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Summary Report

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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 with no supervisor formally assigned to you?* << Required.

| Response | Student Response | | Actual Stream (if override applied) | |
|---|------------------------|---------------|--|---------------|
| | Frequency | Count | Frequency | Count |
| Mostly research-based, and I already have a research director/advisor << LONG STREAM | 86.1% | 15,119 | 86.1% | 15,119 |
| Mostly research-based, but I still do not have a research director/advisor << MEDIUM STREAM | 5.2% | 906 | 13.9% | 2,440 |
| Mainly course-based << SHORT STREAM | 8.7% | 1,534 | 0.0% | 0 |
| | Valid Responses | 17,559 | Valid | 17,559 |
| | Total Responses | 17,559 | Total | 17,559 |

SECTION 1 - EDUCATIONAL STATUS

Q1: At which degree level are you currently enrolled?

| Response | Student Response | | University Data | |
|----------------------------|------------------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| | Frequency | Count | Frequency | Count |
| Master's | 98.5% | 17,268 | 100.0% | 17,540 |
| Doctoral | 1.5% | 260 | 0.0% | 0 |
| Not answered/Not available | | 31 | | 19 |
| | Valid Responses | 17,528 | Valid | 17,540 |
| | Total Responses | 17,559 | Total | 17,559 |

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

| Response | Frequency | Count |
|---|------------------------|---------------|
| Humanities | 11.9% | 2,071 |
| Fine and Applied Arts | 4.8% | 838 |
| Social Sciences | 17.2% | 2,998 |
| Business/Management | 3.2% | 554 |
| Education | 6.0% | 1,054 |
| Engineering | 15.9% | 2,783 |
| Physical and Mathematical Sciences | 7.8% | 1,360 |
| Environmental Science | 4.9% | 853 |
| Biological Sciences | 10.6% | 1,850 |
| Health Science | 15.9% | 2,779 |
| Library & Information Sciences | 0.0% | 0 |
| Architecture/Landscape Architecture/Urban Design/Planning | 0.0% | 0 |
| Journalism | 0.0% | 1 |
| Public Administration/Public Policy/International Relations | 0.3% | 47 |
| Social Work | 0.1% | 16 |
| Law | 0.0% | 8 |
| Arts & Culture | 0.3% | 47 |
| Finance/Mathematics/Computing | 0.1% | 10 |
| Other | 1.1% | 188 |
| Not Answered | | 102 |
| | Valid Responses | 17,457 |
| | Total Responses | 17,559 |

Q3: What is your current year of study?

| Response | Student Response | | University Data | |
|----------------------------|------------------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| | Frequency | Count | Frequency | Count |
| 1st year | 40.9% | 7,160 | 46.4% | 7,667 |
| 2nd year | 39.7% | 6,946 | 34.3% | 5,655 |
| 3rd year | 13.0% | 2,281 | 13.2% | 2,174 |
| 4th year | 3.0% | 531 | 4.0% | 654 |
| 5th year | 1.7% | 303 | 1.3% | 217 |
| 6th year or above | 1.6% | 288 | 0.8% | 140 |
| Not Answered/Not Available | | 50 | | 1,052 |
| | Valid Responses | 17,509 | Valid | 16,507 |
| | Total Responses | 17,559 | Total | 17,559 |

Q4: What is your current status in your graduate program?

| Response | Frequency | Count |
|---|-----------|---------------|
| I am still taking courses (All Streams) | 51.6% | 9,043 |
| I have completed coursework (All Streams) | 29.6% | 5,185 |
| I have passed qualifying exams/paper (Long & Medium) | 1.0% | 178 |
| I have had my thesis/dissertation proposal accepted (Long & Medium) | 13.8% | 2,412 |
| I have defended my thesis/dissertation/research paper (Long & Medium) | 4.1% | 715 |
| Not Answered | | 26 |
| Valid Responses | | 17,533 |
| Total Responses | | 17,559 |

Q5: Do you expect to graduate by the end of the current academic year?

| Response | Frequency | Count |
|------------------------|-----------|---------------|
| Yes | 43.8% | 7,674 |
| No | 56.2% | 9,847 |
| Not Answered | | 38 |
| Valid Responses | | 17,521 |
| Total Responses | | 17,559 |

Other: Program Level, for Reporting (calculated, utilizing combined data)

| Response | Frequency | Count |
|---------------------------|-----------|---------------|
| Doctoral | 0.0% | 0 |
| Master's - With Thesis | 100.0% | 17,559 |
| Master's - Without Thesis | 0.0% | 0 |
| Valid Responses | | 17,559 |
| Total Responses | | 17,559 |

Other: Academic Load (uploaded data)

| Response | University Data | |
|------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| | Frequency | Count |
| Full-Time | 88.4% | 15,223 |
| Part-Time | 11.6% | 2,006 |
| Not Available | | 330 |
| Valid Responses | | 17,229 |
| Total Responses | | 17,559 |

SECTION 2 - GENERAL SATISFACTION**Q6 and Q7: Please select your response to the following statements.**

| | | Definitely | Probably | Maybe | Probably not | Definitely not | Total | Mean (out of 5) |
|--|----------|------------|----------|-------|--------------|----------------|--------|-----------------|
| 1. If you were to start your graduate/ professional career again, would you select this same university? | Count | 5,625 | 6,848 | 3,160 | 1,382 | 510 | 17,525 | 3.896 |
| | % by Row | 32.1% | 39.1% | 18.0% | 7.9% | 2.9% | 100.0% | |
| 2. If you were to start your graduate/ professional career again, would you select the same field of study? | Count | 8,729 | 4,984 | 2,297 | 1,171 | 310 | 17,491 | 4.181 |
| | % by Row | 49.9% | 28.5% | 13.1% | 6.7% | 1.8% | 100.0% | |
| 3. Would you recommend this university to someone considering your program? | Count | 7,592 | 5,687 | 2,550 | 1,112 | 547 | 17,488 | 4.067 |
| | % by Row | 43.4% | 32.5% | 14.6% | 6.4% | 3.1% | 100.0% | |
| 4. Would you recommend this university to someone in another field? | Count | 4,463 | 6,471 | 5,300 | 930 | 293 | 17,457 | 3.795 |
| | % by Row | 25.6% | 37.1% | 30.4% | 5.3% | 1.7% | 100.0% | |
| 5. If you were to start your graduate career again, would you select the same faculty supervisor? (Long Stream only) | Count | 7,329 | 3,649 | 1,968 | 1,027 | 720 | 14,693 | 4.078 |
| | % by Row | 49.9% | 24.8% | 13.4% | 7.0% | 4.9% | 100.0% | |

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

Q8: Please rate the following dimensions of your program. (All Streams)

| | | Excellent | Very good | Good | Fair | Poor | Total | Mean (out of 5) |
|---|----------|-----------|-----------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------------------|
| 1. The intellectual quality of the faculty | Count | 7,525 | 6,836 | 2,297 | 530 | 114 | 17,302 | 4.221 |
| | % by Row | 43.5% | 39.5% | 13.3% | 3.1% | 0.7% | 100.0% | |
| 2. The intellectual quality of my fellow students | Count | 3,813 | 7,742 | 4,388 | 1,082 | 227 | 17,252 | 3.802 |
| | % by Row | 22.1% | 44.9% | 25.4% | 6.3% | 1.3% | 100.0% | |
| 3. The relationship between faculty and graduate students | Count | 4,930 | 6,585 | 3,895 | 1,360 | 483 | 17,253 | 3.818 |
| | % by Row | 28.6% | 38.2% | 22.6% | 7.9% | 2.8% | 100.0% | |
| 4. Overall quality of graduate level teaching by faculty | Count | 3,558 | 7,174 | 4,505 | 1,600 | 412 | 17,249 | 3.688 |
| | % by Row | 20.6% | 41.6% | 26.1% | 9.3% | 2.4% | 100.0% | |
| 5. Advice on the availability of financial support | Count | 1,780 | 3,794 | 5,698 | 3,859 | 1,993 | 17,124 | 2.971 |
| | % by Row | 10.4% | 22.2% | 33.3% | 22.5% | 11.6% | 100.0% | |
| 6. Quality of academic advising and guidance | Count | 2,866 | 5,085 | 5,191 | 2,812 | 1,235 | 17,189 | 3.322 |
| | % by Row | 16.7% | 29.6% | 30.2% | 16.4% | 7.2% | 100.0% | |
| 7. Helpfulness of staff members in my program | Count | 5,009 | 5,925 | 4,059 | 1,656 | 565 | 17,214 | 3.764 |
| | % by Row | 29.1% | 34.4% | 23.6% | 9.6% | 3.3% | 100.0% | |
| 8. Availability of area courses I needed to complete my program | Count | 2,984 | 4,933 | 4,804 | 2,952 | 1,537 | 17,210 | 3.283 |
| | % by Row | 17.3% | 28.7% | 27.9% | 17.2% | 8.9% | 100.0% | |
| 9. Quality of instruction in my courses | Count | 3,382 | 7,056 | 4,767 | 1,637 | 390 | 17,232 | 3.662 |
| | % by Row | 19.6% | 40.9% | 27.7% | 9.5% | 2.3% | 100.0% | |
| 10. Relationship of program content to my research/professional goals | Count | 3,046 | 5,807 | 5,123 | 2,369 | 880 | 17,225 | 3.451 |
| | % by Row | 17.7% | 33.7% | 29.7% | 13.8% | 5.1% | 100.0% | |
| 11. Opportunities for student collaboration or teamwork | Count | 2,978 | 5,399 | 5,080 | 2,617 | 1,130 | 17,204 | 3.377 |
| | % by Row | 17.3% | 31.4% | 29.5% | 15.2% | 6.6% | 100.0% | |
| 12. Opportunities to take coursework outside my own department | Count | 2,366 | 4,081 | 5,289 | 3,273 | 1,987 | 16,996 | 3.092 |
| | % by Row | 13.9% | 24.0% | 31.1% | 19.3% | 11.7% | 100.0% | |
| 13. Opportunities to engage in interdisciplinary work | Count | 2,454 | 4,157 | 5,306 | 3,426 | 1,645 | 16,988 | 3.138 |
| | % by Row | 14.4% | 24.5% | 31.2% | 20.2% | 9.7% | 100.0% | |
| 14. Amount of coursework | Count | 1,892 | 6,219 | 7,000 | 1,709 | 401 | 17,221 | 3.435 |
| | % by Row | 11.0% | 36.1% | 40.6% | 9.9% | 2.3% | 100.0% | |

SECTION 4 - PROFESSIONAL SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

Q9: How would you rate the quality of the support and training you received in these areas? (Long and Medium Streams only)

| | | Excellent | Very good | Good | Fair | Poor | Did not participate | Not applicable | Total | Mean (out of 5) |
|---|----------|-----------|-----------|-------|-------|-------|---------------------|----------------|--------|-----------------|
| 1. Courses, workshops, or orientation on teaching | Count | 2,003 | 4,429 | 4,348 | 1,688 | 687 | 1,860 | 1,582 | 16,597 | 3.408 |
| | % by Row | 15.2% | 33.7% | 33.1% | 12.8% | 5.2% | | | 100.0% | |
| 2. Advice/workshops on preparing for candidacy examinations | Count | 925 | 1,962 | 2,418 | 1,339 | 767 | 2,981 | 6,067 | 16,459 | 3.127 |
| | % by Row | 12.5% | 26.5% | 32.6% | 18.1% | 10.3% | | | 100.0% | |
| 3. Feedback on your research | Count | 2,697 | 4,310 | 4,210 | 2,063 | 892 | 787 | 1,557 | 16,516 | 3.413 |
| | % by Row | 19.0% | 30.4% | 29.7% | 14.6% | 6.3% | | | 100.0% | |
| 4. Advice/workshops on the standards for academic writing in your field | Count | 1,316 | 2,637 | 3,455 | 2,297 | 1,479 | 3,536 | 1,785 | 16,505 | 3.001 |
| | % by Row | 11.8% | 23.6% | 30.9% | 20.5% | 13.2% | | | 100.0% | |
| 5. Advice/workshops on writing grant proposals | Count | 983 | 1,991 | 2,632 | 2,273 | 1,889 | 3,935 | 2,785 | 16,488 | 2.786 |
| | % by Row | 10.1% | 20.4% | 26.9% | 23.3% | 19.3% | | | 100.0% | |
| 6. Advice/workshops on publishing your work | Count | 999 | 1,936 | 2,593 | 2,160 | 1,938 | 4,033 | 2,830 | 16,489 | 2.782 |
| | % by Row | 10.4% | 20.1% | 26.9% | 22.4% | 20.1% | | | 100.0% | |

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

| | | Excellent | Very good | Good | Fair | Poor | Did not participate | Not applicable | Total | Mean (out of 5) |
|---|----------|-----------|-----------|-------|-------|-------|---------------------|----------------|--------|-----------------|
| 1. Advice/workshops on career options within academia | Count | 782 | 1,858 | 3,008 | 2,668 | 2,515 | 3,828 | 1,640 | 16,299 | 2.605 |
| | % by Row | 7.2% | 17.2% | 27.8% | 24.6% | 23.2% | | | 100.0% | |
| 2. Advice/workshops on career options outside academia | Count | 711 | 1,673 | 2,766 | 2,867 | 3,078 | 3,631 | 1,519 | 16,245 | 2.466 |
| | % by Row | 6.4% | 15.1% | 24.9% | 25.8% | 27.7% | | | 100.0% | |
| 3. Advice/workshops about research positions | Count | 672 | 1,557 | 2,833 | 2,839 | 2,645 | 3,756 | 1,867 | 16,169 | 2.504 |
| | % by Row | 6.4% | 14.8% | 26.9% | 26.9% | 25.1% | | | 100.0% | |
| 4. Advice/workshops about research ethics in human subject research | Count | 1,203 | 2,226 | 2,883 | 1,745 | 1,029 | 3,117 | 4,013 | 16,216 | 3.091 |
| | % by Row | 13.2% | 24.5% | 31.7% | 19.2% | 11.3% | | | 100.0% | |
| 5. Advice/workshops about research ethics in the use of animals | Count | 716 | 1,283 | 1,554 | 1,047 | 775 | 3,327 | 7,492 | 16,194 | 3.022 |
| | % by Row | 13.3% | 23.9% | 28.9% | 19.5% | 14.4% | | | 100.0% | |
| 6. Advice on intellectual property issues | Count | 1,132 | 2,178 | 3,157 | 2,187 | 1,733 | 3,468 | 2,392 | 16,247 | 2.883 |
| | % by Row | 10.9% | 21.0% | 30.4% | 21.1% | 16.7% | | | 100.0% | |

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

| | | Excellent | Very good | Good | Fair | Poor | Did not participate | Not applicable | Total | Mean (out of 5) |
|---|----------|-----------|-----------|------|------|------|---------------------|----------------|-------|-----------------|
| 1. Advice/workshops on the standards for writing in your profession | Count | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - |
| | % by Row | - | - | - | - | - | | | 0.0% | |
| 2. Advice/workshops on career options | Count | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - |
| | % by Row | - | - | - | - | - | | | 0.0% | |
| 3. Advice/workshops on professional ethics | Count | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - |
| | % by Row | - | - | - | - | - | | | 0.0% | |
| 4. Advice/workshops on job preparation and professional practice | Count | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - |
| | % by Row | - | - | - | - | - | | | 0.0% | |
| 5. Opportunities for internships, practicum, and experiential learning as part of the program | Count | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - |
| | % by Row | - | - | - | - | - | | | 0.0% | |
| 6. Opportunities for contact (lectures, seminars, discussion) with practicing professionals | Count | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - |
| | % by Row | - | - | - | - | - | | | 0.0% | |

SECTION 5 - RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Q12: How would you rate the quality of the support and opportunities you received in these areas? (All Streams)

| | | Excellent | Very good | Good | Fair | Poor | Did not participate | Not applicable | Total | Mean (out of 5) |
|---|----------|-----------|-----------|-------|-------|-------|---------------------|----------------|--------|-----------------|
| 1. Conducting independent research since starting your graduate program | Count | 3,295 | 4,690 | 4,199 | 1,910 | 1,061 | 673 | 953 | 16,781 | 3.478 |
| | % by Row | 21.7% | 30.9% | 27.7% | 12.6% | 7.0% | | | 100.0% | |
| 2. Training in research methods before beginning your own research | Count | 2,257 | 3,596 | 4,117 | 2,956 | 2,221 | 779 | 845 | 16,771 | 3.047 |
| | % by Row | 14.9% | 23.7% | 27.2% | 19.5% | 14.7% | | | 100.0% | |
| 3. Faculty guidance in formulating a research topic | Count | 3,771 | 4,499 | 3,878 | 2,252 | 1,339 | 404 | 663 | 16,806 | 3.452 |
| | % by Row | 24.0% | 28.6% | 24.6% | 14.3% | 8.5% | | | 100.0% | |

Q13: How would you rate the quality of the support and opportunities you received in these areas? (Long and Medium Streams only)

| | | Excellent | Very good | Good | Fair | Poor | Did not participate | Not applicable | Total | Mean (out of 5) |
|---|----------|-----------|-----------|-------|-------|-------|---------------------|----------------|--------|-----------------|
| 4. Research collaboration with one or more faculty members (Long and Medium only) | Count | 2,756 | 3,580 | 3,073 | 1,554 | 1,127 | 1,841 | 2,312 | 16,243 | 3.437 |
| | % by Row | 22.8% | 29.6% | 25.4% | 12.9% | 9.3% | | | 100.0% | |
| 5. Collaboration with faculty in writing a grant proposal (Long and Medium only) | Count | 1,311 | 1,765 | 1,911 | 1,416 | 1,331 | 4,104 | 4,349 | 16,187 | 3.040 |
| | % by Row | 17.0% | 22.8% | 24.7% | 18.3% | 17.2% | | | 100.0% | |

SECTION 6 - PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

Q14: Please select if the following occurs in your department (All Streams)

If Occurrence = "Yes", indicate the Number of Occurrences

| | | Yes | No | Total | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4+ | Total |
|--|----------|--------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|--------|
| 1. Seminars/colloquia at which students present their research | Count | 13,460 | 2,871 | 16,331 | 3,006 | 3,078 | 2,240 | 971 | 3,879 | 13,174 |
| | % by Row | 82.4% | 17.6% | 100.0% | 22.8% | 23.4% | 17.0% | 7.4% | 29.4% | 100.0% |
| 2. Departmental funding for students to attend national or regional meetings | Count | 8,567 | 7,573 | 16,140 | 4,699 | 2,309 | 834 | 238 | 237 | 8,317 |
| | % by Row | 53.1% | 46.9% | 100.0% | 56.5% | 27.8% | 10.0% | 2.9% | 2.8% | 100.0% |
| 3. Attend national scholarly meetings | Count | 7,663 | 8,389 | 16,052 | 3,722 | 2,051 | 922 | 329 | 404 | 7,428 |
| | % by Row | 47.7% | 52.3% | 100.0% | 50.1% | 27.6% | 12.4% | 4.4% | 5.4% | 100.0% |

Q15: Please select if the following occurs in your department (Long Stream only)

If Occurrence = "Yes", indicate the Number of Occurrences

| | | Yes | No | Total | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4+ | Total |
|--|----------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|--------|
| 4. Deliver any papers or present a poster at national scholarly meetings (Long only) | Count | 8,114 | 5,499 | 13,613 | 3,685 | 2,387 | 1,052 | 395 | 377 | 7,896 |
| | % by Row | 59.6% | 40.4% | 100.0% | 46.7% | 30.2% | 13.3% | 5.0% | 4.8% | 100.0% |
| 5. Co-authored in refereed journals with your program faculty (Long only) | Count | 6,370 | 7,205 | 13,575 | 3,852 | 1,608 | 459 | 144 | 136 | 6,199 |
| | % by Row | 46.9% | 53.1% | 100.0% | 62.1% | 25.9% | 7.4% | 2.3% | 2.2% | 100.0% |
| 6. Published as sole or first author in a refereed journal (Long only) | Count | 5,665 | 7,867 | 13,532 | 3,969 | 1,164 | 266 | 61 | 53 | 5,513 |
| | % by Row | 41.9% | 58.1% | 100.0% | 72.0% | 21.1% | 4.8% | 1.1% | 1.0% | 100.0% |

SECTION 7 - ADVISOR AND THESIS / DISSERTATION / RESEARCH PAPER

Q16: 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. (Long Stream only)

| | | Strongly agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly disagree | Total | Mean (out of 4) |
|---|----------|----------------|-------|----------|-------------------|--------|-----------------|
| 1. Was knowledgeable about formal degree requirements | Count | 7,387 | 5,177 | 884 | 204 | 13,652 | 3.446 |
| | % by Row | 54.1% | 37.9% | 6.5% | 1.5% | 100.0% | |
| 2. Served as my advocate when necessary | Count | 7,231 | 5,228 | 743 | 226 | 13,428 | 3.450 |
| | % by Row | 53.9% | 38.9% | 5.5% | 1.7% | 100.0% | |
| 3. Gave me constructive feedback on my work | Count | 7,797 | 4,674 | 819 | 278 | 13,568 | 3.473 |
| | % by Row | 57.5% | 34.4% | 6.0% | 2.0% | 100.0% | |
| 4. Returned my work promptly | Count | 6,639 | 5,028 | 1,338 | 465 | 13,470 | 3.324 |
| | % by Row | 49.3% | 37.3% | 9.9% | 3.5% | 100.0% | |
| 5. Promoted my professional development | Count | 6,774 | 4,952 | 1,349 | 381 | 13,456 | 3.347 |
| | % by Row | 50.3% | 36.8% | 10.0% | 2.8% | 100.0% | |
| 6. Overall, performed the role well | Count | 7,352 | 4,679 | 1,084 | 376 | 13,491 | 3.409 |
| | % by Row | 54.5% | 34.7% | 8.0% | 2.8% | 100.0% | |
| 7. Was available for regular meetings | Count | 7,446 | 4,499 | 1,209 | 372 | 13,526 | 3.406 |
| | % by Row | 55.0% | 33.3% | 8.9% | 2.8% | 100.0% | |
| 8. Was very helpful to me in preparing for written qualifying exams | Count | 4,264 | 5,677 | 1,606 | 493 | 12,040 | 3.139 |
| | % by Row | 35.4% | 47.2% | 13.3% | 4.1% | 100.0% | |
| 9. Was very helpful to me in preparing for the oral qualifying exam | Count | 4,293 | 5,604 | 1,534 | 455 | 11,886 | 3.156 |
| | % by Row | 36.1% | 47.1% | 12.9% | 3.8% | 100.0% | |
| 10. Was very helpful to me in selecting a dissertation topic | Count | 6,392 | 4,966 | 1,263 | 415 | 13,036 | 3.330 |
| | % by Row | 49.0% | 38.1% | 9.7% | 3.2% | 100.0% | |
| 11. Was very helpful to me in writing a dissertation prospectus or proposal | Count | 5,669 | 5,266 | 1,386 | 414 | 12,735 | 3.271 |
| | % by Row | 44.5% | 41.4% | 10.9% | 3.3% | 100.0% | |
| 12. Was very helpful to me in writing the dissertation | Count | 5,159 | 5,252 | 1,337 | 427 | 12,175 | 3.244 |
| | % by Row | 42.4% | 43.1% | 11.0% | 3.5% | 100.0% | |
| 13. Was very helpful to me in selecting the dissertation committee | Count | 5,679 | 5,150 | 987 | 362 | 12,178 | 3.326 |
| | % by Row | 46.6% | 42.3% | 8.1% | 3.0% | 100.0% | |

Q17: On average, how often per month do you meet or communicate with your dissertation advisor about:

| Response | 12a. Your ongoing research and results | | 12b. Your writing of the dissertation draft | |
|--|--|---------------|---|---------------|
| | Frequency | Count | Frequency | Count |
| Four or more times (at least once a week) | 36.6% | 4,918 | 21.9% | 2,734 |
| One to three times (at least once a month) | 44.7% | 6,005 | 44.2% | 5,526 |
| Less than once a month | 18.6% | 2,500 | 33.9% | 4,229 |
| | Valid Responses | 13,423 | Valid | 12,489 |
| | Total Responses | 13,423 | Total | 12,489 |

SECTION 8 - FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Q18: 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: (All Streams)

| Response | Frequency | Count |
|--|-----------|---------------|
| Federal Granting Council Scholarship/Fellowship | 15.8% | 2,357 |
| Provincial Government Scholarship/Fellowship | 17.9% | 2,673 |
| Support from a Foreign Government | 2.0% | 292 |
| External (to university) non-government fellowship | 7.6% | 1,142 |
| University funded fellowships | 27.2% | 4,061 |
| Graduate research assistantship | 37.9% | 5,652 |
| Graduate teaching assistantship | 47.1% | 7,029 |
| Other part-time research employment | 7.0% | 1,039 |
| Other part-time teaching employment | 4.9% | 726 |
| Residence Donship | 0.3% | 46 |
| Full tuition scholarships or waivers | 8.9% | 1,332 |
| Partial tuition scholarships or waivers | 12.2% | 1,815 |
| Other campus employment | 6.9% | 1,034 |
| Off campus employment | 22.4% | 3,341 |
| Employee benefit or employer funding | 5.7% | 851 |
| Loans, savings, or family assistance | 35.4% | 5,291 |
| University funded bursary | 17.7% | 2,646 |
| Valid Responses | | 14,930 |
| Total Responses | | 16,400 |

Q19: Please estimate the amount of UNDERGRADUATE educational debt, if any, you will have to repay when you have completed your graduate degree here.

| Response | Frequency | Count |
|------------------------|-----------|---------------|
| \$0 | 59.6% | 9,409 |
| \$1 - \$9,999 | 10.5% | 1,663 |
| \$10,000 - \$19,999 | 11.2% | 1,769 |
| \$20,000 - \$29,999 | 8.1% | 1,279 |
| \$30,000 - \$39,999 | 5.1% | 801 |
| \$40,000 - \$49,999 | 2.5% | 400 |
| \$50,000 - \$59,999 | 1.3% | 208 |
| \$60,000 - \$69,999 | 0.6% | 97 |
| \$70,000 - \$79,999 | 0.3% | 51 |
| \$80,000 or more | 0.7% | 109 |
| Not Answered | | 573 |
| Valid Responses | | 15,786 |
| Total Responses | | 16,359 |

Q20: Please estimate the amount of GRADUATE educational debt, if any, you will have to repay when you have completed your graduate degree here.

| Response | Frequency | Count |
|------------------------|-----------|---------------|
| \$0 | 49.4% | 7,865 |
| \$1 - \$9,999 | 22.7% | 3,607 |
| \$10,000 - \$19,999 | 14.0% | 2,222 |
| \$20,000 - \$29,999 | 7.3% | 1,161 |
| \$30,000 - \$39,999 | 3.1% | 491 |
| \$40,000 - \$49,999 | 1.5% | 245 |
| \$50,000 - \$59,999 | 0.7% | 118 |
| \$60,000 - \$69,999 | 0.3% | 55 |
| \$70,000 - \$79,999 | 0.2% | 32 |
| \$80,000 or more | 0.7% | 115 |
| Not Answered | | 437 |
| Valid Responses | | 15,911 |
| Total Responses | | 16,348 |

SECTION 9 - UNIVERSITY RESOURCES AND STUDENT LIFE

Q21: 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 | Very good | Good | Fair | Poor | Did not participate | Not applicable | Total | Mean (out of 5) |
|--|----------|-----------|-----------|-------|-------|-------|---------------------|----------------|--------|-----------------|
| 1. Library facilities | Count | 5,064 | 5,707 | 3,257 | 889 | 383 | 674 | 170 | 16,144 | 3.927 |
| | % by Row | 33.1% | 37.3% | 21.3% | 5.8% | 2.5% | | | 100.0% | |
| 2. Graduate student work/study space | Count | 2,807 | 3,370 | 3,117 | 2,030 | 2,005 | 1,787 | 971 | 16,087 | 3.221 |
| | % by Row | 21.1% | 25.3% | 23.4% | 15.2% | 15.0% | | | 100.0% | |
| 3. Research laboratories | Count | 2,201 | 3,035 | 2,658 | 1,154 | 550 | 2,633 | 3,780 | 16,011 | 3.540 |
| | % by Row | 22.9% | 31.6% | 27.7% | 12.0% | 5.7% | | | 100.0% | |
| 4. Health care services | Count | 1,759 | 2,811 | 2,881 | 1,299 | 523 | 4,752 | 1,966 | 15,991 | 3.430 |
| | % by Row | 19.0% | 30.3% | 31.1% | 14.0% | 5.6% | | | 100.0% | |
| 5. Child care services | Count | 336 | 418 | 505 | 250 | 258 | 7,065 | 7,027 | 15,859 | 3.183 |
| | % by Row | 19.0% | 23.7% | 28.6% | 14.1% | 14.6% | | | 100.0% | |
| 6. Financial aid office | Count | 975 | 2,006 | 2,854 | 1,572 | 858 | 5,169 | 2,486 | 15,920 | 3.081 |
| | % by Row | 11.8% | 24.3% | 34.5% | 19.0% | 10.4% | | | 100.0% | |
| 7. Career services | Count | 774 | 1,444 | 1,966 | 1,217 | 866 | 7,134 | 2,512 | 15,913 | 3.007 |
| | % by Row | 12.4% | 23.0% | 31.4% | 19.4% | 13.8% | | | 100.0% | |
| 8. Student counselling & resource center | Count | 949 | 1,471 | 1,718 | 931 | 581 | 7,571 | 2,648 | 15,869 | 3.226 |
| | % by Row | 16.8% | 26.0% | 30.4% | 16.5% | 10.3% | | | 100.0% | |
| 9. Athletic facilities | Count | 2,378 | 3,401 | 3,065 | 1,184 | 626 | 3,937 | 1,365 | 15,956 | 3.537 |
| | % by Row | 22.3% | 31.9% | 28.8% | 11.1% | 5.9% | | | 100.0% | |
| 10. Services to international students attending this university | Count | 858 | 1,162 | 1,100 | 619 | 362 | 4,962 | 6,877 | 15,940 | 3.374 |
| | % by Row | 20.9% | 28.3% | 26.8% | 15.1% | 8.8% | | | 100.0% | |
| 11. Services to students attending this university studying abroad (or preparing to) | Count | 465 | 695 | 719 | 386 | 261 | 6,088 | 7,240 | 15,854 | 3.284 |
| | % by Row | 18.4% | 27.5% | 28.5% | 15.3% | 10.3% | | | 100.0% | |
| 12. Housing assistance | Count | 407 | 729 | 953 | 724 | 796 | 6,980 | 5,300 | 15,889 | 2.786 |
| | % by Row | 11.3% | 20.2% | 26.4% | 20.1% | 22.1% | | | 100.0% | |
| 13. Ombudsperson's office | Count | 357 | 509 | 570 | 325 | 189 | 8,292 | 5,438 | 15,680 | 3.267 |
| | % by Row | 18.3% | 26.1% | 29.2% | 16.7% | 9.7% | | | 100.0% | |
| 14. Public / Campus transportation service | Count | 2,229 | 3,184 | 3,031 | 1,694 | 980 | 2,887 | 1,911 | 15,916 | 3.359 |
| | % by Row | 20.0% | 28.6% | 27.3% | 15.2% | 8.8% | | | 100.0% | |
| 15. Food services | Count | 976 | 2,353 | 4,271 | 3,358 | 2,216 | 1,787 | 1,041 | 16,002 | 2.735 |
| | % by Row | 7.4% | 17.9% | 32.4% | 25.5% | 16.8% | | | 100.0% | |
| 16. University bookstore | Count | 1,722 | 3,745 | 5,212 | 2,395 | 743 | 1,501 | 684 | 16,002 | 3.239 |
| | % by Row | 12.5% | 27.1% | 37.7% | 17.3% | 5.4% | | | 100.0% | |
| 17. Student government office | Count | 999 | 1,845 | 2,458 | 1,158 | 532 | 6,153 | 2,676 | 15,821 | 3.232 |
| | % by Row | 14.3% | 26.4% | 35.2% | 16.6% | 7.6% | | | 100.0% | |
| 18. Registrarial processes | Count | 1,851 | 3,878 | 5,185 | 2,308 | 957 | 1,120 | 668 | 15,967 | 3.237 |
| | % by Row | 13.1% | 27.4% | 36.6% | 16.3% | 6.7% | | | 100.0% | |
| 19. Information technology services | Count | 1,938 | 4,009 | 4,638 | 1,865 | 717 | 1,945 | 881 | 15,993 | 3.348 |
| | % by Row | 14.7% | 30.4% | 35.2% | 14.2% | 5.4% | | | 100.0% | |

Q22: 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 Q21).

| | | Local office | Central office | Both | Total |
|--|----------|--------------|----------------|-------|--------|
| 1. Library facilities | Count | 3,485 | 6,929 | 4,349 | 14,763 |
| | % by Row | 23.6% | 46.9% | 29.5% | 100.0% |
| 2. Graduate student work/study space | Count | 9,206 | 1,667 | 1,783 | 12,656 |
| | % by Row | 72.7% | 13.2% | 14.1% | 100.0% |
| 3. Research laboratories | Count | 6,878 | 993 | 1,217 | 9,088 |
| | % by Row | 75.7% | 10.9% | 13.4% | 100.0% |
| 4. Health care services | Count | 1,455 | 6,175 | 1,084 | 8,714 |
| | % by Row | 16.7% | 70.9% | 12.4% | 100.0% |
| 5. Child care services | Count | 425 | 827 | 280 | 1,532 |
| | % by Row | 27.7% | 54.0% | 18.3% | 100.0% |
| 6. Financial aid office | Count | 1,590 | 5,052 | 1,136 | 7,778 |
| | % by Row | 20.4% | 65.0% | 14.6% | 100.0% |
| 7. Career services | Count | 1,424 | 3,429 | 989 | 5,842 |
| | % by Row | 24.4% | 58.7% | 16.9% | 100.0% |
| 8. Student counselling & resource center | Count | 1,277 | 3,088 | 884 | 5,249 |
| | % by Row | 24.3% | 58.8% | 16.8% | 100.0% |
| 9. Athletic facilities | Count | 1,577 | 7,323 | 1,262 | 10,162 |
| | % by Row | 15.5% | 72.1% | 12.4% | 100.0% |
| 10. Services to international students attending this university | Count | 866 | 2,133 | 736 | 3,735 |
| | % by Row | 23.2% | 57.1% | 19.7% | 100.0% |
| 11. Services to students attending this university studying abroad (or preparing to) | Count | 604 | 1,214 | 468 | 2,286 |
| | % by Row | 26.4% | 53.1% | 20.5% | 100.0% |
| 12. Housing assistance | Count | 730 | 2,037 | 529 | 3,296 |
| | % by Row | 22.1% | 61.8% | 16.0% | 100.0% |
| 13. Ombudsperson's office | Count | 485 | 954 | 313 | 1,752 |
| | % by Row | 27.7% | 54.5% | 17.9% | 100.0% |
| 14. Public / Campus transportation service | Count | 1,400 | 6,861 | 2,210 | 10,471 |
| | % by Row | 13.4% | 65.5% | 21.1% | 100.0% |
| 15. Food services | Count | 2,888 | 6,164 | 3,497 | 12,549 |
| | % by Row | 23.0% | 49.1% | 27.9% | 100.0% |
| 16. University bookstore | Count | 2,502 | 8,691 | 1,986 | 13,179 |
| | % by Row | 19.0% | 65.9% | 15.1% | 100.0% |
| 17. Student government office | Count | 2,306 | 2,670 | 1,612 | 6,588 |
| | % by Row | 35.0% | 40.5% | 24.5% | 100.0% |
| 18. Registrarial processes | Count | 3,178 | 6,895 | 3,431 | 13,504 |
| | % by Row | 23.5% | 51.1% | 25.4% | 100.0% |
| 19. Information technology services | Count | 3,185 | 5,593 | 3,738 | 12,516 |
| | % by Row | 25.4% | 44.7% | 29.9% | 100.0% |

SECTION 10 - SOCIAL LIFE

Q23: How often do the following social activities occur on campus and how often do you attend them?

| | | OCCURRENCE ON CAMPUS | | | | YOUR ATTENDANCE (If Occurrence = "Frequent" or "Occasional") | | | |
|---|----------|----------------------|------------|-------|--------|---|------------|-------|--------|
| | | Frequent | Occasional | Never | Total | Frequent | Occasional | Never | Total |
| 1. Organized university-wide social activities | Count | 5,259 | 8,018 | 2,020 | 15,297 | 579 | 5,671 | 6,550 | 12,800 |
| | % by Row | 34.4% | 52.4% | 13.2% | 100.0% | 4.5% | 44.3% | 51.2% | 100.0% |
| 2. Organized social activities within your department | Count | 4,283 | 9,585 | 1,555 | 15,423 | 3,056 | 7,752 | 2,436 | 13,244 |
| | % by Row | 27.8% | 62.1% | 10.1% | 100.0% | 23.1% | 58.5% | 18.4% | 100.0% |
| 3. Organized social activities within your advisor/research group | Count | 2,158 | 7,548 | 5,547 | 15,253 | 4,268 | 4,101 | 796 | 9,165 |
| | % by Row | 14.1% | 49.5% | 36.4% | 100.0% | 46.6% | 44.7% | 8.7% | 100.0% |
| 4. Organized social activities within your residence | Count | 1,328 | 3,062 | 9,236 | 13,626 | 978 | 1,824 | 1,259 | 4,061 |
| | % by Row | 9.7% | 22.5% | 67.8% | 100.0% | 24.1% | 44.9% | 31.0% | 100.0% |

SECTION 11 - GENERAL ASSESSMENT

Q24: Overall, how would you rate the quality of:

| | | Excellent | Very good | Good | Fair | Poor | Total | Mean (out of 5) |
|---|----------|-----------|-----------|-------|-------|------|--------|--------------------|
| 1. Your academic experience at this university? | Count | 4,209 | 6,560 | 3,571 | 1,157 | 415 | 15,912 | 3.816 |
| | % by Row | 26.5% | 41.2% | 22.4% | 7.3% | 2.6% | 100.0% | |
| 2. Your student life experience at this university? | Count | 2,692 | 5,134 | 4,945 | 2,133 | 903 | 15,807 | 3.416 |
| | % by Row | 17.0% | 32.5% | 31.3% | 13.5% | 5.7% | 100.0% | |
| 3. Your graduate/professional program at this university? | Count | 3,890 | 5,877 | 3,911 | 1,552 | 652 | 15,882 | 3.680 |
| | % by Row | 24.5% | 37.0% | 24.6% | 9.8% | 4.1% | 100.0% | |
| 4. Your overall experience at this university? | Count | 3,426 | 6,253 | 4,288 | 1,470 | 450 | 15,887 | 3.676 |
| | % by Row | 21.6% | 39.4% | 27.0% | 9.3% | 2.8% | 100.0% | |

Q25: Rate the extent to which the following factors are an obstacle to your academic progress.

| | | Not an obstacle | A minor obstacle | A major obstacle | Total |
|-----------------------------------|----------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|--------|
| Work/financial commitments | Count | 4,640 | 6,303 | 4,900 | 15,843 |
| | % by Row | 29.3% | 39.8% | 30.9% | 100.0% |
| Family obligations | Count | 8,580 | 5,223 | 2,007 | 15,810 |
| | % by Row | 54.3% | 33.0% | 12.7% | 100.0% |
| Availability of faculty | Count | 9,855 | 4,718 | 1,243 | 15,816 |
| | % by Row | 62.3% | 29.8% | 7.9% | 100.0% |
| Program structure or requirements | Count | 8,520 | 5,658 | 1,637 | 15,815 |
| | % by Row | 53.9% | 35.8% | 10.4% | 100.0% |
| Course scheduling | Count | 9,402 | 5,091 | 1,279 | 15,772 |
| | % by Row | 59.6% | 32.3% | 8.1% | 100.0% |
| Immigration laws or regulations | Count | 13,378 | 1,357 | 751 | 15,486 |
| | % by Row | 86.4% | 8.8% | 4.8% | 100.0% |
| Other | Count | 2,708 | 389 | 1,246 | 4,343 |
| | % by Row | 62.4% | 9.0% | 28.7% | 100.0% |

SECTION 12 - PERSONAL DEMOGRAPHICS

Q26: Gender

| Response | Student Response | | University Data | |
|----------------------------|------------------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| | Frequency | Count | Frequency | Count |
| Male | 41.2% | 6,539 | 41.6% | 7,299 |
| Female | 58.8% | 9,323 | 58.4% | 10,260 |
| Not Answered/Not Available | | 141 | | 0 |
| | Valid Responses | 15,862 | Valid | 17,559 |
| | Total Responses | 16,003 | Total | 17,559 |

Q27: Age

| Response | Frequency | Count |
|---------------|------------------------|---------------|
| 20 or younger | 0.1% | 14 |
| 21 - 25 | 48.1% | 7,664 |
| 26 - 30 | 27.8% | 4,426 |
| 31 - 35 | 10.4% | 1,650 |
| 36 - 40 | 5.1% | 811 |
| 41 - 45 | 3.4% | 548 |
| Over 45 | 5.1% | 805 |
| Not Answered | | 85 |
| | Valid Responses | 15,918 |
| | Total Responses | 16,003 |

Q28: Which of the following housing situations best describes your CURRENT residence?

| Response | Frequency | Count |
|---|------------------------|---------------|
| On-campus student housing (no resident assistant/dorm responsibilities) | 3.4% | 540 |
| On-campus student housing (with resident assistant/dorm responsibilities) | 1.3% | 200 |
| Off-campus housing owned by this university | 1.3% | 206 |
| Off-campus housing not owned by this university | 94.0% | 14,950 |
| Not Answered | | 107 |
| | Valid Responses | 15,896 |
| | Total Responses | 16,003 |

Q29: What is your marital status?

| Response | Frequency | Count |
|-----------------------|------------------------|---------------|
| Not married | 60.4% | 9,605 |
| Married | 20.7% | 3,298 |
| Divorced | 1.6% | 258 |
| Separated | 0.9% | 151 |
| Widowed | 0.1% | 23 |
| With domestic partner | 16.2% | 2,573 |
| Not Answered | | 90 |
| | Valid Responses | 15,908 |
| | Total Responses | 15,998 |

Q30: How many, if any, children do you have?

| Response | Frequency | Count |
|---------------------|------------------------|---------------|
| None/Not applicable | 84.2% | 13,385 |
| 1 child | 6.1% | 977 |
| 2 children | 6.3% | 995 |
| 3 children | 2.3% | 372 |
| 4 or more | 1.1% | 170 |
| Not Answered | | 95 |
| | Valid Responses | 15,899 |
| | Total Responses | 15,994 |

Q31: What is your present citizenship status?

| Response | Frequency | Count |
|--|------------------------|---------------|
| Canadian Citizen | 73.9% | 11,778 |
| Canadian Permanent Resident | 6.4% | 1,018 |
| Citizen of another country with a student visa or other non-immigrant visa | 19.7% | 3,140 |
| Not Answered | | 56 |
| | Valid Responses | 15,936 |
| | Total Responses | 15,992 |

**Q32: Please indicate whether you consider yourself to be a member of one or more of the following visible minority groups:
(multiple responses allowed)**

| Response | Frequency | Count |
|---|------------------------|---------------|
| Black (e.g. African, African American, African Canadian, Caribbean) | 4.8% | 722 |
| East Asian (e.g. Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Polynesian) | 10.5% | 1,586 |
| South Asian (e.g. Indian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan, Bangladeshi) | 6.5% | 982 |
| Southeast Asian (e.g. Burmese, Cambodian, Filipino, Laotian, Malaysian, Thai, Vietnamese) | 1.3% | 202 |
| West Asian (e.g. Arabian, Armenian, Iranian, Israeli, Lebanese, Palestinian, Syrian, Turkish) | 6.7% | 1,007 |
| Latin American (e.g. Mexican, Indigenous Central and South American) | 3.1% | 468 |
| Mixed origin, please specify: | 3.6% | 537 |
| None | 64.6% | 9,713 |
| | Valid Responses | 15,040 |
| | Total Responses | 15,985 |

Q33: Do you self-identify with, or have ancestry as an Aboriginal person (status or non-status Indian, Métis or Inuit)?

| Response | Frequency | Count |
|--------------|------------------------|---------------|
| Yes | 3.1% | 497 |
| No | 96.9% | 15,298 |
| Not Answered | | 186 |
| | Valid Responses | 15,795 |
| | Total Responses | 15,981 |

SECTION 13: PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS

| Participating Institutions |
|--|
| 1. University of Alberta |
| 2. Brock University |
| 3. University of Calgary |
| 4. Carleton University |
| 5. Concordia University |
| 6. Dalhousie University |
| 7. École de Technologie Supérieure |
| 8. École Nationale d'Administration Publique |
| 9. University of Guelph |
| 10. Institut national de la recherche scientifique |
| 11. Lakehead University |
| 12. Laurentian University |
| 13. Laval (Université) |
| 14. University of Lethbridge |
| 15. University of Manitoba |
| 16. McGill University |
| 17. McMaster University |
| 18. Memorial University |
| 19. Moncton (Université de) |
| 20. Nipissing University |
| 21. OCAD University |
| 22. Queen's University |
| 23. University of Regina |
| 24. Royal Roads University |
| 25. Ryerson University |
| 26. University of Saskatchewan |
| 27. Sherbrooke (Université de) |
| 28. Simon Fraser University |
| 29. Thompson Rivers University |
| 30. Trent University |
| 31. University of British Columbia |
| 32. Université de Montréal |
| 33. Université d'Ottawa |
| 34. Université du Québec à Chicoutimi |
| 35. Université du Québec à Montréal |
| 36. Université du Québec à Rimouski |
| 37. Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières |
| 38. Université du Québec en Abitibi-Témiscamingue |
| 39. Université du Québec en Outaouais |
| 40. Université Saint-Paul |
| 41. University of Ontario Institute of Technology |
| 42. University of Toronto |
| 43. University of Victoria |
| 44. University of Waterloo |
| 45. Western University |
| 46. Wilfrid Laurier University |
| 47. University of Windsor |
| 48. York University |