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Summary Report

All Respondents

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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]		[ACTUAL_STREAM]	
	Frequency	Count	Frequency	Count
1. Mostly research-based, and I already have a research director/advisor << LONG STREAM	56.2%	1,217	55.5%	1,201
2. Mostly research-based, but I still do not have a research director/advisor << MEDIUM STREAM	8.1%	175	21.0%	455
3. Mainly course-based << SHORT STREAM	35.7%	773	23.5%	509
	Valid Responses	2,165	Valid	2,165
	Total Responses	2,165	Total	2,165

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	61.2%	1,324	61.8%	1,338
2. Doctoral	38.8%	839	38.2%	827
Not answered/Not available		2		0
	Valid Responses	2,163	Valid	2,165
	Total Responses	2,165	Total	2,165

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

Response	Frequency	Count
1. Humanities (Long & Medium)	12.0%	259
2. Fine and Applied Arts (Long & Medium)	7.7%	165
3. Social Sciences (Long & Medium)	24.4%	525
4. Business/Management (All)	15.8%	341
5. Education (All)	5.3%	113
6. Engineering (All)	4.1%	89
7. Physical and Mathematical Sciences (Long & Medium)	4.3%	92
8. Environmental Science (All)	4.2%	91
9. Biological Sciences (Long & Medium)	4.7%	102
10. Health Science (All)	9.8%	210
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%	1
16. Law (Short)	4.1%	89
17. Arts & Culture (Short)	0.0%	0
18. Finance/Mathematics/Computing (Short)	0.5%	11
19. Other (specified) (Short)	3.0%	64
Not Answered		13
Valid Responses		2,152
Total Responses		2,165

Q3: What is your current year of study?

Response	[YEARSTUDY]		[UNIV_YEARSTUDY]	
	Frequency	Count	Frequency	Count
1st year	40.0%	864	42.9%	928
2nd year	29.7%	641	29.1%	630
3rd year	10.6%	230	10.0%	216
4th year	7.0%	152	7.1%	153
5th year	6.3%	136	5.1%	110
6th year or above	6.4%	138	5.9%	128
Not Answered/Not Available		4		0
Valid Responses		2,161	Valid	2,165
Total Responses		2,165	Total	2,165

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

Response	Frequency	Count
1. I am still taking courses (All Streams)	58.1%	1,256
2. I have completed coursework (All Streams)	18.2%	393
3. I have passed qualifying exams/paper (Long & Medium)	5.2%	113
4. I have had my thesis/dissertation proposal accepted (Long & Medium)	14.4%	312
5. I have defended my thesis/dissertation/research paper (Long & Medium)	4.0%	87
Not Answered		4
Valid Responses		2,161
Total Responses		2,165

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	34.8%	753
2. To equip me to start a career, or advance an existing career outside of academia	37.1%	803
3. To satisfy my interest in the field, regardless of career prospects	22.5%	486
4. Other (specified)	5.6%	122
Not Answered		1
Valid Responses		2,164
Total Responses		2,165

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

Response	Frequency	Count
1. Yes	39.2%	847
2. No	60.8%	1,315
Not Answered		3
Valid Responses		2,162
Total Responses		2,165

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

Response	Frequency	Count
1. Doctoral	38.2%	827
2. Master's - With Thesis	38.3%	829
3. Master's - Without Thesis	23.5%	509
Valid Responses		2,165
Total Responses		2,165

Other: Academic Load (uploaded data) [UNIV_ACADLOAD]

Response	Frequency	Count
1. Full-Time	77.4%	1,675
2. Part-Time	22.6%	490
Not Available		0
Valid Responses		2,165
Total Responses		2,165

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	583	764	483	234	99	2,163	3.693
	% by Row	27.0%	35.3%	22.3%	10.8%	4.6%	100.0%	
2. If you were to start your graduate/ professional career again, would you select the same field of study? [StartOver_Field]	Count	1,181	575	250	121	27	2,154	4.282
	% by Row	54.8%	26.7%	11.6%	5.6%	1.3%	100.0%	
3. Would you recommend this university to someone considering your program? [StartOver_Program]	Count	814	668	397	175	102	2,156	3.889
	% by Row	37.8%	31.0%	18.4%	8.1%	4.7%	100.0%	
4. Would you recommend this university to someone in another field? [StartOver_OtherField]	Count	406	622	788	244	92	2,152	3.467
	% by Row	18.9%	28.9%	36.6%	11.3%	4.3%	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	701	242	118	78	52	1,191	4.228
	% by Row	58.9%	20.3%	9.9%	6.5%	4.4%	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	918	823	278	82	28	2,129	4.184
	% by Row	43.1%	38.7%	13.1%	3.9%	1.3%	100.0%	
2. The intellectual quality of my fellow students [ProgRate_Students]	Count	441	867	563	198	50	2,119	3.685
	% by Row	20.8%	40.9%	26.6%	9.3%	2.4%	100.0%	
3. The relationship between faculty and graduate students [ProgRate_Relation]	Count	445	765	550	276	87	2,123	3.568
	% by Row	21.0%	36.0%	25.9%	13.0%	4.1%	100.0%	
4. Overall quality of graduate level teaching by faculty [ProgRate_Teaching]	Count	449	866	535	209	60	2,119	3.677
	% by Row	21.2%	40.9%	25.2%	9.9%	2.8%	100.0%	
5. Advice on the availability of financial support [ProgRate_FundingAdv]	Count	213	438	569	505	387	2,112	2.804
	% by Row	10.1%	20.7%	26.9%	23.9%	18.3%	100.0%	
6. Quality of academic advising and guidance [ProgRate_Advising]	Count	323	574	621	372	218	2,108	3.195
	% by Row	15.3%	27.2%	29.5%	17.6%	10.3%	100.0%	
7. Helpfulness of staff members in my program [ProgRate_Staff]	Count	609	645	486	254	133	2,127	3.631
	% by Row	28.6%	30.3%	22.8%	11.9%	6.3%	100.0%	
8. Availability of area courses I needed to complete my program [ProgRate_CourseAvail]	Count	341	575	573	407	221	2,117	3.193
	% by Row	16.1%	27.2%	27.1%	19.2%	10.4%	100.0%	
9. Quality of instruction in my courses [ProgRate_Teaching2]	Count	444	849	582	204	45	2,124	3.679
	% by Row	20.9%	40.0%	27.4%	9.6%	2.1%	100.0%	
10. Relationship of program content to my research/professional goals [ProgRate_Fit]	Count	422	696	587	294	122	2,121	3.472
	% by Row	19.9%	32.8%	27.7%	13.9%	5.8%	100.0%	
11. Opportunities for student collaboration or teamwork [ProgRate_Teamwork]	Count	392	566	600	349	208	2,115	3.277
	% by Row	18.5%	26.8%	28.4%	16.5%	9.8%	100.0%	
12. Opportunities to take coursework outside my own department [ProgRate_CourseOut]	Count	303	536	624	389	250	2,102	3.120
	% by Row	14.4%	25.5%	29.7%	18.5%	11.9%	100.0%	
13. Opportunities to engage in interdisciplinary work [ProgRate_Interdiscipline]	Count	420	536	581	361	212	2,110	3.280
	% by Row	19.9%	25.4%	27.5%	17.1%	10.0%	100.0%	
14. Amount of coursework [ProgRate_Workload]	Count	261	690	821	281	66	2,119	3.377
	% by Row	12.3%	32.6%	38.7%	13.3%	3.1%	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	210	363	356	221	141	170	143	1,604	3.217
	% by Row	16.3%	28.1%	27.6%	17.1%	10.9%			100.0%	
2. Advice/workshops on preparing for candidacy examinations [ProfSkill_Exams]	Count	119	210	256	183	175	250	406	1,599	2.910
	% by Row	12.6%	22.3%	27.1%	19.4%	18.6%			100.0%	
3. Feedback on your research [ProfSkill_Feedback]	Count	266	422	400	218	93	66	136	1,601	3.393
	% by Row	19.0%	30.2%	28.6%	15.6%	6.6%			100.0%	
4. Advice/workshops on standards for academic writing in your field [ProfSkill_WriteSTD2]	Count	152	252	326	257	196	280	132	1,595	2.921
	% by Row	12.8%	21.3%	27.6%	21.7%	16.6%			100.0%	
5. Advice/workshops on writing grant proposals [ProfSkill_WriteGrant]	Count	144	223	290	252	221	296	171	1,597	2.838
	% by Row	12.7%	19.7%	25.7%	22.3%	19.6%			100.0%	
6. Advice/workshops on publishing your work [ProfSkill_Publish]	Count	110	175	226	252	308	323	201	1,595	2.558
	% by Row	10.3%	16.3%	21.1%	23.5%	28.8%			100.0%	
7. Advice/workshops on job searching (CV prep, interview skills, etc.) [ProfSkill_JobHunt]	Count	98	149	208	247	304	369	226	1,601	2.493
	% by Row	9.7%	14.8%	20.7%	24.6%	30.2%			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	106	181	287	270	268	314	160	1,586	2.629
	% by Row	9.5%	16.3%	25.8%	24.3%	24.1%			100.0%	
2. Advice/workshops on career options outside academia [ProfSkill_CareerOth]	Count	57	134	225	288	395	317	168	1,584	2.245
	% by Row	5.2%	12.2%	20.5%	26.2%	35.9%			100.0%	
3. Advice/workshops about research positions [ProfSkill_ResPos]	Count	70	134	246	272	341	339	178	1,580	2.360
	% by Row	6.6%	12.6%	23.1%	25.6%	32.1%			100.0%	
4. Advice/workshops about research ethics in human subject research [ProfSkill_HumanEthic]	Count	123	213	331	195	169	261	288	1,580	2.928
	% by Row	11.9%	20.7%	32.1%	18.9%	16.4%			100.0%	
5. Advice/workshops about research ethics in the use of animals [ProfSkill_AnimEthic]	Count	56	102	137	117	127	297	746	1,582	2.709
	% by Row	10.4%	18.9%	25.4%	21.7%	23.6%			100.0%	
6. Advice on intellectual property issues [ProfSkill_IP]	Count	92	172	261	216	247	327	267	1,582	2.642
	% by Row	9.3%	17.4%	26.4%	21.9%	25.0%			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	37	99	117	69	39	84	49	494	3.072
	% by Row	10.2%	27.4%	32.4%	19.1%	10.8%			100.0%	
2. Advice/workshops on career options [ProfSkill_Career]	Count	31	94	118	95	69	54	30	491	2.811
	% by Row	7.6%	23.1%	29.0%	23.3%	17.0%			100.0%	
3. Advice/workshops on professional ethics [ProfSkill_ProfEthic]	Count	48	91	119	73	34	86	38	489	3.126
	% by Row	13.2%	24.9%	32.6%	20.0%	9.3%			100.0%	
4. Advice/workshops on job preparation and professional practice [ProfSkill_ProfPractice]	Count	36	90	117	90	70	49	33	485	2.831
	% by Row	8.9%	22.3%	29.0%	22.3%	17.4%			100.0%	
5. Opportunities for internships, practicum, and experiential learning as part of the program [ProfSkill_Internship]	Count	37	64	87	102	105	49	46	490	2.559
	% by Row	9.4%	16.2%	22.0%	25.8%	26.6%			100.0%	
6. Opportunities for contact (lectures, seminars, discussion) with practicing professionals [ProfSkill_Contact]	Count	61	123	138	88	38	31	11	490	3.181
	% by Row	13.6%	27.5%	30.8%	19.6%	8.5%			100.0%	

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	325	446	468	271	190	140	229	2,069	3.262
	% by Row	19.1%	26.2%	27.5%	15.9%	11.2%			100.0%	
2. Training in research methods before beginning your own research [ResExp_Method]	Count	223	373	476	335	289	133	239	2,068	2.945
	% by Row	13.1%	22.0%	28.1%	19.8%	17.0%			100.0%	
3. Faculty guidance in formulating a research topic [ResExp_Guidance]	Count	343	413	493	302	213	101	204	2,069	3.210
	% by Row	19.4%	23.4%	27.9%	17.1%	12.1%			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	240	261	269	167	221	186	228	1,572	3.114
	% by Row	20.7%	22.5%	23.2%	14.4%	19.1%			100.0%	
5. Collaboration with faculty in writing a grant proposal (Long and Medium only) [ResExp_WriteGrant]	Count	118	161	194	155	258	351	338	1,575	2.691
	% by Row	13.3%	18.2%	21.9%	17.5%	29.1%			100.0%	

SECTION 6 - PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

Q15: Please select if the following occurs in your department

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		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	1,328	714	2,042	277	320	250	112	322	1,281
	% by Row	65.0%	35.0%	100.0%	21.6%	25.0%	19.5%	8.7%	25.1%	100.0%
2. Departmental funding for students to attend national or regional meetings OCCURRED = [PresPub_FundMeet] # TIMES = [PresPubNum_FundMeet]	Count	719	1,311	2,030	358	171	77	36	41	683
	% by Row	35.4%	64.6%	100.0%	52.4%	25.0%	11.3%	5.3%	6.0%	100.0%
3. Attend national scholarly meetings OCCURRED = [PresPub_NatlMeet] # TIMES = [PresPubNum_NatlMeet]	Count	730	1,295	2,025	281	158	105	50	101	695
	% by Row	36.0%	64.0%	100.0%	40.4%	22.7%	15.1%	7.2%	14.5%	100.0%

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

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		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	686	440	1,126	154	158	112	72	154	650
	% by Row	60.9%	39.1%	100.0%	23.7%	24.3%	17.2%	11.1%	23.7%	100.0%
5. Co-authored in refereed journals with your program faculty (Long only) OCCURRED = [PresPub_CoAuth] # TIMES = [PresPubNum_CoAuth]	Count	404	718	1,122	175	108	51	22	28	384
	% by Row	36.0%	64.0%	100.0%	45.6%	28.1%	13.3%	5.7%	7.3%	100.0%
6. Published as sole or first author in a refereed journal (Long only) OCCURRED = [PresPub_Author] # TIMES = [PresPubNum_Author]	Count	472	650	1,122	178	171	61	24	18	452
	% by Row	42.1%	57.9%	100.0%	39.4%	37.8%	13.5%	5.3%	4.0%	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	602	420	63	22	1,107	3.447
	% by Row	54.4%	37.9%	5.7%	2.0%	100.0%	
2. My advisor served as my advocate when necessary [Advisor_Advocate]	Count	657	352	74	17	1,100	3.499
	% by Row	59.7%	32.0%	6.7%	1.5%	100.0%	
3. My advisor gave me constructive feedback on my work [Advisor_Feedback]	Count	679	356	42	27	1,104	3.528
	% by Row	61.5%	32.2%	3.8%	2.4%	100.0%	
4. My advisor returned my work promptly [Advisor_Promptly]	Count	611	355	90	45	1,101	3.391
	% by Row	55.5%	32.2%	8.2%	4.1%	100.0%	
5. My advisor promoted my professional development [Advisor_ProfDev]	Count	559	379	117	35	1,090	3.341
	% by Row	51.3%	34.8%	10.7%	3.2%	100.0%	
6. My advisor overall, performed the role well [Advisor_Role]	Count	643	344	80	27	1,094	3.465
	% by Row	58.8%	31.4%	7.3%	2.5%	100.0%	
7. My advisor was available for regular meetings [Advisor_Available]	Count	625	347	93	33	1,098	3.424
	% by Row	56.9%	31.6%	8.5%	3.0%	100.0%	
8. My advisor was very helpful to me in preparing for written qualifying exams [Advisor_WrittenEx]	Count	461	396	138	35	1,030	3.246
	% by Row	44.8%	38.4%	13.4%	3.4%	100.0%	
9. My advisor was very helpful to me in preparing for the oral qualifying exam [Advisor_OralEx]	Count	457	391	129	32	1,009	3.262
	% by Row	45.3%	38.8%	12.8%	3.2%	100.0%	
10. My advisor was very helpful to me in selecting a dissertation topic [Advisor_DissTop]	Count	516	381	123	40	1,060	3.295
	% by Row	48.7%	35.9%	11.6%	3.8%	100.0%	
11. My advisor was very helpful to me in writing a dissertation prospectus or proposal [Advisor_ResProp]	Count	498	393	107	33	1,031	3.315
	% by Row	48.3%	38.1%	10.4%	3.2%	100.0%	
12. My advisor was very helpful to me in writing the dissertation [Advisor_DissWrite]	Count	443	376	107	33	959	3.282
	% by Row	46.2%	39.2%	11.2%	3.4%	100.0%	
13. My advisor was very helpful to me in selecting the dissertation committee [Advisor_DissCmtee]	Count	534	363	92	28	1,017	3.380
	% by Row	52.5%	35.7%	9.0%	2.8%	100.0%	
14. My advisor encouraged discussions about current job market and various career prospects [Advisor_JobMarket]	Count	350	335	230	99	1,014	2.923
	% by Row	34.5%	33.0%	22.7%	9.8%	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	25.1%	272	15.9%	160
One to three times (at least once a month) = 2	45.8%	496	44.7%	451
Less than once a month = 1	29.0%	314	39.4%	397
Valid Responses		1,082	Valid	1,008
Total Responses		1,082	Total	1,008

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

Response	Frequency	Count
1. Yes	65.2%	720
2. No	34.8%	385
Not Answered		13
Valid Responses		1,105
Total Responses		1,118

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]	49.5%	356
2. I am expected to meet at least annually with my advisory committee [AdvCmtee_AnnMeet]	42.1%	303
3. I have already interacted at least once with my advisory committee [AdvCmtee_Met]	73.3%	527
Valid Responses		719
Total Responses		719

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	73.1%	380
2. Through email or telephonic contact (no formal meeting)	26.9%	140
Not Answered		2
Valid Responses		520
Total Responses		522

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	46.0%	236	3.390
Agree = 3	48.0%	246	
Disagree = 2	5.1%	26	
Strongly disagree = 1	1.0%	5	
Not Answered		9	
Valid Responses		513	
Total Responses		522	

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]	14.5%	270
2. Provincial Government Scholarship/Fellowship [FinSup_Prov]	17.0%	316
3. Support from a Foreign Government [FinSup_Foreign]	1.5%	28
4. External (to university) non-government fellowship [FinSup_External]	4.8%	89
5. Provincial bursary (non-refundable) [FinSup_ProvBursary]	5.0%	93
6. University-funded bursary [FinSup_UnivBursary]	48.4%	898
7. University-funded fellowships [FinSup_UnivFellowship]	10.0%	186
8. Full tuition scholarships or waivers [FinSup_FullWaiver]	12.3%	228
9. Partial tuition scholarships or waivers [FinSup_PartWaiver]	14.8%	275
10. Graduate research assistantship [FinSup_RA]	39.5%	733
11. Graduate teaching assistantship [FinSup_TA]	47.3%	878
12. Other part-time research employment [FinSup_PTResearch]	6.1%	114
13. Other part-time teaching employment [FinSup_PTTeaching]	3.6%	67
14. Residence Donship [FinSup_ResDonship]	0.3%	6
15. Other campus employment [FinSup_OthCampusJob]	3.1%	58
16. Off campus employment [FinSup_OffCampusJob]	20.0%	371
17. Employee benefit or employer funding [FinSup_Benefit]	10.4%	193
18. Loans, savings, or family assistance [FinSup_LoanAssist]	45.0%	835
Valid Responses		1,857
Total Responses		2,033

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	59.4%	1,174	\$11,775
2. \$1 - \$9,999	8.0%	159	
3. \$10,000 - \$19,999	7.3%	144	
4. \$20,000 - \$29,999	9.3%	183	
5. \$30,000 - \$39,999	6.1%	120	
6. \$40,000 - \$49,999	3.9%	77	
7. \$50,000 - \$59,999	2.5%	50	
8. \$60,000 - \$69,999	1.3%	26	
9. \$70,000 - \$79,999	0.9%	17	
10. \$80,000 or more	1.4%	28	
Not Answered		50	
Valid Responses		1,978	
Total Responses		2,028	

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	43.6%	857	\$15,425
2. \$1 - \$9,999	18.3%	360	
3. \$10,000 - \$19,999	11.9%	233	
4. \$20,000 - \$29,999	7.3%	143	
5. \$30,000 - \$39,999	4.8%	95	
6. \$40,000 - \$49,999	3.2%	63	
7. \$50,000 - \$59,999	2.9%	57	
8. \$60,000 - \$69,999	2.3%	45	
9. \$70,000 - \$79,999	1.5%	30	
10. \$80,000 or more	4.2%	82	
Not Answered		62	
Valid Responses		1,965	
Total Responses		2,027	

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	483	681	511	165	88	58	18	2,004	3.677
	% by Row	25.1%	35.3%	26.5%	8.6%	4.6%			100.0%	
2. Graduate student work/study space [UnivGradOffice]	Count	239	337	392	308	357	220	139	1,992	2.873
	% by Row	14.6%	20.6%	24.0%	18.9%	21.9%			100.0%	
3. Research laboratories [UnivLab]	Count	147	179	243	161	87	455	704	1,976	3.169
	% by Row	18.0%	21.9%	29.7%	19.7%	10.6%			100.0%	
4. Health care services [UnivHealth]	Count	216	253	295	185	104	620	304	1,977	3.277
	% by Row	20.5%	24.0%	28.0%	17.6%	9.9%			100.0%	
5. Child care services [UnivChild]	Count	42	61	74	56	43	817	873	1,966	3.011
	% by Row	15.2%	22.1%	26.8%	20.3%	15.6%			100.0%	
6. Financial aid office [UnivFinAid]	Count	96	161	291	269	229	617	306	1,969	2.642
	% by Row	9.2%	15.4%	27.8%	25.7%	21.9%			100.0%	
7. Career services [UnivCareer]	Count	77	150	254	239	193	794	263	1,970	2.648
	% by Row	8.4%	16.4%	27.8%	26.2%	21.1%			100.0%	
8. Student counselling & resource center [UnivCounsel]	Count	120	173	220	178	131	881	270	1,973	2.967
	% by Row	14.6%	21.0%	26.8%	21.7%	15.9%			100.0%	
9. Athletic facilities [UnivAthletic]	Count	122	181	287	181	116	815	266	1,968	3.014
	% by Row	13.8%	20.4%	32.4%	20.4%	13.1%			100.0%	
10. Services to international students attending this university [UnivInternatIN]	Count	59	129	132	109	103	545	891	1,968	2.872
	% by Row	11.1%	24.2%	24.8%	20.5%	19.4%			100.0%	
11. Services to students attending this university studying abroad (or preparing to) [UnivInternatOUT]	Count	52	81	111	64	39	715	906	1,968	3.124
	% by Row	15.0%	23.3%	32.0%	18.4%	11.2%			100.0%	
12. Housing assistance [UnivHousing]	Count	63	110	158	108	100	685	747	1,971	2.866
	% by Row	11.7%	20.4%	29.3%	20.0%	18.6%			100.0%	
13. Ombudsperson's office [UnivOmbud]	Count	39	53	76	58	32	956	728	1,942	3.035
	% by Row	15.1%	20.5%	29.5%	22.5%	12.4%			100.0%	
14. Public / Campus transportation service [UnivTransport]	Count	150	271	422	334	217	325	240	1,959	2.859
	% by Row	10.8%	19.4%	30.3%	24.0%	15.6%			100.0%	
15. Food services [UnivFood]	Count	115	274	553	466	350	134	88	1,980	2.623
	% by Row	6.5%	15.6%	31.5%	26.5%	19.9%			100.0%	
16. University bookstore [UnivBooks]	Count	133	280	648	457	161	202	106	1,987	2.861
	% by Row	7.9%	16.7%	38.6%	27.2%	9.6%			100.0%	
17. Student government office [UnivGovt]	Count	66	121	249	147	62	905	408	1,958	2.972
	% by Row	10.2%	18.8%	38.6%	22.8%	9.6%			100.0%	
18. Registrarial processes [UnivRegistrar]	Count	138	332	579	424	202	195	96	1,966	2.869
	% by Row	8.2%	19.8%	34.6%	25.3%	12.1%			100.0%	
19. Information technology services [UnivITS]	Count	137	326	538	376	166	300	128	1,971	2.930
	% by Row	8.9%	21.1%	34.9%	24.4%	10.8%			100.0%	
20. Disability/Access services office [UnivDisabl]	Count	90	115	120	67	46	676	855	1,969	3.311
	% by Row	20.5%	26.3%	27.4%	15.3%	10.5%			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	489	870	504	1,863
	% by Row	26.2%	46.7%	27.1%	100.0%
2. Graduate student work/study space [UnivGradOfficeLOC]	Count	1,009	250	288	1,547
	% by Row	65.2%	16.2%	18.6%	100.0%
3. Research laboratories [UnivLabLOC]	Count	488	151	137	776
	% by Row	62.9%	19.5%	17.7%	100.0%
4. Health care services [UnivHealthLOC]	Count	217	603	166	986
	% by Row	22.0%	61.2%	16.8%	100.0%
5. Child care services [UnivChildLOC]	Count	84	108	53	245
	% by Row	34.3%	44.1%	21.6%	100.0%
6. Financial aid office [UnivFinAidLOC]	Count	296	492	195	983
	% by Row	30.1%	50.1%	19.8%	100.0%
7. Career services [UnivCareerLOC]	Count	361	329	167	857
	% by Row	42.1%	38.4%	19.5%	100.0%
8. Student counselling & resource center [UnivCounselLOC]	Count	277	345	140	762
	% by Row	36.4%	45.3%	18.4%	100.0%
9. Athletic facilities [UnivAthleticLOC]	Count	172	538	134	844
	% by Row	20.4%	63.7%	15.9%	100.0%
10. Services to international students attending this university [UnivInternatINLOC]	Count	161	220	119	500
	% by Row	32.2%	44.0%	23.8%	100.0%
11. Services to students attending this university studying abroad (or preparing to) [UnivInternatOUTLOC]	Count	118	132	76	326
	% by Row	36.2%	40.5%	23.3%	100.0%
12. Housing assistance [UnivHousingLOC]	Count	134	291	87	512
	% by Row	26.2%	56.8%	17.0%	100.0%
13. Ombudsperson's office [UnivOmbudLOC]	Count	77	116	50	243
	% by Row	31.7%	47.7%	20.6%	100.0%
14. Public / Campus transportation service [UnivTransportLOC]	Count	223	842	255	1,320
	% by Row	16.9%	63.8%	19.3%	100.0%
15. Food services [UnivFoodLOC]	Count	359	877	442	1,678
	% by Row	21.4%	52.3%	26.3%	100.0%
16. University bookstore [UnivBooksLOC]	Count	291	1,084	220	1,595
	% by Row	18.2%	68.0%	13.8%	100.0%
17. Student government office [UnivGovtLOC]	Count	178	305	123	606
	% by Row	29.4%	50.3%	20.3%	100.0%
18. Registrarial processes [UnivRegistrarLOC]	Count	426	759	402	1,587
	% by Row	26.8%	47.8%	25.3%	100.0%
19. Information technology services [UnivITSLOC]	Count	410	658	399	1,467
	% by Row	27.9%	44.9%	27.2%	100.0%
20. Disability/Access services office [UnivDisablLOC]	Count	114	197	100	411
	% by Row	27.7%	47.9%	24.3%	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	690	919	350	1,959	62	517	901	1,480
	% by Row	35.2%	46.9%	17.9%	100.0%	4.2%	34.9%	60.9%	100.0%
2. Organized social activities within your department FREQUENCY = [SocACT_Dept] ATTENDANCE = [SocATT_Dept]	Count	473	1,274	219	1,966	282	969	333	1,584
	% by Row	24.1%	64.8%	11.1%	100.0%	17.8%	61.2%	21.0%	100.0%
3. Organized social activities within your advisor/research group FREQUENCY = [SocACT_Group] ATTENDANCE = [SocATT_Group]	Count	310	787	851	1,948	322	443	196	961
	% by Row	15.9%	40.4%	43.7%	100.0%	33.5%	46.1%	20.4%	100.0%
4. Organized social activities within your residence FREQUENCY = [SocACT_Residence] ATTENDANCE = [SocATT_Residence]	Count	98	590	1,124	1,812	54	218	333	605
	% by Row	5.4%	32.6%	62.0%	100.0%	8.9%	36.0%	55.0%	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	80.2%	1,596
2. Away most of the time	19.8%	394
Not Answered		12
Valid Responses		1,990
Total Responses		2,002

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	426	771	498	211	82	1,988	3.628
	% by Row	21.4%	38.8%	25.1%	10.6%	4.1%	100.0%	
2. Your student life experience at this university? [QualLife]	Count	192	458	619	444	262	1,975	2.936
	% by Row	9.7%	23.2%	31.3%	22.5%	13.3%	100.0%	
3. Your graduate/professional program at this university? [QualProg]	Count	439	696	502	253	98	1,988	3.566
	% by Row	22.1%	35.0%	25.3%	12.7%	4.9%	100.0%	
4. Your overall experience at this university? [QualOverall]	Count	301	672	623	287	107	1,990	3.388
	% by Row	15.1%	33.8%	31.3%	14.4%	5.4%	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	440	737	798	1,975	1.819
	% by Row	22.3%	37.3%	40.4%	100.0%	
2. Family obligations [ObsFamily]	Count	833	768	369	1,970	2.236
	% by Row	42.3%	39.0%	18.7%	100.0%	
3. Availability of faculty [ObsFaculty]	Count	1,110	666	192	1,968	2.466
	% by Row	56.4%	33.8%	9.8%	100.0%	
4. Program structure or requirements [ObsProgram]	Count	922	769	281	1,972	2.325
	% by Row	46.8%	39.0%	14.2%	100.0%	
5. Course scheduling [ObsSchedule]	Count	969	736	257	1,962	2.363
	% by Row	49.4%	37.5%	13.1%	100.0%	
6. Immigration laws or regulations [ObsImmigration]	Count	1,690	180	84	1,954	2.822
	% by Row	86.5%	9.2%	4.3%	100.0%	
7. Other (specified) [ObsOther]	Count	432	100	201	733	2.315
	% by Row	58.9%	13.6%	27.4%	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	695	552	493	227	1,967	1.884
	% by Row	39.9%	31.7%	28.3%		100.0%	
2. Collaborate on research internationally [Importance_RInt]	Count	387	625	766	186	1,964	2.213
	% by Row	21.8%	35.2%	43.1%		100.0%	
3. Network with not for profit organizations [Importance_Org]	Count	440	666	675	175	1,956	2.132
	% by Row	24.7%	37.4%	37.9%		100.0%	
4. Network with businesses [Importance_Bus]	Count	489	490	807	174	1,960	2.178
	% by Row	27.4%	27.4%	45.2%		100.0%	
5. Network with local/provincial/federal government [Importance_Gov]	Count	316	645	850	154	1,965	2.295
	% by Row	17.4%	35.6%	46.9%		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	672	650	257	361	1,940	1.737
	% by Row	42.6%	41.2%	16.3%		100.0%	
2. Collaborate on research internationally [Opport_RInt]	Count	818	627	156	335	1,936	1.587
	% by Row	51.1%	39.2%	9.7%		100.0%	
3. Work/collaborate with not for profit organizations [Opport_Org]	Count	828	625	151	327	1,931	1.578
	% by Row	51.6%	39.0%	9.4%		100.0%	
4. Work/collaborate with businesses [Opport_Bus]	Count	873	530	171	357	1,931	1.554
	% by Row	55.5%	33.7%	10.9%		100.0%	
5. Work/collaborate with local/provincial/federal government [Opport_Gov]	Count	985	524	113	309	1,931	1.462
	% by Row	60.7%	32.3%	7.0%		100.0%	

SECTION 12 - PERSONAL DEMOGRAPHICS

Q34: Gender	[GENDER]		[UNIV_GENDER]	
	Student Response		University Data	
Response	Frequency	Count	Frequency	Count
1. Male	39.8%	782	39.7%	859
2. Female	60.2%	1,185	60.3%	1,305
Not Answered/Not Available		23		1
	Valid Responses	1,967	Valid	2,164
	Total Responses	1,990	Total	2,165

Q35: Age [AGE]

Response	Frequency	Count
1. 20 or younger	0.0%	0
2. 21 - 25	23.5%	462
3. 26 - 30	33.2%	654
4. 31 - 35	19.6%	386
5. 36 - 40	8.5%	168
6. 41 - 45	5.9%	117
7. Over 45	9.3%	183
Not Answered		20
	Valid Responses	1,970
	Total Responses	1,990

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)	10.3%	203
2. On-campus student housing (with resident assistant/dorm responsibilities)	2.2%	43
3. Off-campus housing owned by this university	1.5%	30
4. Off-campus housing not owned by this university	86.0%	1,697
Not Answered		16
	Valid Responses	1,973
	Total Responses	1,989

Q37: What is your marital status? [MARITAL]

Response	Frequency	Count
1. Not married	51.3%	1,006
2. Married	31.6%	619
3. Divorced	2.3%	46
4. Separated	1.8%	35
5. Widowed	0.3%	5
6. With domestic partner	12.7%	250
Not Answered		27
	Valid Responses	1,961
	Total Responses	1,988

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

Response	Frequency	Count
None/Not applicable	78.4%	1,542
1 child	8.3%	163
2 children	8.8%	174
3 children	3.2%	63
4 or more	1.3%	25
Not Answered		21
	Valid Responses	1,967
	Total Responses	1,988

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

Response	Frequency	Count
1. Canadian Citizen	75.7%	1,493
2. Canadian Permanent Resident	7.6%	149
3. Citizen of another country with a student visa or other non-immigrant visa	16.7%	329
Not Answered		17
	Valid Responses	1,971
	Total Responses	1,988

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]	9.2%	172
2. East Asian (e.g. Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Polynesian) [gEastAsia]	11.8%	221
3. South Asian (e.g. Indian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan, Bangladeshi) [gSouthAsia]	15.7%	295
4. Southeast Asian (e.g. Burmese, Cambodian, Filipino, Laotian, Malaysian, Thai, Vietnamese) [gSouthEastAsia]	2.0%	38
5. West Asian (e.g. Arabian, Armenian, Iranian, Israeli, Lebanese, Palestinian, Syrian, Turkish) [gWestAsia]	9.1%	171
6. Latin American (e.g. Mexican, Indigenous Central and South American) [gLatAm]	3.8%	72
7. Mixed origin, please specify: [gMixed]	5.8%	109
8. None [NONE]	46.3%	868
	Valid Responses	1,875
	Total Responses	1,988

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	2.5%	49
2. No	97.5%	1,901
Not Answered		38
	Valid Responses	1,950
	Total Responses	1,988

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

Response	Frequency	Count
1. Yes	10.7%	210
2. No	82.3%	1,611
3. I prefer not to respond	7.0%	137
Not Answered		30
	Valid Responses	1,958
	Total Responses	1,988

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

Response	Frequency	Count
1. Sensory (vision or hearing) [Disabl_Sense]	11.0%	23
2. Mobility [Disabl_Mobil]	12.9%	27
3. Learning (e.g. ADHD, Dyslexia) [Disabl_Learn]	25.4%	53
4. Mental Health (e.g. Depression, Bipolar) [Disabl_Mental]	46.9%	98
5. Autism spectrum (e.g. Autism, Asperger's) [Disabl_Autism]	4.3%	9
6. Chronic (e.g. Chron's, Colitis, MS) [Disabl_Chronic]	21.1%	44
7. A disability or impairment not listed above, please specify [Disabl_Else]	14.8%	31
8. Prefer not to respond [Disabl_NotRespond]	6.2%	13
	Valid Responses	209
	Total Responses	210

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)	17.9%	36	3.010
Very good (4)	18.9%	38	
Good (3)	26.9%	54	
Fair (2)	18.9%	38	
Poor (1)	17.4%	35	
Not Answered		9	
	Valid Responses	201	
	Total Responses	210	

SECTION 13: OTHER SUMMARY ITEMS

Project Summary	2016	2013
Number of students invited to participate	5,879	5,857
Responses received (partially or totally completed)	2,165	1,411
Response rate	36.8%	24.1%
Survey Open Date	25-Jan-16	7-Feb-13
Survey Close Date	25-Mar-16	28-Mar-13
Number of days open for data collection	60	49