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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 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	64.6%	33,403	63.3%	32,705
Mostly research-based, but I still do not have a research director/advisor << MEDIUM STREAM	3.0%	1,559	6.5%	3,358
Mainly course-based << SHORT STREAM	32.4%	16,720	30.2%	15,619
	Valid Responses	51,682	Valid	51,682
	Total Responses	51,682	Total	51,682

SECTION 1 - EDUCATIONAL STATUS

Q1: At which degree level are you currently enrolled?

Response	Student Response		University Data	
	Frequency	Count	Frequency	Count
Master's	64.0%	33,024	64.4%	33,252
Doctoral	36.0%	18,597	35.6%	18,382
Not answered/Not available		61		48
	Valid Responses	51,621	Valid	51,634
	Total Responses	51,682	Total	51,682

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

Response	Frequency	Count
Humanities	9.2%	4,735
Fine and Applied Arts	2.7%	1,409
Social Sciences	12.6%	6,462
Business/Management	7.9%	4,047
Education	9.2%	4,747
Engineering	14.6%	7,538
Physical and Mathematical Sciences	6.2%	3,179
Environmental Science	3.6%	1,839
Biological Sciences	7.7%	3,944
Health Science	13.6%	6,986
Library & Information Sciences	1.3%	652
Architecture/Landscape Architecture/Urban Design/Planning	1.2%	602
Journalism	0.1%	45
Public Administration/Public Policy/International Relations	1.8%	914
Social Work	1.6%	847
Law	0.4%	210
Arts & Culture	0.9%	478
Finance/Mathematics/Computing	0.6%	295
Other	4.9%	2,540
Not Answered		213
	Valid Responses	51,469
	Total Responses	51,682

Q3: What is your current year of study?

Response	Student Response		University Data	
	Frequency	Count	Frequency	Count
1st year	34.8%	17,959	40.0%	19,599
2nd year	32.0%	16,484	28.4%	13,897
3rd year	14.4%	7,450	13.7%	6,713
4th year	8.2%	4,236	8.0%	3,941
5th year	5.8%	2,976	4.8%	2,355
6th year or above	4.8%	2,473	5.0%	2,460
Not Answered/Not Available		104		2,717
	Valid Responses	51,578	Valid	48,965
	Total Responses	51,682	Total	51,682

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

Response	Frequency	Count
I am still taking courses (All Streams)	53.4%	27,587
I have completed coursework (All Streams)	21.0%	10,859
I have passed qualifying exams/paper (Long & Medium)	9.3%	4,786
I have had my thesis/dissertation proposal accepted (Long & Medium)	13.6%	7,034
I have defended my thesis/dissertation/research paper (Long & Medium)	2.6%	1,349
Not Answered		67
Valid Responses		51,615
Total Responses		51,682

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

Response	Frequency	Count
Yes	35.5%	18,333
No	64.5%	33,276
Not Answered		73
Valid Responses		51,609
Total Responses		51,682

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

Response	Frequency	Count
Doctoral	35.6%	18,382
Master's - With Thesis	34.0%	17,559
Master's - Without Thesis	30.5%	15,741
Valid Responses		51,682
Total Responses		51,682

Other: Academic Load (uploaded data)

Response	University Data	
	Frequency	Count
Full-Time	84.8%	43,129
Part-Time	15.2%	7,701
Not Available		852
Valid Responses		50,830
Total Responses		51,682

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	16,321	19,869	9,607	4,187	1,633	51,617	3.873
	% by Row	31.6%	38.5%	18.6%	8.1%	3.2%	100.0%	
2. If you were to start your graduate/ professional career again, would you select the same field of study?	Count	26,231	14,874	6,342	3,209	842	51,498	4.213
	% by Row	50.9%	28.9%	12.3%	6.2%	1.6%	100.0%	
3. Would you recommend this university to someone considering your program?	Count	21,742	16,641	7,976	3,413	1,714	51,486	4.035
	% by Row	42.2%	32.3%	15.5%	6.6%	3.3%	100.0%	
4. Would you recommend this university to someone in another field?	Count	13,165	18,877	15,641	2,864	873	51,420	3.790
	% by Row	25.6%	36.7%	30.4%	5.6%	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	16,113	7,685	4,122	2,323	1,683	31,926	4.072
	% by Row	50.5%	24.1%	12.9%	7.3%	5.3%	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	20,251	20,682	7,645	1,933	436	50,947	4.146
	% by Row	39.7%	40.6%	15.0%	3.8%	0.9%	100.0%	
2. The intellectual quality of my fellow students	Count	10,322	22,458	13,507	3,721	791	50,799	3.744
	% by Row	20.3%	44.2%	26.6%	7.3%	1.6%	100.0%	
3. The relationship between faculty and graduate students	Count	12,411	19,255	12,664	4,785	1,706	50,821	3.706
	% by Row	24.4%	37.9%	24.9%	9.4%	3.4%	100.0%	
4. Overall quality of graduate level teaching by faculty	Count	9,498	20,748	14,015	5,083	1,422	50,766	3.627
	% by Row	18.7%	40.9%	27.6%	10.0%	2.8%	100.0%	
5. Advice on the availability of financial support	Count	4,704	10,604	16,592	11,691	6,641	50,232	2.901
	% by Row	9.4%	21.1%	33.0%	23.3%	13.2%	100.0%	
6. Quality of academic advising and guidance	Count	7,888	14,613	15,587	8,529	3,884	50,501	3.279
	% by Row	15.6%	28.9%	30.9%	16.9%	7.7%	100.0%	
7. Helpfulness of staff members in my program	Count	14,256	17,289	12,087	5,191	1,868	50,691	3.727
	% by Row	28.1%	34.1%	23.8%	10.2%	3.7%	100.0%	
8. Availability of area courses I needed to complete my program	Count	8,854	14,605	14,327	8,428	4,422	50,636	3.297
	% by Row	17.5%	28.8%	28.3%	16.6%	8.7%	100.0%	
9. Quality of instruction in my courses	Count	9,103	20,539	14,726	5,114	1,252	50,734	3.614
	% by Row	17.9%	40.5%	29.0%	10.1%	2.5%	100.0%	
10. Relationship of program content to my research/professional goals	Count	9,059	17,449	14,787	6,944	2,487	50,726	3.466
	% by Row	17.9%	34.4%	29.2%	13.7%	4.9%	100.0%	
11. Opportunities for student collaboration or teamwork	Count	10,122	15,966	13,938	7,194	3,438	50,658	3.437
	% by Row	20.0%	31.5%	27.5%	14.2%	6.8%	100.0%	
12. Opportunities to take coursework outside my own department	Count	6,713	12,036	15,281	9,630	6,240	49,900	3.067
	% by Row	13.5%	24.1%	30.6%	19.3%	12.5%	100.0%	
13. Opportunities to engage in interdisciplinary work	Count	7,057	12,059	15,384	10,218	5,183	49,901	3.112
	% by Row	14.1%	24.2%	30.8%	20.5%	10.4%	100.0%	
14. Amount of coursework	Count	5,277	17,442	21,028	5,669	1,277	50,693	3.390
	% by Row	10.4%	34.4%	41.5%	11.2%	2.5%	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	4,023	8,810	8,978	3,974	1,883	3,994	2,692	34,354	3.329
	% by Row	14.5%	31.8%	32.4%	14.4%	6.8%			100.0%	
2. Advice/workshops on preparing for candidacy examinations	Count	2,211	4,406	5,763	3,925	3,216	5,951	8,643	34,115	2.922
	% by Row	11.3%	22.6%	29.5%	20.1%	16.5%			100.0%	
3. Feedback on your research	Count	5,648	8,927	8,973	4,612	2,100	1,436	2,505	34,201	3.377
	% by Row	18.7%	29.5%	29.7%	15.2%	6.9%			100.0%	
4. Advice/workshops on the standards for academic writing in your field	Count	2,749	5,487	7,396	4,950	3,489	7,144	2,952	34,167	2.961
	% by Row	11.4%	22.8%	30.7%	20.6%	14.5%			100.0%	
5. Advice/workshops on writing grant proposals	Count	2,221	4,492	6,155	5,009	4,239	7,683	4,384	34,183	2.794
	% by Row	10.0%	20.3%	27.8%	22.6%	19.2%			100.0%	
6. Advice/workshops on publishing your work	Count	2,321	4,251	6,028	5,098	4,450	7,665	4,360	34,173	2.770
	% by Row	10.5%	19.2%	27.2%	23.0%	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	1,685	3,979	6,532	5,825	5,538	7,315	2,879	33,753	2.595
	% by Row	7.2%	16.9%	27.7%	24.7%	23.5%			100.0%	
2. Advice/workshops on career options outside academia	Count	1,321	3,118	5,657	6,131	7,275	7,288	2,856	33,646	2.365
	% by Row	5.6%	13.3%	24.1%	26.1%	31.0%			100.0%	
3. Advice/workshops about research positions	Count	1,331	3,044	5,873	6,312	6,166	7,404	3,351	33,481	2.431
	% by Row	5.9%	13.4%	25.8%	27.8%	27.1%			100.0%	
4. Advice/workshops about research ethics in human subject research	Count	2,398	4,578	6,046	3,704	2,333	6,186	8,331	33,576	3.053
	% by Row	12.6%	24.0%	31.7%	19.4%	12.2%			100.0%	
5. Advice/workshops about research ethics in the use of animals	Count	1,376	2,532	3,221	2,099	1,596	6,618	16,090	33,532	2.999
	% by Row	12.7%	23.4%	29.8%	19.4%	14.7%			100.0%	
6. Advice on intellectual property issues	Count	2,083	4,144	6,448	4,814	4,291	7,222	4,625	33,627	2.766
	% by Row	9.6%	19.0%	29.6%	22.1%	19.7%			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	964	2,527	3,402	1,845	947	3,036	1,760	14,481	3.074
	% by Row	10.0%	26.1%	35.1%	19.1%	9.8%			100.0%	
2. Advice/workshops on career options	Count	895	2,354	3,141	2,305	1,532	2,726	1,496	14,449	2.880
	% by Row	8.8%	23.0%	30.7%	22.5%	15.0%			100.0%	
3. Advice/workshops on professional ethics	Count	1,238	2,766	3,413	1,878	874	2,614	1,590	14,373	3.159
	% by Row	12.2%	27.2%	33.6%	18.5%	8.6%			100.0%	
4. Advice/workshops on job preparation and professional practice	Count	1,147	2,525	3,099	2,188	1,468	2,463	1,434	14,324	2.971
	% by Row	11.0%	24.2%	29.7%	21.0%	14.1%			100.0%	
5. Opportunities for internships, practicum, and experiential learning as part of the program	Count	2,583	2,621	2,486	1,813	1,640	1,564	1,699	14,406	3.242
	% by Row	23.2%	23.5%	22.3%	16.3%	14.7%			100.0%	
6. Opportunities for contact (lectures, seminars, discussion) with practicing professionals	Count	2,592	3,542	3,495	1,941	1,012	1,128	758	14,468	3.378
	% by Row	20.6%	28.2%	27.8%	15.4%	8.0%			100.0%	

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	8,171	12,015	11,184	5,455	3,008	2,947	6,753	49,533	3.424
	% by Row	20.5%	30.2%	28.1%	13.7%	7.6%			100.0%	
2. Training in research methods before beginning your own research	Count	5,425	9,407	11,390	8,124	5,927	3,025	6,207	49,505	3.007
	% by Row	13.5%	23.4%	28.3%	20.2%	14.7%			100.0%	
3. Faculty guidance in formulating a research topic	Count	8,823	11,454	10,656	6,568	3,993	2,099	5,961	49,554	3.351
	% by Row	21.3%	27.6%	25.7%	15.8%	9.6%			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	6,165	7,611	6,564	3,379	2,855	3,290	3,821	33,685	3.408
	% by Row	23.2%	28.6%	24.7%	12.7%	10.7%			100.0%	
5. Collaboration with faculty in writing a grant proposal (Long and Medium only)	Count	2,983	4,033	4,413	3,273	3,695	7,900	7,294	33,591	2.964
	% by Row	16.2%	21.9%	24.0%	17.8%	20.1%			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	36,526	11,547	48,073	7,938	7,859	5,959	2,946	10,882	35,584
	% by Row	76.0%	24.0%	100.0%	22.3%	22.1%	16.7%	8.3%	30.6%	100.0%
2. Departmental funding for students to attend national or regional meetings	Count	24,063	23,445	47,508	11,259	6,184	2,999	1,220	1,629	23,291
	% by Row	50.7%	49.3%	100.0%	48.3%	26.6%	12.9%	5.2%	7.0%	100.0%
3. Attend national scholarly meetings	Count	22,214	24,937	47,151	8,500	5,345	2,996	1,532	3,122	21,495
	% by Row	47.1%	52.9%	100.0%	39.5%	24.9%	13.9%	7.1%	14.5%	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	20,519	9,131	29,650	5,873	5,401	3,302	1,791	3,594	19,961
	% by Row	69.2%	30.8%	100.0%	29.4%	27.1%	16.5%	9.0%	18.0%	100.0%
5. Co-authored in refereed journals with your program faculty (Long only)	Count	15,524	13,959	29,483	6,575	4,303	2,019	960	1,229	15,086
	% by Row	52.7%	47.3%	100.0%	43.6%	28.5%	13.4%	6.4%	8.1%	100.0%
6. Published as sole or first author in a refereed journal (Long only)	Count	14,885	14,384	29,269	6,791	4,375	1,824	755	717	14,462
	% by Row	50.9%	49.1%	100.0%	47.0%	30.3%	12.6%	5.2%	5.0%	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	15,642	11,539	2,166	519	29,866	3.416
	% by Row	52.4%	38.6%	7.3%	1.7%	100.0%	
2. Served as my advocate when necessary	Count	16,361	10,879	1,679	558	29,477	3.460
	% by Row	55.5%	36.9%	5.7%	1.9%	100.0%	
3. Gave me constructive feedback on my work	Count	17,151	9,974	1,944	637	29,706	3.469
	% by Row	57.7%	33.6%	6.5%	2.1%	100.0%	
4. Returned my work promptly	Count	14,737	10,612	3,029	1,176	29,554	3.317
	% by Row	49.9%	35.9%	10.2%	4.0%	100.0%	
5. Promoted my professional development	Count	14,899	10,567	3,088	960	29,514	3.335
	% by Row	50.5%	35.8%	10.5%	3.3%	100.0%	
6. Overall, performed the role well	Count	16,195	9,918	2,546	907	29,566	3.400
	% by Row	54.8%	33.5%	8.6%	3.1%	100.0%	
7. Was available for regular meetings	Count	16,581	9,647	2,606	801	29,635	3.418
	% by Row	56.0%	32.6%	8.8%	2.7%	100.0%	
8. Was very helpful to me in preparing for written qualifying exams	Count	10,107	11,927	4,036	1,224	27,294	3.133
	% by Row	37.0%	43.7%	14.8%	4.5%	100.0%	
9. Was very helpful to me in preparing for the oral qualifying exam	Count	10,171	11,779	3,850	1,139	26,939	3.150
	% by Row	37.8%	43.7%	14.3%	4.2%	100.0%	
10. Was very helpful to me in selecting a dissertation topic	Count	13,672	11,022	3,126	949	28,769	3.301
	% by Row	47.5%	38.3%	10.9%	3.3%	100.0%	
11. Was very helpful to me in writing a dissertation prospectus or proposal	Count	12,409	11,338	3,322	950	28,019	3.257
	% by Row	44.3%	40.5%	11.9%	3.4%	100.0%	
12. Was very helpful to me in writing the dissertation	Count	11,061	11,234	3,087	982	26,364	3.228
	% by Row	42.0%	42.6%	11.7%	3.7%	100.0%	
13. Was very helpful to me in selecting the dissertation committee	Count	13,030	11,141	2,066	737	26,974	3.352
	% by Row	48.3%	41.3%	7.7%	2.7%	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)	35.4%	10,410	19.8%	5,347
One to three times (at least once a month)	43.9%	12,905	42.4%	11,474
Less than once a month	20.7%	6,082	37.8%	10,219
	Valid Responses	29,397	Valid	27,040
	Total Responses	29,397	Total	27,040

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	18.3%	7,894
Provincial Government Scholarship/Fellowship	21.5%	9,316
Support from a Foreign Government	3.0%	1,278
External (to university) non-government fellowship	8.7%	3,742
University funded fellowships	30.0%	12,949
Graduate research assistantship	35.3%	15,262
Graduate teaching assistantship	43.2%	18,676
Other part-time research employment	7.8%	3,367
Other part-time teaching employment	6.6%	2,855
Residence Donship	0.3%	151
Full tuition scholarships or waivers	10.7%	4,610
Partial tuition scholarships or waivers	13.0%	5,616
Other campus employment	7.1%	3,059
Off campus employment	23.2%	10,034
Employee benefit or employer funding	7.6%	3,267
Loans, savings, or family assistance	36.4%	15,756
University funded bursary	17.9%	7,760
Valid Responses		43,235
Total Responses		48,904

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	64.7%	30,381
\$1 - \$9,999	9.2%	4,307
\$10,000 - \$19,999	9.5%	4,451
\$20,000 - \$29,999	7.1%	3,345
\$30,000 - \$39,999	4.3%	2,031
\$40,000 - \$49,999	2.5%	1,174
\$50,000 - \$59,999	1.2%	557
\$60,000 - \$69,999	0.6%	280
\$70,000 - \$79,999	0.3%	132
\$80,000 or more	0.7%	306
Not Answered		1,841
Valid Responses		46,964
Total Responses		48,805

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	48.5%	23,027
\$1 - \$9,999	18.8%	8,909
\$10,000 - \$19,999	14.0%	6,658
\$20,000 - \$29,999	8.3%	3,960
\$30,000 - \$39,999	4.1%	1,925
\$40,000 - \$49,999	2.3%	1,096
\$50,000 - \$59,999	1.3%	630
\$60,000 - \$69,999	0.7%	340
\$70,000 - \$79,999	0.5%	227
\$80,000 or more	1.4%	667
Not Answered		1,337
Valid Responses		47,439
Total Responses		48,776

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	14,778	17,101	9,556	2,622	1,148	2,077	849	48,131	3.923
	% by Row	32.7%	37.8%	21.1%	5.8%	2.5%			100.0%	
2. Graduate student work/study space	Count	6,993	9,263	9,037	5,832	6,253	6,044	4,532	47,954	3.131
	% by Row	18.7%	24.8%	24.2%	15.6%	16.7%			100.0%	
3. Research laboratories	Count	5,227	7,546	7,074	3,268	1,691	8,864	14,101	47,771	3.458
	% by Row	21.1%	30.4%	28.5%	13.2%	6.8%			100.0%	
4. Health care services	Count	4,713	8,036	8,633	4,017	1,661	14,152	6,526	47,738	3.374
	% by Row	17.4%	29.7%	31.9%	14.8%	6.1%			100.0%	
5. Child care services	Count	922	1,228	1,429	881	1,027	20,898	21,006	47,391	3.025
	% by Row	16.8%	22.4%	26.0%	16.1%	18.7%			100.0%	
6. Financial aid office	Count	2,378	5,091	7,504	4,684	2,652	16,695	8,564	47,568	2.994
	% by Row	10.7%	22.8%	33.6%	21.0%	11.9%			100.0%	
7. Career services	Count	2,075	4,104	5,791	3,852	2,604	21,057	8,023	47,506	2.956
	% by Row	11.3%	22.3%	31.4%	20.9%	14.1%			100.0%	
8. Student counselling & resource center	Count	2,543	4,152	5,003	2,841	1,752	22,733	8,369	47,393	3.178
	% by Row	15.6%	25.5%	30.7%	17.4%	10.8%			100.0%	
9. Athletic facilities	Count	6,049	9,659	8,857	3,390	1,836	12,824	4,984	47,599	3.493
	% by Row	20.3%	32.4%	29.7%	11.4%	6.2%			100.0%	
10. Services to international students attending this university	Count	2,350	3,533	3,608	2,028	1,272	14,667	20,157	47,615	3.286
	% by Row	18.4%	27.6%	28.2%	15.9%	9.9%			100.0%	
11. Services to students attending this university studying abroad (or preparing to)	Count	1,230	1,949	2,161	1,237	783	18,234	21,770	47,364	3.218
	% by Row	16.7%	26.5%	29.4%	16.8%	10.6%			100.0%	
12. Housing assistance	Count	1,204	2,062	2,901	2,255	2,525	20,526	16,031	47,504	2.741
	% by Row	11.0%	18.8%	26.5%	20.6%	23.1%			100.0%	
13. Ombudsperson's office	Count	919	1,399	1,748	1,039	610	24,727	16,487	46,929	3.171
	% by Row	16.1%	24.5%	30.6%	18.2%	10.7%			100.0%	
14. Public / Campus transportation service	Count	5,942	8,812	8,825	4,646	2,782	9,722	6,804	47,533	3.338
	% by Row	19.2%	28.4%	28.5%	15.0%	9.0%			100.0%	
15. Food services	Count	2,447	6,549	12,321	10,047	6,577	5,702	4,063	47,706	2.690
	% by Row	6.4%	17.3%	32.5%	26.5%	17.3%			100.0%	
16. University bookstore	Count	4,660	11,077	15,677	7,324	2,176	4,406	2,406	47,726	3.213
	% by Row	11.4%	27.1%	38.3%	17.9%	5.3%			100.0%	
17. Student government office	Count	2,337	4,917	6,979	3,277	1,521	19,245	8,967	47,243	3.172
	% by Row	12.3%	25.8%	36.7%	17.2%	8.0%			100.0%	
18. Registrarial processes	Count	5,196	11,555	15,282	6,818	2,740	3,666	2,373	47,630	3.232
	% by Row	12.5%	27.8%	36.7%	16.4%	6.6%			100.0%	
19. Information technology services	Count	5,458	11,828	14,191	5,865	2,191	5,516	2,709	47,758	3.316
	% by Row	13.8%	29.9%	35.9%	14.8%	5.5%			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	10,105	20,170	13,323	43,598
	% by Row	23.2%	46.3%	30.6%	100.0%
2. Graduate student work/study space	Count	25,278	5,008	5,207	35,493
	% by Row	71.2%	14.1%	14.7%	100.0%
3. Research laboratories	Count	17,492	2,771	3,137	23,400
	% by Row	74.8%	11.8%	13.4%	100.0%
4. Health care services	Count	4,104	18,355	3,005	25,464
	% by Row	16.1%	72.1%	11.8%	100.0%
5. Child care services	Count	1,325	2,579	849	4,753
	% by Row	27.9%	54.3%	17.9%	100.0%
6. Financial aid office	Count	4,185	13,509	3,200	20,894
	% by Row	20.0%	64.7%	15.3%	100.0%
7. Career services	Count	4,822	9,329	2,951	17,102
	% by Row	28.2%	54.5%	17.3%	100.0%
8. Student counselling & resource center	Count	3,813	8,792	2,454	15,059
	% by Row	25.3%	58.4%	16.3%	100.0%
9. Athletic facilities	Count	4,300	20,582	3,415	28,297
	% by Row	15.2%	72.7%	12.1%	100.0%
10. Services to international students attending this university	Count	2,591	6,808	2,254	11,653
	% by Row	22.2%	58.4%	19.3%	100.0%
11. Services to students attending this university studying abroad (or preparing to)	Count	1,899	3,363	1,370	6,632
	% by Row	28.6%	50.7%	20.7%	100.0%
12. Housing assistance	Count	2,159	6,254	1,509	9,922
	% by Row	21.8%	63.0%	15.2%	100.0%
13. Ombudsperson's office	Count	1,372	2,836	875	5,083
	% by Row	27.0%	55.8%	17.2%	100.0%
14. Public / Campus transportation service	Count	4,060	19,021	6,002	29,083
	% by Row	14.0%	65.4%	20.6%	100.0%
15. Food services	Count	8,648	17,415	10,041	36,104
	% by Row	24.0%	48.2%	27.8%	100.0%
16. University bookstore	Count	7,213	26,045	5,759	39,017
	% by Row	18.5%	66.8%	14.8%	100.0%
17. Student government office	Count	5,974	7,610	4,251	17,835
	% by Row	33.5%	42.7%	23.8%	100.0%
18. Registrarial processes	Count	9,670	20,416	9,475	39,561
	% by Row	24.4%	51.6%	24.0%	100.0%
19. Information technology services	Count	9,999	16,465	11,076	37,540
	% by Row	26.6%	43.9%	29.5%	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	14,875	23,073	7,061	45,009	1,496	15,578	19,480	36,554
	% by Row	33.0%	51.3%	15.7%	100.0%	4.1%	42.6%	53.3%	100.0%
2. Organized social activities within your department	Count	12,316	27,887	5,283	45,486	8,439	22,802	7,135	38,376
	% by Row	27.1%	61.3%	11.6%	100.0%	22.0%	59.4%	18.6%	100.0%
3. Organized social activities within your advisor/research group	Count	5,953	20,996	17,816	44,765	11,368	11,476	2,581	25,425
	% by Row	13.3%	46.9%	39.8%	100.0%	44.7%	45.1%	10.2%	100.0%
4. Organized social activities within your residence	Count	3,701	8,711	27,540	39,952	2,419	5,221	3,778	11,418
	% by Row	9.3%	21.8%	68.9%	100.0%	21.2%	45.7%	33.1%	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	11,952	19,285	11,260	3,673	1,376	47,546	3.773
	% by Row	25.1%	40.6%	23.7%	7.7%	2.9%	100.0%	
2. Your student life experience at this university?	Count	7,159	14,824	15,132	7,038	2,869	47,022	3.348
	% by Row	15.2%	31.5%	32.2%	15.0%	6.1%	100.0%	
3. Your graduate/professional program at this university?	Count	11,081	17,439	12,039	4,880	2,019	47,458	3.647
	% by Row	23.3%	36.7%	25.4%	10.3%	4.3%	100.0%	
4. Your overall experience at this university?	Count	9,603	18,408	13,203	4,810	1,471	47,495	3.629
	% by Row	20.2%	38.8%	27.8%	10.1%	3.1%	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	12,991	18,977	15,347	47,315
	% by Row	27.5%	40.1%	32.4%	100.0%
Family obligations	Count	23,666	16,567	6,986	47,219
	% by Row	50.1%	35.1%	14.8%	100.0%
Availability of faculty	Count	29,540	14,047	3,623	47,210
	% by Row	62.6%	29.8%	7.7%	100.0%
Program structure or requirements	Count	24,021	17,818	5,376	47,215
	% by Row	50.9%	37.7%	11.4%	100.0%
Course scheduling	Count	27,343	15,478	4,284	47,105
	% by Row	58.0%	32.9%	9.1%	100.0%
Immigration laws or regulations	Count	39,374	4,481	2,490	46,345
	% by Row	85.0%	9.7%	5.4%	100.0%
Other	Count	7,841	1,192	3,786	12,819
	% by Row	61.2%	9.3%	29.5%	100.0%

SECTION 12 - PERSONAL DEMOGRAPHICS

Q26: Gender

Response	Student Response		University Data	
	Frequency	Count	Frequency	Count
Male	42.3%	19,997	42.6%	22,031
Female	57.7%	27,324	57.4%	29,645
Not Answered/Not Available		439		6
	Valid Responses	47,321	Valid	51,676
	Total Responses	47,760	Total	51,682

Q27: Age

Response	Frequency	Count
20 or younger	0.1%	24
21 - 25	30.6%	14,519
26 - 30	32.8%	15,563
31 - 35	16.0%	7,612
36 - 40	7.7%	3,668
41 - 45	5.3%	2,507
Over 45	7.6%	3,596
Not Answered		271
	Valid Responses	47,489
	Total Responses	47,760

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

Response	Frequency	Count
On-campus student housing (no resident assistant/dorm responsibilities)	3.6%	1,685
On-campus student housing (with resident assistant/dorm responsibilities)	1.5%	691
Off-campus housing owned by this university	1.4%	676
Off-campus housing not owned by this university	93.6%	44,319
Not Answered		389
	Valid Responses	47,371
	Total Responses	47,760

Q29: What is your marital status?

Response	Frequency	Count
Not married	50.7%	24,033
Married	30.3%	14,348
Divorced	2.0%	931
Separated	1.1%	538
Widowed	0.1%	71
With domestic partner	15.8%	7,504
Not Answered		308
	Valid Responses	47,425
	Total Responses	47,733

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

Response	Frequency	Count
None/Not applicable	77.4%	36,698
1 child	8.6%	4,080
2 children	9.2%	4,359
3 children	3.4%	1,597
4 or more	1.4%	649
Not Answered		339
	Valid Responses	47,383
	Total Responses	47,722

Q31: What is your present citizenship status?

Response	Frequency	Count
Canadian Citizen	71.8%	34,135
Canadian Permanent Resident	7.8%	3,704
Citizen of another country with a student visa or other non-immigrant visa	20.4%	9,700
Not Answered		173
	Valid Responses	47,539
	Total Responses	47,712

**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)	4.7%	2,113
East Asian (e.g. Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Polynesian)	10.5%	4,700
South Asian (e.g. Indian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan, Bangladeshi)	7.2%	3,240
Southeast Asian (e.g. Burmese, Cambodian, Filipino, Laotian, Malaysian, Thai, Vietnamese)	1.4%	642
West Asian (e.g. Arabian, Armenian, Iranian, Israeli, Lebanese, Palestinian, Syrian, Turkish)	7.5%	3,359
Latin American (e.g. Mexican, Indigenous Central and South American)	3.2%	1,438
Mixed origin, please specify:	3.6%	1,595
None	63.1%	28,322
	Valid Responses	44,895
	Total Responses	47,693

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	3.0%	1,415
No	97.0%	45,618
Not Answered		641
	Valid Responses	47,033
	Total Responses	47,674

SECTION 13: PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS AND PROJECT SUMMARY

Project Summary	Totals
Number of students invited to participate	151,059
Responses received (partially or totally completed)	51,682
Response Rate	34.2%
Survey Open Date (first university open)	15-Jan-13
Survey Close Date (last university close)	21-Jun-13
Number of days open for data collection	157

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