

# **Canadian Graduate and Professional Student Survey - 2016**

## **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]		[SV_Actual_Stream]	
	Frequency	Count	Frequency	Count
1. Mostly research-based, and I already have a research director/advisor << <b>LONG STREAM</b>	68.4%	952	67.7%	942
2. Mostly research-based, but I still do not have a research director/advisor << <b>MEDIUM STREAM</b>	1.5%	21	1.3%	18
3. Mainly course-based << <b>SHORT STREAM</b>	30.1%	419	31.0%	432
	<b>Valid Responses</b>	<b>1,392</b>	<b>Valid</b>	<b>1,392</b>
	<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>1,392</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,392</b>

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	58.4%	813	59.1%	822
2. Doctoral	41.6%	579	40.9%	570
Not answered/Not available		0		0
	<b>Valid Responses</b>	<b>1,392</b>	<b>Valid</b>	<b>1,392</b>
	<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>1,392</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,392</b>

Q2: In what disciplinary area are you pursuing your degree? [DISCIPLINE\_COMBINED]

Response	Frequency	Count
1. Humanities (Long & Medium)	7.0%	97
2. Fine and Applied Arts (Long & Medium)	0.1%	1
3. Social Sciences (Long & Medium)	10.2%	141
4. Business/Management (All)	14.0%	195
5. Education (All)	0.5%	7
6. Engineering (All)	19.4%	269
7. Physical and Mathematical Sciences (Long & Medium)	6.7%	93
8. Environmental Science (All)	1.2%	17
9. Biological Sciences (Long & Medium)	6.4%	89
10. Health Science (All)	25.3%	351
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)	0.4%	5
15. Social Work (Short)	0.1%	2
16. Law (Short)	0.0%	0
17. Arts & Culture (Short)	0.4%	6
18. Finance/Mathematics/Computing (Short)	1.2%	16
19. Other (specified) (Short)	7.1%	99
Not Answered		4
<b>Valid Responses</b>		<b>1,388</b>
<b>Total Responses</b>		<b>1,392</b>

Q3: What is your current year of study?

Response	[YEARSTUDY]		[UNIV_YEARSTUDY]	
	Frequency	Count	Frequency	Count
1st year	37.9%	526	39.3%	547
2nd year	29.7%	412	29.3%	408
3rd year	13.9%	193	13.1%	183
4th year	8.7%	121	10.5%	146
5th year	5.6%	78	4.3%	60
6th year or above	4.2%	58	3.4%	48
Not Answered/Not Available		4		0
	<b>Valid Responses</b>	<b>1,388</b>	<b>Valid</b>	<b>1,392</b>
	<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>1,392</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,392</b>

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

Response	Frequency	Count
1. I am still taking courses (All Streams)	53.9%	748
2. I have completed coursework (All Streams)	19.7%	274
3. I have passed qualifying exams/paper (Long & Medium)	13.5%	187
4. I have had my thesis/dissertation proposal accepted (Long & Medium)	10.8%	150
5. I have defended my thesis/dissertation/research paper (Long & Medium)	2.2%	30
Not Answered		3
<b>Valid Responses</b>		<b>1,389</b>
<b>Total Responses</b>		<b>1,392</b>

**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	33.7%	467
2. To equip me to start a career, or advance an existing career outside of academia	39.7%	551
3. To satisfy my interest in the field, regardless of career prospects	22.1%	306
4. Other (specified)	4.5%	63
Not Answered		5
<b>Valid Responses</b>		<b>1,387</b>
<b>Total Responses</b>		<b>1,392</b>

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

Response	Frequency	Count
1. Yes	40.0%	555
2. No	60.0%	832
Not Answered		5
<b>Valid Responses</b>		<b>1,387</b>
<b>Total Responses</b>		<b>1,392</b>

**Other: Program/Degree Level, for Reporting (calculated, utilizing combined data) [SV\_Degree]**

Response	Frequency	Count
1. Doctoral	40.9%	570
2. Master's - With Thesis	28.0%	390
3. Master's - Without Thesis	31.0%	432
<b>Valid Responses</b>		<b>1,392</b>
<b>Total Responses</b>		<b>1,392</b>

**Other: Academic Load (uploaded data) [UNIV\_ACADLOAD]**

Response	Frequency	Count
1. Full-Time	87.4%	1,217
2. Part-Time	12.6%	175
Not Available		0
<b>Valid Responses</b>		<b>1,392</b>
<b>Total Responses</b>		<b>1,392</b>

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	453	517	268	104	40	1,382	3.897
	% by Row	32.8%	37.4%	19.4%	7.5%	2.9%	100.0%	
2. If you were to start your graduate/ professional career again, would you select the same field of study? [StartOver_Field]	Count	690	411	174	84	24	1,383	4.200
	% by Row	49.9%	29.7%	12.6%	6.1%	1.7%	100.0%	
3. Would you recommend this university to someone considering your program? [StartOver_Program]	Count	612	436	204	82	47	1,381	4.075
	% by Row	44.3%	31.6%	14.8%	5.9%	3.4%	100.0%	
4. Would you recommend this university to someone in another field? [StartOver_OtherField]	Count	395	533	369	69	15	1,381	3.886
	% by Row	28.6%	38.6%	26.7%	5.0%	1.1%	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	499	227	87	68	52	933	4.129
	% by Row	53.5%	24.3%	9.3%	7.3%	5.6%	100.0%	

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

Q9: Please rate the following dimensions of your program. (All Streams)

		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	616	489	186	48	9	1,348	4.228
	% by Row	45.7%	36.3%	13.8%	3.6%	0.7%	100.0%	
2. The intellectual quality of my fellow students [ProgRate_Students]	Count	344	585	294	102	19	1,344	3.843
	% by Row	25.6%	43.5%	21.9%	7.6%	1.4%	100.0%	
3. The relationship between faculty and graduate students [ProgRate_Relation]	Count	350	504	301	143	44	1,342	3.725
	% by Row	26.1%	37.6%	22.4%	10.7%	3.3%	100.0%	
4. Overall quality of graduate level teaching by faculty [ProgRate_Teaching]	Count	295	530	349	128	39	1,341	3.682
	% by Row	22.0%	39.5%	26.0%	9.5%	2.9%	100.0%	
5. Advice on the availability of financial support [ProgRate_FundingAdv]	Count	125	285	400	318	200	1,328	2.862
	% by Row	9.4%	21.5%	30.1%	23.9%	15.1%	100.0%	
6. Quality of academic advising and guidance [ProgRate_Advising]	Count	250	392	376	209	105	1,332	3.355
	% by Row	18.8%	29.4%	28.2%	15.7%	7.9%	100.0%	
7. Helpfulness of staff members in my program [ProgRate_Staff]	Count	458	453	263	132	37	1,343	3.866
	% by Row	34.1%	33.7%	19.6%	9.8%	2.8%	100.0%	
8. Availability of area courses I needed to complete my program [ProgRate_CourseAvail]	Count	275	412	363	180	107	1,337	3.425
	% by Row	20.6%	30.8%	27.2%	13.5%	8.0%	100.0%	
9. Quality of instruction in my courses [ProgRate_Teaching2]	Count	278	524	387	118	32	1,339	3.671
	% by Row	20.8%	39.1%	28.9%	8.8%	2.4%	100.0%	
10. Relationship of program content to my research/professional goals [ProgRate_Fit]	Count	315	472	339	149	65	1,340	3.614
	% by Row	23.5%	35.2%	25.3%	11.1%	4.9%	100.0%	
11. Opportunities for student collaboration or teamwork [ProgRate_Teamwork]	Count	347	412	334	166	78	1,337	3.586
	% by Row	26.0%	30.8%	25.0%	12.4%	5.8%	100.0%	
12. Opportunities to take coursework outside my own department [ProgRate_CourseOut]	Count	209	352	391	234	138	1,324	3.196
	% by Row	15.8%	26.6%	29.5%	17.7%	10.4%	100.0%	
13. Opportunities to engage in interdisciplinary work [ProgRate_Interdiscipline]	Count	266	365	380	208	102	1,321	3.367
	% by Row	20.1%	27.6%	28.8%	15.7%	7.7%	100.0%	
14. Amount of coursework [ProgRate_Workload]	Count	167	485	522	136	31	1,341	3.463
	% by Row	12.5%	36.2%	38.9%	10.1%	2.3%	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	142	237	218	114	69	90	34	904	3.345
	% by Row	18.2%	30.4%	27.9%	14.6%	8.8%			100.0%	
2. Advice/workshops on preparing for candidacy examinations [ProfSkill_Exams]	Count	71	131	178	101	74	167	181	903	3.043
	% by Row	12.8%	23.6%	32.1%	18.2%	13.3%			100.0%	
3. Feedback on your research [ProfSkill_Feedback]	Count	173	281	225	123	46	21	35	904	3.486
	% by Row	20.4%	33.1%	26.5%	14.5%	5.4%			100.0%	
4. Advice/workshops on standards for academic writing in your field [ProfSkill_WriteSTD2]	Count	85	138	209	118	90	197	63	900	3.016
	% by Row	13.3%	21.6%	32.7%	18.4%	14.1%			100.0%	
5. Advice/workshops on writing grant proposals [ProfSkill_WriteGrant]	Count	67	135	166	139	120	191	84	902	2.825
	% by Row	10.7%	21.5%	26.5%	22.2%	19.1%			100.0%	
6. Advice/workshops on publishing your work [ProfSkill_Publish]	Count	81	135	166	121	131	177	84	895	2.864
	% by Row	12.8%	21.3%	26.2%	19.1%	20.7%			100.0%	
7. Advice/workshops on job searching (CV prep, interview skills, etc.) [ProfSkill_JobHunt]	Count	52	114	179	145	124	212	75	901	2.715
	% by Row	8.5%	18.6%	29.2%	23.6%	20.2%			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	66	155	192	125	123	140	69	870	2.873
	% by Row	10.0%	23.4%	29.0%	18.9%	18.6%			100.0%	
2. Advice/workshops on career options outside academia [ProfSkill_CareerOth]	Count	39	98	149	182	181	155	65	869	2.433
	% by Row	6.0%	15.1%	23.0%	28.0%	27.9%			100.0%	
3. Advice/workshops about research positions [ProfSkill_ResPos]	Count	36	107	190	154	135	161	81	864	2.606
	% by Row	5.8%	17.2%	30.5%	24.8%	21.7%			100.0%	
4. Advice/workshops about research ethics in human subject research [ProfSkill_HumanEthic]	Count	73	144	161	84	38	169	197	866	3.260
	% by Row	14.6%	28.8%	32.2%	16.8%	7.6%			100.0%	
5. Advice/workshops about research ethics in the use of animals [ProfSkill_AnimEthic]	Count	47	85	112	51	32	187	354	868	3.196
	% by Row	14.4%	26.0%	34.3%	15.6%	9.8%			100.0%	
6. Advice on intellectual property issues [ProfSkill_IP]	Count	56	136	162	111	98	183	123	869	2.895
	% by Row	9.9%	24.2%	28.8%	19.7%	17.4%			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	33	72	97	54	37	74	34	401	3.034
	% by Row	11.3%	24.6%	33.1%	18.4%	12.6%			100.0%	
2. Advice/workshops on career options [ProfSkill_Career]	Count	41	57	92	62	41	74	35	402	2.983
	% by Row	14.0%	19.5%	31.4%	21.2%	14.0%			100.0%	
3. Advice/workshops on professional ethics [ProfSkill_ProfEthic]	Count	48	94	112	46	21	51	29	401	3.318
	% by Row	15.0%	29.3%	34.9%	14.3%	6.5%			100.0%	
4. Advice/workshops on job preparation and professional practice [ProfSkill_ProfPractice]	Count	46	74	91	50	37	66	35	399	3.141
	% by Row	15.4%	24.8%	30.5%	16.8%	12.4%			100.0%	
5. Opportunities for internships, practicum, and experiential learning as part of the program [ProfSkill_Internship]	Count	71	80	64	43	50	40	49	397	3.256
	% by Row	23.1%	26.0%	20.8%	14.0%	16.2%			100.0%	
6. Opportunities for contact (lectures, seminars, discussion) with practicing professionals [ProfSkill_Contact]	Count	78	111	97	45	21	33	15	400	3.511
	% by Row	22.2%	31.5%	27.6%	12.8%	6.0%			100.0%	

SECTION 5 - RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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

		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	267	325	265	123	68	63	163	1,274	3.573
	% by Row	25.5%	31.0%	25.3%	11.7%	6.5%			100.0%	
2. Training in research methods before beginning your own research [ResExp_Method]	Count	185	255	310	161	134	68	162	1,275	3.188
	% by Row	17.7%	24.4%	29.7%	15.4%	12.8%			100.0%	
3. Faculty guidance in formulating a research topic [ResExp_Guidance]	Count	254	317	264	147	99	50	142	1,273	3.444
	% by Row	23.5%	29.3%	24.4%	13.6%	9.2%			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	216	216	168	85	70	47	63	865	3.560
	% by Row	28.6%	28.6%	22.3%	11.3%	9.3%			100.0%	
5. Collaboration with faculty in writing a grant proposal (Long and Medium only) [ResExp_WriteGrant]	Count	101	125	124	104	107	153	153	867	3.016
	% by Row	18.0%	22.3%	22.1%	18.5%	19.1%			100.0%	

SECTION 6 - PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

Q15: Please select if the following occurs in your department (All Streams)

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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	930	313	1,243	192	190	147	74	277	880
	% by Row	74.8%	25.2%	100.0%	21.8%	21.6%	16.7%	8.4%	31.5%	100.0%
2. Departmental funding for students to attend national or regional meetings OCCURRED = [PresPub_FundMeet] # TIMES = [PresPubNum_FundMeet]	Count	670	560	1,230	317	165	67	37	48	634
	% by Row	54.5%	45.5%	100.0%	50.0%	26.0%	10.6%	5.8%	7.6%	100.0%
3. Attend national scholarly meetings OCCURRED = [PresPub_NatlMeet] # TIMES = [PresPubNum_NatlMeet]	Count	582	647	1,229	219	120	84	43	87	553
	% by Row	47.4%	52.6%	100.0%	39.6%	21.7%	15.2%	7.8%	15.7%	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	589	247	836	162	158	99	49	92	560
	% by Row	70.5%	29.5%	100.0%	28.9%	28.2%	17.7%	8.8%	16.4%	100.0%
5. Co-authored in refereed journals with your program faculty (Long only) OCCURRED = [PresPub_CoAuth] # TIMES = [PresPubNum_CoAuth]	Count	453	382	835	167	112	71	36	47	433
	% by Row	54.3%	45.7%	100.0%	38.6%	25.9%	16.4%	8.3%	10.9%	100.0%
6. Published as sole or first author in a refereed journal (Long only) OCCURRED = [PresPub_Author] # TIMES = [PresPubNum_Author]	Count	433	402	835	181	117	61	32	23	414
	% by Row	51.9%	48.1%	100.0%	43.7%	28.3%	14.7%	7.7%	5.6%	100.0%

## SECTION 7 - ADVISOR AND THESIS / DISSERTATION / RESEARCH PAPER

**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. (Long Stream only)**

		Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Total	Mean (out of 4)
1. My advisor was knowledgeable about formal degree requirements [Advisor_DegReq]	Count	433	308	53	13	807	3.439
	% by Row	53.7%	38.2%	6.6%	1.6%	100.0%	
2. My advisor served as my advocate when necessary [Advisor_Advocate]	Count	467	273	39	17	796	3.495
	% by Row	58.7%	34.3%	4.9%	2.1%	100.0%	
3. My advisor gave me constructive feedback on my work [Advisor_Feedback]	Count	484	252	46	15	797	3.512
	% by Row	60.7%	31.6%	5.8%	1.9%	100.0%	
4. My advisor returned my work promptly [Advisor_Promptly]	Count	417	285	59	31	792	3.374
	% by Row	52.7%	36.0%	7.4%	3.9%	100.0%	
5. My advisor promoted my professional development [Advisor_ProfDev]	Count	403	298	69	22	792	3.366
	% by Row	50.9%	37.6%	8.7%	2.8%	100.0%	
6. My advisor overall, performed the role well [Advisor_Role]	Count	462	250	66	19	797	3.449
	% by Row	58.0%	31.4%	8.3%	2.4%	100.0%	
7. My advisor was available for regular meetings [Advisor_Available]	Count	473	249	54	20	796	3.476
	% by Row	59.4%	31.3%	6.8%	2.5%	100.0%	
8. My advisor was very helpful to me in preparing for written qualifying exams [Advisor_WrittenEx]	Count	308	330	80	27	745	3.234
	% by Row	41.3%	44.3%	10.7%	3.6%	100.0%	
9. My advisor was very helpful to me in preparing for the oral qualifying exam [Advisor_OralEx]	Count	304	324	77	28	733	3.233
	% by Row	41.5%	44.2%	10.5%	3.8%	100.0%	
10. My advisor was very helpful to me in selecting a dissertation topic [Advisor_DissTop]	Count	407	284	60	30	781	3.367
	% by Row	52.1%	36.4%	7.7%	3.8%	100.0%	
11. My advisor was very helpful to me in writing a dissertation prospectus or proposal [Advisor_ResProp]	Count	349	301	65	30	745	3.301
	% by Row	46.8%	40.4%	8.7%	4.0%	100.0%	
12. My advisor was very helpful to me in writing the dissertation [Advisor_DissWrite]	Count	325	304	64	26	719	3.291
	% by Row	45.2%	42.3%	8.9%	3.6%	100.0%	
13. My advisor was very helpful to me in selecting the dissertation committee [Advisor_DissCmtee]	Count	380	302	44	12	738	3.423
	% by Row	51.5%	40.9%	6.0%	1.6%	100.0%	
14. My advisor encouraged discussions about current job market and various career prospects [Advisor_JobMarket]	Count	262	289	134	65	750	2.997
	% by Row	34.9%	38.5%	17.9%	8.7%	100.0%	

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

Response	[DisResults]		[DisDraft]	
	Frequency	Count	Frequency	Count
1. Four or more times (at least once a week)	37.1%	294	18.8%	139
2. One to three times (at least once a month)	47.5%	376	45.8%	339
3. Less than once a month	15.4%	122	35.4%	262
	<b>Valid Responses</b>	<b>792</b>	<b>Valid</b>	<b>740</b>
	<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>792</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>740</b>



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

Response	Frequency	Count
1. Yes	75.2%	607
2. No	24.8%	200
Not Answered		5
<b>Valid Responses</b>		<b>807</b>
<b>Total Responses</b>		<b>812</b>

**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]	72.7%	439
2. I am expected to meet at least annually with my advisory committee [AdvCmtee_AnnMeet]	80.5%	486
3. I have already interacted at least once with my advisory committee [AdvCmtee_Met]	77.3%	467
<b>Valid Responses</b>		<b>604</b>
<b>Total Responses</b>		<b>604</b>

**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	97.4%	454
2. Through email or telephone contact (no formal meeting)	2.6%	12
Not Answered		1
<b>Valid Responses</b>		<b>466</b>
<b>Total Responses</b>		<b>467</b>

**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	44.6%	206	3.348
Agree = 3	48.1%	222	
Disagree = 2	5.0%	23	
Strongly disagree = 1	2.4%	11	
Not Answered		5	
<b>Valid Responses</b>		<b>462</b>	
<b>Total Responses</b>		<b>467</b>	

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: (All Streams)

Response	Frequency	Count
1. Federal Granting Council Scholarship/Fellowship [FinSup_Fed]	14.7%	161
2. Provincial Government Scholarship/Fellowship [FinSup_Prov]	22.2%	242
3. Support from a Foreign Government [FinSup_Foreign]	2.4%	26
4. External (to university) non-government fellowship [FinSup_External]	5.7%	62
5. Provincial bursary (non-refundable) [FinSup_ProvBursary]	5.0%	55
6. University-funded bursary [FinSup_UnivBursary]	36.4%	397
7. University-funded fellowships [FinSup_UnivFellowship]	12.3%	134
8. Full tuition scholarships or waivers [FinSup_FullWaiver]	15.0%	164
9. Partial tuition scholarships or waivers [FinSup_PartWaiver]	15.8%	173
10. Graduate research assistantship [FinSup_RA]	31.9%	348
11. Graduate teaching assistantship [FinSup_TA]	57.7%	630
12. Other part-time research employment [FinSup_PTResearch]	4.7%	51
13. Other part-time teaching employment [FinSup_PTTeaching]	4.8%	52
14. Residence Donship [FinSup_ResDonship]	0.1%	1
15. Other campus employment [FinSup_OthCampusJob]	4.3%	47
16. Off campus employment [FinSup_OffCampusJob]	14.7%	161
17. Employee benefit or employer funding [FinSup_Benefit]	8.9%	97
18. Loans, savings, or family assistance [FinSup_LoanAssist]	44.4%	485
<b>Valid Responses</b>		<b>1,092</b>
<b>Total Responses</b>		<b>1,211</b>

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	64.5%	746	\$26,411
2. \$1 - \$9,999	7.1%	82	
3. \$10,000 - \$19,999	7.4%	86	
4. \$20,000 - \$29,999	9.0%	104	
5. \$30,000 - \$39,999	5.5%	64	
6. \$40,000 - \$49,999	2.9%	33	
7. \$50,000 - \$59,999	1.3%	15	
8. \$60,000 - \$69,999	1.1%	13	
9. \$70,000 - \$79,999	0.3%	3	
10. \$80,000 or more	1.0%	11	
Not Answered		48	
<b>Valid Responses</b>		<b>1,157</b>	
<b>Total Responses</b>		<b>1,205</b>	

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	52.2%	606	\$22,369
2. \$1 - \$9,999	14.5%	168	
3. \$10,000 - \$19,999	13.4%	156	
4. \$20,000 - \$29,999	9.2%	107	
5. \$30,000 - \$39,999	3.7%	43	
6. \$40,000 - \$49,999	2.8%	32	
7. \$50,000 - \$59,999	0.9%	10	
8. \$60,000 - \$69,999	0.8%	9	
9. \$70,000 - \$79,999	0.6%	7	
10. \$80,000 or more	2.0%	23	
Not Answered		44	
<b>Valid Responses</b>		<b>1,161</b>	
<b>Total Responses</b>		<b>1,205</b>	

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	306	398	250	79	30	86	29	1,178	3.819
	% by Row	28.8%	37.4%	23.5%	7.4%	2.8%			100.0%	
2. Graduate student work/study space [UnivGradOffice]	Count	184	232	265	138	112	143	102	1,176	3.256
	% by Row	19.8%	24.9%	28.5%	14.8%	12.0%			100.0%	
3. Research laboratories [UnivLab]	Count	145	188	168	66	23	204	374	1,168	3.620
	% by Row	24.6%	31.9%	28.5%	11.2%	3.9%			100.0%	
4. Health care services [UnivHealth]	Count	150	230	214	90	34	292	155	1,165	3.518
	% by Row	20.9%	32.0%	29.8%	12.5%	4.7%			100.0%	
5. Child care services [UnivChild]	Count	30	45	38	16	22	449	554	1,154	3.298
	% by Row	19.9%	29.8%	25.2%	10.6%	14.6%			100.0%	
6. Financial aid office [UnivFinAid]	Count	64	121	191	140	94	347	200	1,157	2.870
	% by Row	10.5%	19.8%	31.3%	23.0%	15.4%			100.0%	
7. Career services [UnivCareer]	Count	73	111	158	136	76	449	156	1,159	2.944
	% by Row	13.2%	20.0%	28.5%	24.5%	13.7%			100.0%	
8. Student counselling & resource center [UnivCounsel]	Count	77	122	152	77	55	513	162	1,158	3.184
	% by Row	15.9%	25.3%	31.5%	15.9%	11.4%			100.0%	
9. Athletic facilities [UnivAthletic]	Count	139	248	230	84	26	306	128	1,161	3.536
	% by Row	19.1%	34.1%	31.6%	11.6%	3.6%			100.0%	
10. Services to international students attending this university [UnivInternat_In]	Count	56	103	99	57	25	290	529	1,159	3.318
	% by Row	16.5%	30.3%	29.1%	16.8%	7.4%			100.0%	
11. Services to students attending this university studying abroad (or preparing to) [UnivInternation_Out]	Count	36	57	53	26	15	382	583	1,152	3.390
	% by Row	19.3%	30.5%	28.3%	13.9%	8.0%			100.0%	
12. Housing assistance [UnivHousing]	Count	33	47	70	54	70	468	415	1,157	2.704
	% by Row	12.0%	17.2%	25.5%	19.7%	25.5%			100.0%	
13. Ombudsperson's office [UnivOmbud]	Count	29	40	54	23	12	571	420	1,149	3.323
	% by Row	18.4%	25.3%	34.2%	14.6%	7.6%			100.0%	
14. Public / Campus transportation service [UnivTransport]	Count	181	260	256	86	32	179	158	1,152	3.579
	% by Row	22.2%	31.9%	31.4%	10.6%	3.9%			100.0%	
15. Food services [UnivFood]	Count	73	193	321	230	121	106	119	1,163	2.858
	% by Row	7.8%	20.6%	34.2%	24.5%	12.9%			100.0%	
16. University bookstore [UnivBooks]	Count	116	265	399	201	54	69	57	1,161	3.182
	% by Row	11.2%	25.6%	38.6%	19.4%	5.2%			100.0%	
17. Student government office [UnivGovt]	Count	42	99	110	67	31	535	262	1,146	3.155
	% by Row	12.0%	28.4%	31.5%	19.2%	8.9%			100.0%	
18. Registrarial processes [UnivRegistrar]	Count	87	187	341	235	133	92	82	1,157	2.858
	% by Row	8.9%	19.0%	34.7%	23.9%	13.5%			100.0%	
19. Information technology services [UnivITS]	Count	92	207	308	185	68	199	98	1,157	3.081
	% by Row	10.7%	24.1%	35.8%	21.5%	7.9%			100.0%	
20. Disability/Access services office [UnivDisabl]	Count	65	68	63	30	8	397	518	1,149	3.650
	% by Row	27.8%	29.1%	26.9%	12.8%	3.4%			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	254	454	287	995
	% by Row	25.5%	45.6%	28.8%	100.0%
2. Graduate student work/study space [UnivGradOfficeLOC]	Count	601	129	134	864
	% by Row	69.6%	14.9%	15.5%	100.0%
3. Research laboratories [UnivLabLOC]	Count	378	72	86	536
	% by Row	70.5%	13.4%	16.0%	100.0%
4. Health care services [UnivHealthLOC]	Count	101	454	98	653
	% by Row	15.5%	69.5%	15.0%	100.0%
5. Child care services [UnivChildLOC]	Count	41	55	28	124
	% by Row	33.1%	44.4%	22.6%	100.0%
6. Financial aid office [UnivFinAidLOC]	Count	96	354	101	551
	% by Row	17.4%	64.2%	18.3%	100.0%
7. Career services [UnivCareerLOC]	Count	175	209	109	493
	% by Row	35.5%	42.4%	22.1%	100.0%
8. Student counselling & resource center [UnivCounselLOC]	Count	125	214	89	428
	% by Row	29.2%	50.0%	20.8%	100.0%
9. Athletic facilities [UnivAthleticLOC]	Count	88	478	96	662
	% by Row	13.3%	72.2%	14.5%	100.0%
10. Services to international students attending this university [UnivInternat_InLOC]	Count	65	152	80	297
	% by Row	21.9%	51.2%	26.9%	100.0%
11. Services to students attending this university studying abroad (or preparing to) [UnivInternation_OutLOC]	Count	55	59	45	159
	% by Row	34.6%	37.1%	28.3%	100.0%
12. Housing assistance [UnivHousingLOC]	Count	46	147	42	235
	% by Row	19.6%	62.6%	17.9%	100.0%
13. Ombudsperson's office [UnivOmbudLOC]	Count	36	66	30	132
	% by Row	27.3%	50.0%	22.7%	100.0%
14. Public / Campus transportation service [UnivTransportLOC]	Count	109	484	155	748
	% by Row	14.6%	64.7%	20.7%	100.0%
15. Food services [UnivFoodLOC]	Count	189	432	244	865
	% by Row	21.8%	49.9%	28.2%	100.0%
16. University bookstore [UnivBooksLOC]	Count	195	560	199	954
	% by Row	20.4%	58.7%	20.9%	100.0%
17. Student government office [UnivGovtLOC]	Count	74	172	65	311
	% by Row	23.8%	55.3%	20.9%	100.0%
18. Registrarial processes [UnivRegistrarLOC]	Count	183	469	252	904
	% by Row	20.2%	51.9%	27.9%	100.0%
19. Information technology services [UnivITSLOC]	Count	189	376	218	783
	% by Row	24.1%	48.0%	27.8%	100.0%
20. Disability/Access services office [UnivDisablLOC]	Count	38	105	61	204
	% by Row	18.6%	51.5%	29.9%	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	422	598	114	1,134	42	424	502	968
	% by Row	37.2%	52.7%	10.1%	100.0%	4.3%	43.8%	51.9%	100.0%
2. Organized social activities within your department FREQUENCY = [SocACT_Dept] ATTENDANCE = [SocATT_Dept]	Count	343	727	71	1,141	264	596	152	1,012
	% by Row	30.1%	63.7%	6.2%	100.0%	26.1%	58.9%	15.0%	100.0%
3. Organized social activities within your advisor/research group FREQUENCY = [SocACT_Group] ATTENDANCE = [SocATT_Group]	Count	163	602	365	1,130	307	313	93	713
	% by Row	14.4%	53.3%	32.3%	100.0%	43.1%	43.9%	13.0%	100.0%
4. Organized social activities within your residence FREQUENCY = [SocACT_Residence] ATTENDANCE = [SocATT_Residence]	Count	70	293	670	1,033	58	143	123	324
	% by Row	6.8%	28.4%	64.9%	100.0%	17.9%	44.1%	38.0%	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	82.0%	953
2. Away most of the time	18.0%	209
Not Answered		10
<b>Valid Responses</b>		<b>1,162</b>
<b>Total Responses</b>		<b>1,172</b>

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	372	450	232	74	31	1,159	3.913
	% by Row	32.1%	38.8%	20.0%	6.4%	2.7%	100.0%	
2. Your student life experience at this university? [QualLife]	Count	227	410	321	128	62	1,148	3.533
	% by Row	19.8%	35.7%	28.0%	11.1%	5.4%	100.0%	
3. Your graduate/professional program at this university? [QualProg]	Count	316	436	259	98	47	1,156	3.758
	% by Row	27.3%	37.7%	22.4%	8.5%	4.1%	100.0%	
4. Your overall experience at this university? [QualOverall]	Count	303	470	260	93	33	1,159	3.791
	% by Row	26.1%	40.6%	22.4%	8.0%	2.8%	100.0%	

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

		Not an obstacle (3)	A minor obstacle (2)	A major obstacle (1)	Total	Mean (out of 3)
1. Work/financial commitments [ObsWork]	Count	391	475	271	1,137	2.106
	% by Row	34.4%	41.8%	23.8%	100.0%	
2. Family obligations [ObsFamily]	Count	565	419	151	1,135	2.365
	% by Row	49.8%	36.9%	13.3%	100.0%	
3. Availability of faculty [ObsFaculty]	Count	753	298	82	1,133	2.592
	% by Row	66.5%	26.3%	7.2%	100.0%	
4. Program structure or requirements [ObsProgram]	Count	669	365	102	1,136	2.499
	% by Row	58.9%	32.1%	9.0%	100.0%	
5. Course scheduling [ObsSchedule]	Count	715	348	68	1,131	2.572
	% by Row	63.2%	30.8%	6.0%	100.0%	
6. Immigration laws or regulations [ObsImmigration]	Count	962	106	56	1,124	2.806
	% by Row	85.6%	9.4%	5.0%	100.0%	
7. Other (specified) [ObsOther]	Count	294	17	76	387	2.563
	% by Row	76.0%	4.4%	19.6%	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	422	339	266	117	1,144	1.848
	% by Row	41.1%	33.0%	25.9%		100.0%	
2. Collaborate on research internationally [Importance_RInt]	Count	231	366	464	81	1,142	2.220
	% by Row	21.8%	34.5%	43.7%		100.0%	
3. Network with not for profit organizations [Importance_Org]	Count	312	373	351	102	1,138	2.038
	% by Row	30.1%	36.0%	33.9%		100.0%	
4. Network with businesses [Importance_Bus]	Count	245	322	495	77	1,139	2.235
	% by Row	23.1%	30.3%	46.6%		100.0%	
5. Network with local/provincial/federal government [Importance_Gov]	Count	197	402	461	77	1,137	2.249
	% by Row	18.6%	37.9%	43.5%		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	387	411	125	194	1,117	1.716
	% by Row	41.9%	44.5%	13.5%		100.0%	
2. Collaborate on research internationally [Opport_RInt]	Count	402	394	159	162	1,117	1.746
	% by Row	42.1%	41.3%	16.6%		100.0%	
3. Work/collaborate with not for profit organizations [Opport_Org]	Count	469	361	98	188	1,116	1.600
	% by Row	50.5%	38.9%	10.6%		100.0%	
4. Work/collaborate with businesses [Opport_Bus]	Count	432	375	145	164	1,116	1.699
	% by Row	45.4%	39.4%	15.2%		100.0%	
5. Work/collaborate with local/provincial/federal government [Opport_Gov]	Count	509	353	80	172	1,114	1.545
	% by Row	54.0%	37.5%	8.5%		100.0%	

SECTION 12 - PERSONAL DEMOGRAPHICS

**Q34: Gender**

Response	[GENDER]		[UNIV_GENDER]	
	Frequency	Count	Frequency	Count
1. Male	44.7%	512	44.8%	624
2. Female	55.3%	634	55.2%	768
Not Answered/Not Available		17		0
	<b>Valid Responses</b>	<b>1,146</b>	<b>Valid</b>	<b>1,392</b>
	<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>1,163</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,392</b>

**Q35: Age [AGE]**

Response	Frequency	Count
1. 20 or younger	0.0%	0
2. 21 - 25	37.5%	433
3. 26 - 30	32.0%	369
4. 31 - 35	14.0%	161
5. 36 - 40	6.8%	78
6. 41 - 45	5.0%	58
7. Over 45	4.8%	55
Not Answered		9
	<b>Valid Responses</b>	<b>1,154</b>
	<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>1,163</b>

**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)	0.6%	7
2. On-campus student housing (with resident assistant/dorm responsibilities)	0.0%	0
3. Off-campus housing owned by this university	0.3%	3
4. Off-campus housing not owned by this university	99.1%	1,144
Not Answered		9
	<b>Valid Responses</b>	<b>1,154</b>
	<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>1,163</b>

**Q37: What is your marital status? [MARITAL]**

Response	Frequency	Count
1. Not married	59.7%	685
2. Married	30.3%	347
3. Divorced	1.0%	11
4. Separated	0.6%	7
5. Widowed	0.1%	1
6. With domestic partner	8.4%	96
7. Not Answered		16
	<b>Valid Responses</b>	<b>1,147</b>
	<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>1,163</b>

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

Response	Frequency	Count
None/Not applicable	80.8%	927
1 child	7.1%	81
2 children	8.0%	92
3 children	3.1%	35
4 or more	1.0%	12
Not Answered		16
	<b>Valid Responses</b>	<b>1,147</b>
	<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>1,163</b>

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

Response	Frequency	Count
1. Canadian Citizen	70.8%	818
2. Canadian Permanent Resident	6.6%	76
3. Citizen of another country with a student visa or other non-immigrant visa	22.7%	262
Not Answered		7
	<b>Valid Responses</b>	<b>1,156</b>
	<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>1,163</b>

**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]	3.9%	43
2. East Asian (e.g. Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Polynesian) [gEastAsia]	16.7%	182
3. South Asian (e.g. Indian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan, Bangladeshi) [gSouthAsia]	11.8%	128
4. Southeast Asian (e.g. Burmese, Cambodian, Filipino, Laotian, Malaysian, Thai, Vietnamese) [gSouthEastAsia]	2.2%	24
5. West Asian (e.g. Arabian, Armenian, Iranian, Israeli, Lebanese, Palestinian, Syrian, Turkish) [gWestAsia]	7.7%	84
6. Latin American (e.g. Mexican, Indigenous Central and South American) [gLatAm]	2.8%	30
7. Mixed origin, please specify: [gMixed]	3.6%	39
8. None [gNone]	53.7%	585
	<b>Valid Responses</b>	<b>1,089</b>
	<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>1,162</b>

**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	2.9%	33
2. No	97.1%	1,104
Not Answered		25
	<b>Valid Responses</b>	<b>1,137</b>
	<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>1,162</b>



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

Response	Frequency	Count
1. Yes	4.9%	56
2. No	90.8%	1,042
3. I prefer not to respond	4.3%	49
Not Answered		15
<b>Valid Responses</b>		<b>1,147</b>
<b>Total Responses</b>		<b>1,162</b>

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

Response	Frequency	Count
1. Sensory (vision or hearing) [Disabl_Sense]	12.7%	7
2. Mobility [Disabl_Mobil]	3.6%	2
3. Learning (e.g. ADHD, Dyslexia) [Disabl_Learn]	21.8%	12
4. Mental Health (e.g. Depression, Bipolar) [Disabl_Mental]	61.8%	34
5. Autism spectrum (e.g. Autism, Asperger's) [Disabl_Autism]	10.9%	6
6. Chronic (e.g. Chron's, Colitis, MS) [Disabl_Chronic]	14.5%	8
7. A disability or impairment not listed above, please specify [Disabl_Else]	16.4%	9
8. Prefer not to respond [Disabl_NotRespond]	5.5%	3
<b>Valid Responses</b>		<b>55</b>
<b>Total Responses</b>		<b>56</b>

**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)	25.5%	14	3.255
Very good (4)	25.5%	14	
Good (3)	12.7%	7	
Fair (2)	21.8%	12	
Poor (1)	14.5%	8	
Not Answered		1	
<b>Valid Responses</b>		<b>55</b>	
<b>Total Responses</b>		<b>56</b>	

**SECTION 13: OTHER SUMMARY ITEMS**

Project Summary	2016	2013
Number of students invited to participate	4,297	4,246
Responses received (partially or totally completed)	1,392	1,222
Response rate	32.4%	28.8%
Survey open date	11-Jan-16	1-Feb-13
Survey close date	29-Feb-16	18-Mar-13
Number of days open for data collection	49	45
Stream override applied?	Yes	Yes