfSkill_HumanEthic]	Count	1,453	2,493	2,956	1,727	1,021	3,760	3,543	16,953	3.169
	% by Row	15.1%	25.8%	30.6%	17.9%	10.6%			100.0%	
5. Advice/workshops about research ethics in the use of animals [ProfSkill_AnimEthic]	Count	883	1,400	1,673	1,071	836	4,508	6,566	16,937	3.072
	% by Row	15.1%	23.9%	28.5%	18.3%	14.3%			100.0%	
6. Advice on intellectual property issues [ProfSkill_IP]	Count	1,398	2,507	3,194	1,929	1,507	3,936	2,500	16,971	3.034
	% by Row	13.3%	23.8%	30.3%	18.3%	14.3%			100.0%	

Q12: How would you rate the quality of the support and training you received in these areas? (Short Stream only)

		Excellent (5)	Very good (4)	Good (3)	Fair (2)	Poor (1)	Did not participate (6)	Not applicable (7)	Total	Mean (out of 5)
1. Advice/workshops on the standards for writing in your profession [ProfSkill_WriteSTD]	Count	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	% by Row									
2. Advice/workshops on career options [ProfSkill_Career]	Count	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	% by Row									
3. Advice/workshops on professional ethics [ProfSkill_ProfEthic]	Count	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	% by Row									
4. Advice/workshops on job preparation and professional practice [ProfSkill_ProfPractice]	Count	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	% by Row									
5. Opportunities for internships, practicum, and experiential learning as part of the program [ProfSkill_Internship]	Count	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	% by Row									
6. Opportunities for contact (lectures, seminars, discussion) with practicing professionals [ProfSkill_Contact]	Count	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	% by Row									

SECTION 5 - RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Q13: How would you rate the quality of the support and opportunities you received in these areas?

		Excellent (5)	Very good (4)	Good (3)	Fair (2)	Poor (1)	Did not participate (6)	Not applicable (7)	Total	Mean (out of 5)
1. Conducting independent research since starting your graduate program [ResExp_Independent]	Count	3,632	4,676	3,903	1,774	1,131	796	1,042	16,954	3.523
	% by Row	24.0%	30.9%	25.8%	11.7%	7.5%			100.0%	
2. Training in research methods before beginning your own research [ResExp_Method]	Count	2,573	3,708	4,113	2,635	2,178	869	867	16,943	3.123
	% by Row	16.9%	24.4%	27.0%	17.3%	14.3%			100.0%	
3. Faculty guidance in formulating a research topic [ResExp_Guidance]	Count	4,049	4,366	3,762	2,123	1,397	509	751	16,957	3.481
	% by Row	25.8%	27.8%	24.0%	13.5%	8.9%			100.0%	

Q14: How would you rate the quality of the support and opportunities you received in these areas? (Long and Medium Streams only)

		Excellent (5)	Very good (4)	Good (3)	Fair (2)	Poor (1)	Did not participate (6)	Not applicable (7)	Total	Mean (out of 5)
4. Research collaboration with one or more faculty members (Long and Medium only) [ResExp_Collaboration]	Count	3,181	3,593	3,168	1,497	1,230	2,082	2,119	16,870	3.473
	% by Row	25.1%	28.4%	25.0%	11.8%	9.7%			100.0%	
5. Collaboration with faculty in writing a grant proposal (Long and Medium only) [ResExp_WriteGrant]	Count	1,595	1,918	2,082	1,236	1,484	4,622	3,912	16,849	3.109
	% by Row	19.2%	23.1%	25.0%	14.9%	17.8%			100.0%	

SECTION 6 - PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

Q15: Please select if the following occurs in your department.

		If Occurrence = "Yes", indicate the Number of Occurrences								
		Yes (1)	No (2)	Total	0	1	2	3	4+	Total
1. Seminars/colloquia at which students present their research OCCURRED = [PresPub_Seminar] # TIMES = [PresPubNum_Seminar]	Count	13,595	3,148	16,743	2,800	3,066	2,342	1,056	3,865	13,129
	% by Row	81.2%	18.8%	100.0%	21.3%	23.4%	17.8%	8.0%	29.4%	100.0%
2. Departmental funding for students to attend national or regional meetings OCCURRED = [PresPub_FundMeet] # TIMES = [PresPubNum_FundMeet]	Count	8,416	8,205	16,621	4,474	2,268	833	252	228	8,055
	% by Row	50.6%	49.4%	100.0%	55.5%	28.2%	10.3%	3.1%	2.8%	100.0%
3. Attend national scholarly meetings OCCURRED = [PresPub_NatlMeet] # TIMES = [PresPubNum_NatlMeet]	Count	7,624	8,976	16,600	3,424	2,136	943	377	429	7,309
	% by Row	45.9%	54.1%	100.0%	46.8%	29.2%	12.9%	5.2%	5.9%	100.0%

Q16: Please select if the following occurs in your department. (Long Stream only)

		If Occurrence = "Yes", indicate the Number of Occurrences								
		Yes (1)	No (2)	Total	0	1	2	3	4+	Total
4. Deliver any papers or present a poster at national scholarly meetings (Long only) OCCURRED = [PresPub_PresMeet] # TIMES = [PresPubNum_PresMeet]	Count	7,588	6,184	13,772	3,150	2,370	982	407	429	7,338
	% by Row	55.1%	44.9%	100.0%	42.9%	32.3%	13.4%	5.5%	5.8%	100.0%
5. Co-authored in refereed journals with your program faculty (Long only) OCCURRED = [PresPub_CoAuth] # TIMES = [PresPubNum_CoAuth]	Count	5,520	8,235	13,755	3,036	1,555	463	136	115	5,305
	% by Row	40.1%	59.9%	100.0%	57.2%	29.3%	8.7%	2.6%	2.2%	100.0%
6. Published as sole or first author in a refereed journal (Long only) OCCURRED = [PresPub_Author] # TIMES = [PresPubNum_Author]	Count	4,791	8,955	13,746	3,150	1,158	249	38	25	4,620
	% by Row	34.9%	65.1%	100.0%	68.2%	25.1%	5.4%	0.8%	0.5%	100.0%

SECTION 7 - ADVISOR AND THESIS / DISSERTATION / RESEARCH PAPER (Long Stream Only)

Q17: Thesis/Dissertation advisors engage in a variety of mentoring activities. For each of the following statements, indicate the extent that it DESCRIBES THE BEHAVIOUR of your advisor.

		Strongly agree (4)	Agree (3)	Disagree (2)	Strongly disagree (1)	Total	Mean (out of 4)
1. My advisor was knowledgeable about formal degree requirements [Advisor_DegReq]	Count	7,935	4,627	739	196	13,497	3.504
	% by Row	58.8%	34.3%	5.5%	1.5%	100.0%	
2. My advisor served as my advocate when necessary [Advisor_Advocate]	Count	7,791	4,655	681	233	13,360	3.497
	% by Row	58.3%	34.8%	5.1%	1.7%	100.0%	
3. My advisor gave me constructive feedback on my work [Advisor_Feedback]	Count	8,304	4,187	676	256	13,423	3.530
	% by Row	61.9%	31.2%	5.0%	1.9%	100.0%	
4. My advisor returned my work promptly [Advisor_Promptly]	Count	7,204	4,469	1,204	476	13,353	3.378
	% by Row	54.0%	33.5%	9.0%	3.6%	100.0%	
5. My advisor promoted my professional development [Advisor_ProfDev]	Count	7,207	4,569	1,166	384	13,326	3.396
	% by Row	54.1%	34.3%	8.7%	2.9%	100.0%	
6. My advisor overall, performed the role well [Advisor_Role]	Count	7,963	4,104	956	342	13,365	3.473
	% by Row	59.6%	30.7%	7.2%	2.6%	100.0%	
7. My advisor was available for regular meetings [Advisor_Available]	Count	7,940	3,992	1,091	362	13,385	3.458
	% by Row	59.3%	29.8%	8.2%	2.7%	100.0%	
8. My advisor was very helpful to me in preparing for written qualifying exams [Advisor_WrittenEx]	Count	4,925	5,413	1,400	416	12,154	3.222
	% by Row	40.5%	44.5%	11.5%	3.4%	100.0%	
9. My advisor was very helpful to me in preparing for the oral qualifying exam [Advisor_OralEx]	Count	4,928	5,289	1,369	397	11,983	3.231
	% by Row	41.1%	44.1%	11.4%	3.3%	100.0%	
10. My advisor was very helpful to me in selecting a dissertation topic [Advisor_DissTop]	Count	6,938	4,609	1,116	351	13,014	3.393
	% by Row	53.3%	35.4%	8.6%	2.7%	100.0%	
11. My advisor was very helpful to me in writing a dissertation prospectus or proposal [Advisor_ResProp]	Count	6,340	4,772	1,285	354	12,751	3.341
	% by Row	49.7%	37.4%	10.1%	2.8%	100.0%	
12. My advisor was very helpful to me in writing the dissertation [Advisor_DissWrite]	Count	5,781	4,858	1,233	365	12,237	3.312
	% by Row	47.2%	39.7%	10.1%	3.0%	100.0%	
13. My advisor was very helpful to me in selecting the dissertation committee [Advisor_DissCmtee]	Count	6,105	4,755	1,010	324	12,194	3.365
	% by Row	50.1%	39.0%	8.3%	2.7%	100.0%	
14. My advisor encouraged discussions about current job market and various career prospects [Advisor_JobMarket]	Count	4,477	4,324	2,644	1,090	12,535	2.972
	% by Row	35.7%	34.5%	21.1%	8.7%	100.0%	

Q18: On average, how often per month do you meet or communicate with your dissertation advisor about:

Response	[DisResults]		[DisDraft]	
	Frequency	Count	Frequency	Count
Four or more times (at least once a week) = 3	36.9%	4,884	22.0%	2,752
One to three times (at least once a month) = 2	45.2%	5,976	45.8%	5,729
Less than once a month = 1	17.9%	2,371	32.1%	4,018
	Valid Responses	13,231	Valid	12,499
	Total Responses	13,231	Total	12,499

Q19: Do you have an advisory committee? [AdvCmtee]

Response	Frequency	Count
1. Yes	43.0%	5,760
2. No	57.0%	7,635
Not Answered		135
	Valid Responses	13,395
	Total Responses	13,530

Q20: Please specify which statement(s) best describe your situation (check all that apply): (If Q19='Yes')

Response	Frequency	Count
1. My advisory committee expects to receive from me a written progress report, at least once a year [AdvCmtee_ProgRep]	47.2%	2,726
2. I am expected to meet at least annually with my advisory committee [AdvCmtee_AnnMeet]	59.3%	3,427
3. I have already interacted at least once with my advisory committee [AdvCmtee_Met]	70.5%	4,070
	Valid Responses	5,776
	Total Responses	5,776

Q21: How have you interacted with your advisory committee? (If Q20 'I have already interacted at least once with my advisory committee' is selected) [AdvCmtee_Interact]

Response	Frequency	Count
1. In a formal meeting	85.6%	3,454
2. Through email or telephone contact (no formal meeting)	14.4%	579
Not Answered		25
	Valid Responses	4,033
	Total Responses	4,058

Q22: Up to now, I have found my advisory committee's feedback constructive and useful. (If Q20 'I have already interacted at least once with my advisory committee' is selected) [AdvCmtee_Useful]

Response	Frequency	Count	Mean (out of 4)
Strongly agree = 4	45.6%	1,825	3.381
Agree = 3	48.0%	1,921	
Disagree = 2	5.2%	207	
Strongly disagree = 1	1.2%	47	
Not Answered		49	
	Valid Responses	4,000	
	Total Responses	4,049	

SECTION 8 - FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Q23: Please check all of the following forms of support you received while you have been enrolled in your program. Please check if you received support from this source:

Response	Frequency	Count
1. Federal Granting Council Scholarship/Fellowship [FinSup_Fed]	15.5%	2,328
2. Provincial Government Scholarship/Fellowship [FinSup_Prov]	15.5%	2,329
3. Support from a Foreign Government [FinSup_Foreign]	1.8%	272
4. External (to university) non-government fellowship [FinSup_External]	7.7%	1,166
5. Provincial bursary (non-refundable) [FinSup_ProvBursary]	12.2%	1,835
6. University-funded bursary [FinSup_UnivBursary]	24.6%	3,700
7. University-funded fellowships [FinSup_UnivFellowship]	21.9%	3,292
8. Full tuition scholarships or waivers [FinSup_FullWaiver]	8.9%	1,346
9. Partial tuition scholarships or waivers [FinSup_PartWaiver]	13.2%	1,992
10. Graduate research assistantship [FinSup_RA]	34.8%	5,248
11. Graduate teaching assistantship [FinSup_TA]	45.4%	6,831
12. Other part-time research employment [FinSup_PTresearch]	6.2%	931
13. Other part-time teaching employment [FinSup_PTteaching]	4.6%	698
14. Residence Donship [FinSup_ResDonship]	0.4%	61
15. Other campus employment [FinSup_OthCampusJob]	7.1%	1,062
16. Off campus employment [FinSup_OffCampusJob]	24.7%	3,724
17. Employee benefit or employer funding [FinSup_Benefit]	5.6%	847
18. Loans, savings, or family assistance [FinSup_LoanAssist]	43.2%	6,508
Valid Responses		15,060
Total Responses		16,263

Q24: Please estimate the amount of undergraduate educational debt, if any, you will have to repay when you have completed your graduate degree here. *Only those who report having some debt are included in the mean calculation. [UGDebt]

Response	Frequency	Count	Mean*
1. \$0	58.6%	9,196	\$24,879
2. \$1 - \$9,999	9.6%	1,512	
3. \$10,000 - \$19,999	10.7%	1,679	
4. \$20,000 - \$29,999	8.3%	1,303	
5. \$30,000 - \$39,999	5.2%	818	
6. \$40,000 - \$49,999	3.4%	528	
7. \$50,000 - \$59,999	1.9%	294	
8. \$60,000 - \$69,999	1.0%	157	
9. \$70,000 - \$79,999	0.5%	74	
10. \$80,000 or more	0.9%	145	
Not Answered		507	
Valid Responses		15,706	
Total Responses		16,213	

Q25: Please estimate the amount of graduate educational debt, if any, you will have to repay when you have completed your graduate degree here. *Only those who report having some debt are included in the mean calculation. [GDebt]

Response	Frequency	Count	Mean*
1. \$0	48.5%	7,608	\$16,947
2. \$1 - \$9,999	22.1%	3,464	
3. \$10,000 - \$19,999	14.4%	2,259	
4. \$20,000 - \$29,999	7.5%	1,184	
5. \$30,000 - \$39,999	3.4%	540	
6. \$40,000 - \$49,999	1.7%	261	
7. \$50,000 - \$59,999	0.9%	140	
8. \$60,000 - \$69,999	0.6%	95	
9. \$70,000 - \$79,999	0.3%	45	
10. \$80,000 or more	0.6%	98	
Not Answered		509	
Valid Responses		15,694	
Total Responses		16,203	

SECTION 9 - UNIVERSITY RESOURCES AND STUDENT LIFE

Q26: Please rate the following university resources based on the quality you have experienced while using them. Please answer regarding your most recent year's experience in the graduate school at this university.

		Excellent (5)	Very good (4)	Good (3)	Fair (2)	Poor (1)	Did not participate (6)	Not applicable (7)	Total	Mean (out of 5)
1. Library facilities [UnivLibrary]	Count	5,397	5,318	3,148	756	256	842	229	15,946	3.998
	% by Row	36.3%	35.8%	21.2%	5.1%	1.7%			100.0%	
2. Graduate student work/study space [UnivGradOffice]	Count	3,070	3,254	3,046	1,797	1,682	2,103	924	15,876	3.329
	% by Row	23.9%	25.3%	23.7%	14.0%	13.1%			100.0%	
3. Research laboratories [UnivLab]	Count	2,485	2,850	2,414	1,077	471	3,177	3,366	15,840	3.624
	% by Row	26.7%	30.7%	26.0%	11.6%	5.1%			100.0%	
4. Health care services [UnivHealth]	Count	1,988	2,654	2,756	1,158	543	4,980	1,739	15,818	3.482
	% by Row	21.8%	29.2%	30.3%	12.7%	6.0%			100.0%	
5. Child care services [UnivChild]	Count	382	410	445	225	238	7,603	6,385	15,688	3.278
	% by Row	22.5%	24.1%	26.2%	13.2%	14.0%			100.0%	
6. Financial aid office [UnivFinAid]	Count	1,185	1,810	2,514	1,530	849	5,541	2,341	15,770	3.121
	% by Row	15.0%	22.9%	31.9%	19.4%	10.8%			100.0%	
7. Career services [UnivCareer]	Count	931	1,364	1,888	1,136	789	7,438	2,190	15,736	3.084
	% by Row	15.2%	22.3%	30.9%	18.6%	12.9%			100.0%	
8. Student counselling & resource center [UnivCounsel]	Count	1,167	1,479	1,630	923	559	7,790	2,155	15,703	3.308
	% by Row	20.3%	25.7%	28.3%	16.0%	9.7%			100.0%	
9. Athletic facilities [UnivAthletic]	Count	2,533	3,266	2,795	1,075	582	4,238	1,293	15,782	3.594
	% by Row	24.7%	31.9%	27.3%	10.5%	5.7%			100.0%	
10. Services to international students attending this university [UnivInternatIN]	Count	1,018	1,097	1,038	586	300	5,603	6,141	15,783	3.482
	% by Row	25.2%	27.2%	25.7%	14.5%	7.4%			100.0%	
11. Services to students attending this university studying abroad (or preparing to) [UnivInternatOUT]	Count	602	651	730	369	215	6,699	6,436	15,702	3.411
	% by Row	23.5%	25.4%	28.4%	14.4%	8.4%			100.0%	
12. Housing assistance [UnivHousing]	Count	534	694	841	633	649	7,438	4,930	15,719	2.950
	% by Row	15.9%	20.7%	25.1%	18.9%	19.4%			100.0%	
13. Ombudsperson's office [UnivOmbud]	Count	405	489	545	295	192	8,657	4,977	15,560	3.322
	% by Row	21.0%	25.4%	28.3%	15.3%	10.0%			100.0%	
14. Public / Campus transportation service [UnivTransport]	Count	2,261	3,022	3,160	1,584	911	3,140	1,663	15,741	3.378
	% by Row	20.7%	27.6%	28.9%	14.5%	8.3%			100.0%	
15. Food services [UnivFood]	Count	1,203	2,524	4,399	2,996	1,840	1,844	998	15,804	2.865
	% by Row	9.3%	19.5%	33.9%	23.1%	14.2%			100.0%	
16. University bookstore [UnivBooks]	Count	1,908	3,731	4,950	2,130	630	1,685	770	15,804	3.311
	% by Row	14.3%	27.9%	37.1%	16.0%	4.7%			100.0%	
17. Student government office [UnivGovt]	Count	1,035	1,665	2,255	1,056	532	6,488	2,660	15,691	3.247
	% by Row	15.8%	25.4%	34.5%	16.1%	8.1%			100.0%	
18. Registrarial processes [UnivRegistrar]	Count	1,867	3,620	4,854	2,149	925	1,533	821	15,769	3.250
	% by Row	13.9%	27.0%	36.2%	16.0%	6.9%			100.0%	
19. Information technology services [UnivITS]	Count	1,964	3,584	4,154	1,633	585	2,749	1,097	15,766	3.395
	% by Row	16.5%	30.1%	34.8%	13.7%	4.9%			100.0%	
20. Disability/Access services office [UnivDisabl]	Count	734	694	644	287	163	6,923	6,250	15,695	3.614
	% by Row	29.1%	27.5%	25.5%	11.4%	6.5%			100.0%	

Q27: In some universities, resources are offered in multiple locations. To distinguish between resources or services that are offered by a "local office", for example based in a school, department or faculty, as opposed to a "central office" location offering their services campus-wide, please indicate if your rating applies to services received from a "local office" or from a "central office", or applies to both. Please answer regarding your most recent year's experience in the graduate school at this university. (Data collected only if item was ranked in Q26).

		Local office (1)	Central office (2)	Both (3)	Total
1. Library facilities [UnivLibraryLOC]	Count	3,459	6,562	4,256	14,277
	% by Row	24.2%	46.0%	29.8%	100.0%
2. Graduate student work/study space [UnivGradOfficeLOC]	Count	8,605	1,653	1,954	12,212
	% by Row	70.5%	13.5%	16.0%	100.0%
3. Research laboratories [UnivLabLOC]	Count	6,496	1,011	1,262	8,769
	% by Row	74.1%	11.5%	14.4%	100.0%
4. Health care services [UnivHealthLOC]	Count	1,612	5,740	1,201	8,553
	% by Row	18.8%	67.1%	14.0%	100.0%
5. Child care services [UnivChildLOC]	Count	463	691	319	1,473
	% by Row	31.4%	46.9%	21.7%	100.0%
6. Financial aid office [UnivFinAidLOC]	Count	1,592	4,584	1,206	7,382
	% by Row	21.6%	62.1%	16.3%	100.0%
7. Career services [UnivCareerLOC]	Count	1,469	3,050	1,116	5,635
	% by Row	26.1%	54.1%	19.8%	100.0%
8. Student counselling & resource center [UnivCounselLOC]	Count	1,346	2,987	986	5,319
	% by Row	25.3%	56.2%	18.5%	100.0%
9. Athletic facilities [UnivAthleticLOC]	Count	1,741	6,615	1,316	9,672
	% by Row	18.0%	68.4%	13.6%	100.0%
10. Services to international students attending this university [UnivInternatINLOC]	Count	908	1,916	840	3,664
	% by Row	24.8%	52.3%	22.9%	100.0%
11. Services to students attending this university studying abroad (or preparing to) [UnivInternatOUTLOC]	Count	611	1,123	557	2,291
	% by Row	26.7%	49.0%	24.3%	100.0%
12. Housing assistance [UnivHousingLOC]	Count	714	1,777	521	3,012
	% by Row	23.7%	59.0%	17.3%	100.0%
13. Ombudsperson's office [UnivOmbudLOC]	Count	481	885	344	1,710
	% by Row	28.1%	51.8%	20.1%	100.0%
14. Public / Campus transportation service [UnivTransportLOC]	Count	1,451	6,492	2,314	10,257
	% by Row	14.1%	63.3%	22.6%	100.0%
15. Food services [UnivFoodLOC]	Count	2,808	6,053	3,410	12,271
	% by Row	22.9%	49.3%	27.8%	100.0%
16. University bookstore [UnivBooksLOC]	Count	2,564	8,152	1,952	12,668
	% by Row	20.2%	64.4%	15.4%	100.0%
17. Student government office [UnivGovtLOC]	Count	2,158	2,426	1,528	6,112
	% by Row	35.3%	39.7%	25.0%	100.0%
18. Registrarial processes [UnivRegistrarLOC]	Count	3,140	6,414	3,155	12,709
	% by Row	24.7%	50.5%	24.8%	100.0%
19. Information technology services [UnivITSLOC]	Count	2,991	5,167	3,099	11,257
	% by Row	26.6%	45.9%	27.5%	100.0%
20. Disability/Access services office [UnivDisablLOC]	Count	560	1,121	597	2,278
	% by Row	24.6%	49.2%	26.2%	100.0%

SECTION 10 - SOCIAL LIFE

Q28: How often do the following social activities occur on campus and how often do you attend them?

		FREQUENCY OF OCCURRENCE OF ACTIVITIES ON CAMPUS				YOUR ATTENDANCE If Frequency of Occurrence = "Frequent" or "Occasional"			
		Frequent (3)	Occasional (2)	Never (1)	Total	Frequent (3)	Occasional (2)	Never (1)	Total
1. Organized university-wide social activities FREQUENCY = [SocACT_Univ] ATTENDANCE = [SocATT_Univ]	Count	5,498	8,017	1,946	15,461	573	5,738	6,564	12,875
	% by Row	35.6%	51.9%	12.6%	100.0%	4.5%	44.6%	51.0%	100.0%
2. Organized social activities within your department FREQUENCY = [SocACT_Dept] ATTENDANCE = [SocATT_Dept]	Count	4,274	9,704	1,511	15,489	2,985	7,595	2,599	13,179
	% by Row	27.6%	62.7%	9.8%	100.0%	22.6%	57.6%	19.7%	100.0%
3. Organized social activities within your advisor/research group FREQUENCY = [SocACT_Group] ATTENDANCE = [SocATT_Group]	Count	2,224	7,694	5,402	15,320	4,031	3,974	1,190	9,195
	% by Row	14.5%	50.2%	35.3%	100.0%	43.8%	43.2%	12.9%	100.0%
4. Organized social activities within your residence FREQUENCY = [SocACT_Residence] ATTENDANCE = [SocATT_Residence]	Count	1,288	3,412	9,305	14,005	835	1,677	1,772	4,284
	% by Row	9.2%	24.4%	66.4%	100.0%	19.5%	39.1%	41.4%	100.0%

Q29: In the current academic year, have you been physically present on campus (or affiliated institute) on a regular basis, or have you been away most of the time (out of town, out of the country, field work, distance program, working at a separate location, etc.)? [PRESENT]

Response	Frequency	Count
1. Physically present	80.6%	12,675
2. Away most of the time	19.4%	3,060
Not Answered		85
Valid Responses		15,735
Total Responses		15,820

SECTION 11 - GENERAL ASSESSMENT

Q30: Overall, how would you rate the quality of:

		Excellent (5)	Very good (4)	Good (3)	Fair (2)	Poor (1)	Total	Mean (out of 5)
1. Your academic experience at this university? [QualAcad]	Count	4,581	6,336	3,310	1,103	413	15,743	3.862
	% by Row	29.1%	40.2%	21.0%	7.0%	2.6%	100.0%	
2. Your student life experience at this university? [QualLife]	Count	2,930	4,882	4,633	2,224	953	15,622	3.423
	% by Row	18.8%	31.3%	29.7%	14.2%	6.1%	100.0%	
3. Your graduate/professional program at this university? [QualProg]	Count	4,184	5,744	3,592	1,512	683	15,715	3.715
	% by Row	26.6%	36.6%	22.9%	9.6%	4.3%	100.0%	
4. Your overall experience at this university? [QualOverall]	Count	3,725	6,116	3,981	1,463	444	15,729	3.713
	% by Row	23.7%	38.9%	25.3%	9.3%	2.8%	100.0%	

Q31: Rate the extent to which the following factors are an obstacle to your academic progress.

		Not an obstacle (3)	A minor obstacle (2)	A major obstacle (1)	Total	Mean (out of 3)
1. Work/financial commitments [ObsWork]	Count	4,352	6,432	4,822	15,606	1.970
	% by Row	27.9%	41.2%	30.9%	100.0%	
2. Family obligations [ObsFamily]	Count	8,515	5,086	1,980	15,581	2.419
	% by Row	54.6%	32.6%	12.7%	100.0%	
3. Availability of faculty [ObsFaculty]	Count	9,883	4,486	1,209	15,578	2.557
	% by Row	63.4%	28.8%	7.8%	100.0%	
4. Program structure or requirements [ObsProgram]	Count	8,420	5,511	1,657	15,588	2.434
	% by Row	54.0%	35.4%	10.6%	100.0%	
5. Course scheduling [ObsSchedule]	Count	9,261	4,953	1,334	15,548	2.510
	% by Row	59.6%	31.9%	8.6%	100.0%	
6. Immigration laws or regulations [ObsImmigration]	Count	13,313	1,364	703	15,380	2.820
	% by Row	86.6%	8.9%	4.6%	100.0%	
7. Other (specified) [ObsOther]	Count	5,583	542	1,205	7,330	2.597
	% by Row	76.2%	7.4%	16.4%	100.0%	

Q32: As it relates to your current program, how important is it to have the opportunity to ...

		Not important (1)	Somewhat important (2)	Very important (3)	Not applicable (4)	Total	Mean (out of 3)
1. Study abroad [Importance_SInt]	Count	5,513	4,359	3,834	1,881	15,587	1.877
	% by Row	40.2%	31.8%	28.0%		100.0%	
2. Collaborate on research internationally [Importance_RInt]	Count	3,142	5,336	5,825	1,253	15,556	2.188
	% by Row	22.0%	37.3%	40.7%		100.0%	
3. Network with not for profit organizations [Importance_Org]	Count	3,870	5,141	4,937	1,570	15,518	2.076
	% by Row	27.7%	36.9%	35.4%		100.0%	
4. Network with businesses [Importance_Bus]	Count	3,599	4,654	5,818	1,445	15,516	2.158
	% by Row	25.6%	33.1%	41.3%		100.0%	
5. Network with local/provincial/federal government [Importance_Gov]	Count	2,388	5,078	6,870	1,194	15,530	2.313
	% by Row	16.7%	35.4%	47.9%		100.0%	

Q33: To date, as it relates to your current program, have opportunities been available to ...

		No opportunity (1)	Yes, to some extent (2)	Yes, to a great extent (3)	Not applicable (4)	Total	Mean (out of 3)
1. Study abroad [Opport_SInt]	Count	6,353	5,130	1,448	2,409	15,340	1.621
	% by Row	49.1%	39.7%	11.2%		100.0%	
2. Collaborate on research internationally [Opport_RInt]	Count	7,054	4,954	1,507	1,787	15,302	1.590
	% by Row	52.2%	36.7%	11.2%		100.0%	
3. Work/collaborate with not for profit organizations [Opport_Org]	Count	7,224	4,597	1,203	2,241	15,265	1.538
	% by Row	55.5%	35.3%	9.2%		100.0%	
4. Work/collaborate with businesses [Opport_Bus]	Count	7,223	4,535	1,410	2,103	15,271	1.559
	% by Row	54.9%	34.4%	10.7%		100.0%	
5. Work/collaborate with local/provincial/federal government [Opport_Gov]	Count	7,184	4,739	1,432	1,924	15,279	1.569
	% by Row	53.8%	35.5%	10.7%		100.0%	

SECTION 12 - PERSONAL DEMOGRAPHICS

Q34: Gender	[Gender]		[UNIV_Gender]	
	Student Response		University Data	
Response	Frequency	Count	Frequency	Count
1. Male	39.5%	6,182	39.8%	7,192
2. Female	60.5%	9,451	60.2%	10,892
Not Answered/Not Available		89		2
	Valid Responses	15,633	Valid	18,084
	Total Responses	15,722	Total	18,086

Q35: Age [Age]

Response	Frequency	Count
1. 20 or younger	0.0%	7
2. 21 - 25	47.9%	7,493
3. 26 - 30	28.1%	4,395
4. 31 - 35	10.2%	1,600
5. 36 - 40	5.5%	859
6. 41 - 45	3.5%	543
7. Over 45	4.8%	756
Not Answered		65
	Valid Responses	15,653
	Total Responses	15,718

Q36: Which of the following housing situations best describes your CURRENT residence? [Residence]

Response	Frequency	Count
1. On-campus student housing (no resident assistant/dorm responsibilities)	3.4%	531
2. On-campus student housing (with resident assistant/dorm responsibilities)	1.6%	247
3. Off-campus housing owned by this university	1.3%	196
4. Off-campus housing not owned by this university	93.8%	14,663
Not Answered		79
	Valid Responses	15,637
	Total Responses	15,716

Q37: What is your marital status? [Marital]

Response	Frequency	Count
1. Not married	61.7%	9,639
2. Married	19.7%	3,080
3. Divorced	1.4%	220
4. Separated	1.0%	151
5. Widowed	0.1%	20
6. With domestic partner	16.1%	2,508
Not Answered		92
	Valid Responses	15,618
	Total Responses	15,710

Q38: How many, if any, children do you have? [Children]

Response	Frequency	Count
None/Not applicable	84.9%	13,274
1 child	5.5%	863
2 children	6.3%	985
3 children	2.2%	349
4 or more	1.0%	156
Not Answered		83
	Valid Responses	15,627
	Total Responses	15,710

Q39: What is your present citizenship status? [Citizen]

Response	Frequency	Count
1. Canadian Citizen	74.5%	11,671
2. Canadian Permanent Resident	4.9%	767
3. Citizen of another country with a student visa or other non-immigrant visa	20.6%	3,225
Not Answered		46
	Valid Responses	15,663
	Total Responses	15,709

Q40: Please indicate whether you consider yourself to be a member of one or more of the following visible minority groups:
(choose all that apply)

Response	Frequency	Count
1. Black (e.g. African, African American, African Canadian, Caribbean) [gBlack]	6.0%	873
2. East Asian (e.g. Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Polynesian) [gEastAsia]	10.9%	1,598
3. South Asian (e.g. Indian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan, Bangladeshi) [gSouthAsia]	7.0%	1,034
4. Southeast Asian (e.g. Burmese, Cambodian, Filipino, Laotian, Malaysian, Thai, Vietnamese) [gSouthEastAsia]	1.6%	228
5. West Asian (e.g. Arabian, Armenian, Iranian, Israeli, Lebanese, Palestinian, Syrian, Turkish) [gWestAsia]	6.1%	900
6. Latin American (e.g. Mexican, Indigenous Central and South American) [gLatAm]	3.4%	497
7. Mixed origin, please specify: [gMixed]	4.3%	634
8. None [gNone]	62.6%	9,190
	Valid Responses	14,670
	Total Responses	15,709

Q41: Do you self-identify with, or have ancestry as an Aboriginal person (status or non-status Indian, Métis or Inuit)? [ABORIGINAL]

Response	Frequency	Count
1. Yes	3.6%	554
2. No	96.4%	14,997
Not Answered		155
	Valid Responses	15,551
	Total Responses	15,706

Q42. Do you self-identify with any disability or impairment? [DisablSelfID]

Response	Frequency	Count
1. Yes	5.7%	894
2. No	90.2%	14,072
3. I prefer not to respond	4.1%	633
Not Answered		105
	Valid Responses	15,599
	Total Responses	15,704

Q43. Please specify which one(s) (choose all that apply) (If Q42='Yes')

Response	Frequency	Count
1. Sensory (vision or hearing) [Disabl_Sense]	11.5%	102
2. Mobility [Disabl_Mobil]	9.7%	86
3. Learning (e.g. ADHD, Dyslexia) [Disabl_Learn]	33.1%	294
4. Mental Health (e.g. Depression, Bipolar) [Disabl_Mental]	45.2%	401
5. Autism spectrum (e.g. Autism, Asperger's) [Disabl_Autism]	3.8%	34
6. Chronic (e.g. Chron's, Colitis, MS) [Disabl_Chronic]	14.4%	128
7. A disability or impairment not listed above, please specify [Disabl_Else]	15.4%	137
8. Prefer not to respond [Disabl_NotRespond]	4.7%	42
	Valid Responses	888
	Total Responses	893

Q44: How would you rate your institution's efforts to accommodate your disability or impairment in your graduate program? (If Q42='Yes')

[DisablRate]

Response	Frequency	Count	Mean (out of 5)
Excellent (5)	19.0%	160	3.101
Very good (4)	21.5%	181	
Good (3)	25.0%	210	
Fair (2)	19.3%	162	
Poor (1)	15.1%	127	
Not Answered		53	
	Valid Responses	840	
	Total Responses	893	