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Summary Report

All Respondents

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THESIS / SURVEY STREAM

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

Response	[THESIS]		[ACTUAL_STREAM]	
	Frequency	Count	Frequency	Count
1. Mostly research-based, and I already have a research director/advisor << LONG STREAM	68.2%	621	68.2%	621
2. Mostly research-based, but I still do not have a research director/advisor << MEDIUM STREAM	1.6%	15	1.6%	15
3. Mainly course-based << SHORT STREAM	30.2%	275	30.2%	275
	Valid Responses	911	Valid	911
	Total Responses	911	Total	911

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	68.9%	628	69.4%	632
2. Doctoral	31.1%	283	30.6%	279
Not answered/Not available		0		0
	Valid Responses	911	Valid	911
	Total Responses	911	Total	911

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

Response	Frequency	Count
1. Humanities	5.8%	52
2. Fine and Applied Arts	0.7%	6
3. Social Sciences	9.1%	82
4. Business/Management	6.1%	55
5. Education	11.2%	101
6. Engineering	17.0%	153
7. Physical and Mathematical Sciences	9.9%	89
8. Environmental Science	4.1%	37
9. Biological Sciences	10.9%	98
10. Health Science	14.5%	130
11. Library & Information Sciences (Short only)	0.0%	0
12. Architecture/Landscape Architecture/Urban Design/Planning (Short only)	0.0%	0
13. Journalism (Short only)	0.0%	0
14. Public Administration/Public Policy/International Relations (Short only)	0.2%	2
15. Social Work (Short only)	2.0%	18
16. Law (Short only)	0.0%	0
17. Arts & Culture (Short only)	1.0%	9
18. Finance/Mathematics/Computing (Short only)	0.4%	4
19. Other (specified) (Short only)	7.0%	63
Not Answered		12
	Valid Responses	899
	Total Responses	911

Q3: What is your current year of study?

Response	[YEARSTUDY]		[UNIV_YEARSTUDY]	
	Frequency	Count	Frequency	Count
1st year	28.9%	263	35.3%	322
2nd year	32.8%	298	28.2%	257
3rd year	17.3%	157	17.3%	158
4th year	9.0%	82	9.2%	84
5th year	6.4%	58	4.4%	40
6th year or above	5.6%	51	5.5%	50
Not Answered/Not Available		2		0
	Valid Responses	909	Valid	911
	Total Responses	911	Total	911

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

Response	Frequency	Count
1. I am still taking courses (All Streams)	46.0%	419
2. I have completed coursework (All Streams)	25.6%	233
3. I have passed qualifying exams/paper (Long & Medium)	10.7%	97
4. I have had my thesis/dissertation proposal accepted (Long & Medium)	13.5%	123
5. I have defended my thesis/dissertation/research paper (Long & Medium)	4.2%	38
Not Answered		1
Valid Responses		910
Total Responses		911

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	36.1%	328
2. To equip me to start a career, or advance an existing career outside of academia	37.4%	340
3. To satisfy my interest in the field, regardless of career prospects	22.7%	206
4. Other (specified)	3.7%	34
Not Answered		3
Valid Responses		908
Total Responses		911

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

Response	Frequency	Count
1. Yes	46.1%	420
2. No	53.9%	491
Not Answered		0
Valid Responses		911
Total Responses		911

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

Response	Frequency	Count
1. Doctoral	30.6%	279
2. Master's - With Thesis	40.0%	364
3. Master's - Without Thesis	29.4%	268
Valid Responses		911
Total Responses		911

Other: Academic Load (uploaded data) [UNIV_ACADLOAD]

Response	Frequency	Count
1. Full-Time	79.3%	722
2. Part-Time	20.7%	188
Not Available		1
Valid Responses		910
Total Responses		911

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	292	316	193	74	36	911	3.828
	% by Row	32.1%	34.7%	21.2%	8.1%	4.0%	100.0%	
2. If you were to start your graduate/ professional career again, would you select the same field of study? [StartOver_Field]	Count	483	244	104	62	14	907	4.235
	% by Row	53.3%	26.9%	11.5%	6.8%	1.5%	100.0%	
3. Would you recommend this university to someone considering your program? [StartOver_Program]	Count	396	258	154	66	34	908	4.009
	% by Row	43.6%	28.4%	17.0%	7.3%	3.7%	100.0%	
4. Would you recommend this university to someone in another field? [StartOver_OtherField]	Count	237	310	286	63	13	909	3.765
	% by Row	26.1%	34.1%	31.5%	6.9%	1.4%	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	337	125	70	38	49	619	4.071
	% by Row	54.4%	20.2%	11.3%	6.1%	7.9%	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	328	380	140	34	14	896	4.087
	% by Row	36.6%	42.4%	15.6%	3.8%	1.6%	100.0%	
2. The intellectual quality of my fellow students [ProgRate_Students]	Count	151	402	260	68	13	894	3.682
	% by Row	16.9%	45.0%	29.1%	7.6%	1.5%	100.0%	
3. The relationship between faculty and graduate students [ProgRate_Relation]	Count	226	316	212	105	33	892	3.669
	% by Row	25.3%	35.4%	23.8%	11.8%	3.7%	100.0%	
4. Overall quality of graduate level teaching by faculty [ProgRate_Teaching]	Count	186	342	237	92	38	895	3.610
	% by Row	20.8%	38.2%	26.5%	10.3%	4.2%	100.0%	
5. Advice on the availability of financial support [ProgRate_FundingAdv]	Count	102	190	271	206	115	884	2.952
	% by Row	11.5%	21.5%	30.7%	23.3%	13.0%	100.0%	
6. Quality of academic advising and guidance [ProgRate_Advising]	Count	168	248	273	128	71	888	3.354
	% by Row	18.9%	27.9%	30.7%	14.4%	8.0%	100.0%	
7. Helpfulness of staff members in my program [ProgRate_Staff]	Count	270	313	198	82	29	892	3.799
	% by Row	30.3%	35.1%	22.2%	9.2%	3.3%	100.0%	
8. Availability of area courses I needed to complete my program [ProgRate_CourseAvail]	Count	189	254	253	119	73	888	3.413
	% by Row	21.3%	28.6%	28.5%	13.4%	8.2%	100.0%	
9. Quality of instruction in my courses [ProgRate_Teaching2]	Count	178	335	262	97	20	892	3.621
	% by Row	20.0%	37.6%	29.4%	10.9%	2.2%	100.0%	
10. Relationship of program content to my research/professional goals [ProgRate_Fit]	Count	174	327	258	100	34	893	3.568
	% by Row	19.5%	36.6%	28.9%	11.2%	3.8%	100.0%	
11. Opportunities for student collaboration or teamwork [ProgRate_Teamwork]	Count	123	287	279	128	77	894	3.281
	% by Row	13.8%	32.1%	31.2%	14.3%	8.6%	100.0%	
12. Opportunities to take coursework outside my own department [ProgRate_CourseOut]	Count	96	189	270	197	128	880	2.918
	% by Row	10.9%	21.5%	30.7%	22.4%	14.5%	100.0%	
13. Opportunities to engage in interdisciplinary work [ProgRate_Interdiscipline]	Count	103	208	271	190	109	881	3.007
	% by Row	11.7%	23.6%	30.8%	21.6%	12.4%	100.0%	
14. Amount of coursework [ProgRate_Workload]	Count	95	318	359	93	25	890	3.410
	% by Row	10.7%	35.7%	40.3%	10.4%	2.8%	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	77	152	168	80	40	66	32	615	3.282
	% by Row	14.9%	29.4%	32.5%	15.5%	7.7%			100.0%	
2. Advice/workshops on preparing for candidacy examinations [ProfSkill_Exams]	Count	44	85	135	53	57	92	146	612	3.016
	% by Row	11.8%	22.7%	36.1%	14.2%	15.2%			100.0%	
3. Feedback on your research [ProfSkill_Feedback]	Count	123	177	157	81	48	10	19	615	3.420
	% by Row	21.0%	30.2%	26.8%	13.8%	8.2%			100.0%	
4. Advice/workshops on standards for academic writing in your field [ProfSkill_WriteSTD2]	Count	57	136	168	78	67	80	26	612	3.075
	% by Row	11.3%	26.9%	33.2%	15.4%	13.2%			100.0%	
5. Advice/workshops on writing grant proposals [ProfSkill_WriteGrant]	Count	44	92	132	104	71	111	59	613	2.851
	% by Row	9.9%	20.8%	29.8%	23.5%	16.0%			100.0%	
6. Advice/workshops on publishing your work [ProfSkill_Publish]	Count	49	105	128	101	91	94	44	612	2.831
	% by Row	10.3%	22.2%	27.0%	21.3%	19.2%			100.0%	
7. Advice/workshops on job searching (CV prep, interview skills, etc.) [ProfSkill_JobHunt]	Count	47	76	117	118	80	112	61	611	2.753
	% by Row	10.7%	17.4%	26.7%	26.9%	18.3%			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	36	80	128	105	88	104	48	589	2.705
	% by Row	8.2%	18.3%	29.3%	24.0%	20.1%			100.0%	
2. Advice/workshops on career options outside academia [ProfSkill_CareerOth]	Count	21	67	112	123	119	95	51	588	2.430
	% by Row	4.8%	15.2%	25.3%	27.8%	26.9%			100.0%	
3. Advice/workshops about research positions [ProfSkill_ResPos]	Count	35	57	134	99	130	86	44	585	2.490
	% by Row	7.7%	12.5%	29.5%	21.8%	28.6%			100.0%	
4. Advice/workshops about research ethics in human subject research [ProfSkill_HumanEthic]	Count	50	71	116	74	55	95	124	585	2.964
	% by Row	13.7%	19.4%	31.7%	20.2%	15.0%			100.0%	
5. Advice/workshops about research ethics in the use of animals [ProfSkill_AnimEthic]	Count	25	49	83	55	42	106	223	583	2.843
	% by Row	9.8%	19.3%	32.7%	21.7%	16.5%			100.0%	
6. Advice on intellectual property issues [ProfSkill_IP]	Count	43	78	151	85	73	87	70	587	2.844
	% by Row	10.0%	18.1%	35.1%	19.8%	17.0%			100.0%	

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

		Excellent (5)	Very good (4)	Good (3)	Fair (2)	Poor (1)	Did not participate (6)	Not applicable (7)	Total	Mean (out of 5)
1. Advice/workshops on the standards for writing in your profession [ProfSkill_WriteSTD]	Count	17	42	51	38	21	66	27	262	2.976
	% by Row	10.1%	24.9%	30.2%	22.5%	12.4%			100.0%	
2. Advice/workshops on career options [ProfSkill_Career]	Count	14	27	44	31	31	78	37	262	2.741
	% by Row	9.5%	18.4%	29.9%	21.1%	21.1%			100.0%	
3. Advice/workshops on professional ethics [ProfSkill_ProfEthic]	Count	21	49	50	28	16	70	28	262	3.189
	% by Row	12.8%	29.9%	30.5%	17.1%	9.8%			100.0%	
4. Advice/workshops on job preparation and professional practice [ProfSkill_ProfPractice]	Count	18	29	51	33	19	74	35	259	2.960
	% by Row	12.0%	19.3%	34.0%	22.0%	12.7%			100.0%	
5. Opportunities for internships, practicum, and experiential learning as part of the program [ProfSkill_Internship]	Count	29	45	46	34	31	37	39	261	3.038
	% by Row	15.7%	24.3%	24.9%	18.4%	16.8%			100.0%	
6. Opportunities for contact (lectures, seminars, discussion) with practicing professionals [ProfSkill_Contact]	Count	27	45	56	38	29	43	24	262	3.015
	% by Row	13.8%	23.1%	28.7%	19.5%	14.9%			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	155	203	194	83	57	55	96	843	3.457
	% by Row	22.4%	29.3%	28.0%	12.0%	8.2%			100.0%	
2. Training in research methods before beginning your own research [ResExp_Method]	Count	104	170	220	123	102	49	73	841	3.071
	% by Row	14.5%	23.6%	30.6%	17.1%	14.2%			100.0%	
3. Faculty guidance in formulating a research topic [ResExp_Guidance]	Count	146	180	203	118	69	40	85	841	3.302
	% by Row	20.4%	25.1%	28.4%	16.5%	9.6%			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	108	135	145	61	54	37	42	582	3.362
	% by Row	21.5%	26.8%	28.8%	12.1%	10.7%			100.0%	
5. Collaboration with faculty in writing a grant proposal (Long and Medium only) [ResExp_WriteGrant]	Count	55	67	110	59	69	114	108	582	2.944
	% by Row	15.3%	18.6%	30.6%	16.4%	19.2%			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	628	200	828	113	110	105	44	229	601
	% by Row	75.8%	24.2%	100.0%	18.8%	18.3%	17.5%	7.3%	38.1%	100.0%
2. Departmental funding for students to attend national or regional meetings OCCURRED = [PresPub_FundMeet] # TIMES = [PresPubNum_FundMeet]	Count	409	414	823	160	112	69	29	13	383
	% by Row	49.7%	50.3%	100.0%	41.8%	29.2%	18.0%	7.6%	3.4%	100.0%
3. Attend national scholarly meetings OCCURRED = [PresPub_NatlMeet] # TIMES = [PresPubNum_NatlMeet]	Count	329	493	822	128	76	42	24	35	305
	% by Row	40.0%	60.0%	100.0%	42.0%	24.9%	13.8%	7.9%	11.5%	100.0%

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

Q16: Please select if the following occurs in your department (Long Stream only)					If Occurrence = "Yes", indicate the Number of Occurrences					
		Yes (1)	No (2)	Total	0	1	2	3	4+	Total
4. Deliver any papers or present a poster at national scholarly meetings (Long only) OCCURRED = [PresPub_PresMeet] # TIMES = [PresPubNum_PresMeet]	Count	343	213	556	91	93	63	36	45	328
	% by Row	61.7%	38.3%	100.0%	27.7%	28.4%	19.2%	11.0%	13.7%	100.0%
5. Co-authored in refereed journals with your program faculty (Long only) OCCURRED = [PresPub_CoAuth] # TIMES = [PresPubNum_CoAuth]	Count	244	309	553	79	80	44	16	14	233
	% by Row	44.1%	55.9%	100.0%	33.9%	34.3%	18.9%	6.9%	6.0%	100.0%
6. Published as sole or first author in a refereed journal (Long only) OCCURRED = [PresPub_Author] # TIMES = [PresPubNum_Author]	Count	233	321	554	76	85	32	14	11	218
	% by Row	42.1%	57.9%	100.0%	34.9%	39.0%	14.7%	6.4%	5.0%	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	304	207	25	8	544	3.483
	% by Row	55.9%	38.1%	4.6%	1.5%	100.0%	
2. My advisor served as my advocate when necessary [Advisor_Advocate]	Count	295	202	29	16	542	3.432
	% by Row	54.4%	37.3%	5.4%	3.0%	100.0%	
3. My advisor gave me constructive feedback on my work [Advisor_Feedback]	Count	317	173	35	18	543	3.453
	% by Row	58.4%	31.9%	6.4%	3.3%	100.0%	
4. My advisor returned my work promptly [Advisor_Promptly]	Count	289	176	48	29	542	3.338
	% by Row	53.3%	32.5%	8.9%	5.4%	100.0%	
5. My advisor promoted my professional development [Advisor_ProfDev]	Count	263	197	54	23	537	3.304
	% by Row	49.0%	36.7%	10.1%	4.3%	100.0%	
6. My advisor overall, performed the role well [Advisor_Role]	Count	297	185	39	22	543	3.394
	% by Row	54.7%	34.1%	7.2%	4.1%	100.0%	
7. My advisor was available for regular meetings [Advisor_Available]	Count	332	174	23	14	543	3.517
	% by Row	61.1%	32.0%	4.2%	2.6%	100.0%	
8. My advisor was very helpful to me in preparing for written qualifying exams [Advisor_WrittenEx]	Count	209	224	59	25	517	3.193
	% by Row	40.4%	43.3%	11.4%	4.8%	100.0%	
9. My advisor was very helpful to me in preparing for the oral qualifying exam [Advisor_OralEx]	Count	203	215	58	24	500	3.194
	% by Row	40.6%	43.0%	11.6%	4.8%	100.0%	
10. My advisor was very helpful to me in selecting a dissertation topic [Advisor_DissTop]	Count	270	201	47	17	535	3.353
	% by Row	50.5%	37.6%	8.8%	3.2%	100.0%	
11. My advisor was very helpful to me in writing a dissertation prospectus or proposal [Advisor_ResProp]	Count	243	217	50	14	524	3.315
	% by Row	46.4%	41.4%	9.5%	2.7%	100.0%	
12. My advisor was very helpful to me in writing the dissertation [Advisor_DissWrite]	Count	221	216	42	20	499	3.279
	% by Row	44.3%	43.3%	8.4%	4.0%	100.0%	
13. My advisor was very helpful to me in selecting the dissertation committee [Advisor_DissCmtee]	Count	225	207	48	14	494	3.302
	% by Row	45.5%	41.9%	9.7%	2.8%	100.0%	
14. My advisor encouraged discussions about current job market and various career prospects [Advisor_JobMarket]	Count	158	188	109	53	508	2.888
	% by Row	31.1%	37.0%	21.5%	10.4%	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)	45.0%	243	28.9%	147
2. One to three times (at least once a month)	38.1%	206	42.8%	218
3. Less than once a month	16.9%	91	28.3%	144
	Valid Responses	540	Valid	509
	Total Responses	540	Total	509

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

Response	Frequency	Count
1. Yes	65.8%	358
2. No	34.2%	186
Not Answered		6
Valid Responses		544
Total Responses		550

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]	45.9%	164
2. I am expected to meet at least annually with my advisory committee [AdvCmtee_AnnMeet]	56.0%	200
3. I have already interacted at least once with my advisory committee [AdvCmtee_Met]	65.3%	233
Valid Responses		357
Total Responses		357

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	82.4%	192
2. Through email or telephonic contact (no formal meeting)	17.6%	41
Not Answered		0
Valid Responses		233
Total Responses		233

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	40.1%	93	3.289
Agree = 3	50.4%	117	
Disagree = 2	7.8%	18	
Strongly disagree = 1	1.7%	4	
Not Answered		1	
Valid Responses		232	
Total Responses		233	

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]	14.3%	102
2. Provincial Government Scholarship/Fellowship [FinSup_Prov]	10.1%	72
3. Support from a Foreign Government [FinSup_Foreign]	3.2%	23
4. External (to university) non-government fellowship [FinSup_External]	9.1%	65
5. Provincial bursary (non-refundable) [FinSup_ProvBursary]	3.2%	23
6. University-funded bursary [FinSup_UnivBursary]	17.7%	126
7. University-funded fellowships [FinSup_UnivFellowship]	35.1%	250
8. Full tuition scholarships or waivers [FinSup_FullWaiver]	7.0%	50
9. Partial tuition scholarships or waivers [FinSup_PartWaiver]	5.3%	38
10. Graduate research assistantship [FinSup_RA]	33.5%	239
11. Graduate teaching assistantship [FinSup_TA]	46.8%	334
12. Other part-time research employment [FinSup_PTResearch]	9.1%	65
13. Other part-time teaching employment [FinSup_PTTeaching]	5.3%	38
14. Residence Donship [FinSup_ResDonship]	0.1%	1
15. Other campus employment [FinSup_OthCampusJob]	9.1%	65
16. Off campus employment [FinSup_OffCampusJob]	28.9%	206
17. Employee benefit or employer funding [FinSup_Benefit]	10.7%	76
18. Loans, savings, or family assistance [FinSup_LoanAssist]	38.4%	274
Valid Responses		713
Total Responses		812

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	66.0%	505	\$7,869
2. \$1 - \$9,999	9.8%	75	
3. \$10,000 - \$19,999	6.8%	52	
4. \$20,000 - \$29,999	7.2%	55	
5. \$30,000 - \$39,999	5.6%	43	
6. \$40,000 - \$49,999	1.6%	12	
7. \$50,000 - \$59,999	1.8%	14	
8. \$60,000 - \$69,999	0.4%	3	
9. \$70,000 - \$79,999	0.4%	3	
10. \$80,000 or more	0.4%	3	
Not Answered		43	
Valid Responses		765	
Total Responses		808	

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	59.1%	456	\$6,128
2. \$1 - \$9,999	23.2%	179	
3. \$10,000 - \$19,999	8.7%	67	
4. \$20,000 - \$29,999	4.0%	31	
5. \$30,000 - \$39,999	1.9%	15	
6. \$40,000 - \$49,999	0.5%	4	
7. \$50,000 - \$59,999	0.5%	4	
8. \$60,000 - \$69,999	0.5%	4	
9. \$70,000 - \$79,999	0.9%	7	
10. \$80,000 or more	0.5%	4	
Not Answered		37	
Valid Responses		771	
Total Responses		808	

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	231	274	179	41	27	27	13	792	3.852
	% by Row	30.7%	36.4%	23.8%	5.5%	3.6%			100.0%	
2. Graduate student work/study space [UnivGradOffice]	Count	108	129	157	101	114	100	79	788	3.026
	% by Row	17.7%	21.2%	25.8%	16.6%	18.7%			100.0%	
3. Research laboratories [UnivLab]	Count	67	114	129	66	28	146	235	785	3.312
	% by Row	16.6%	28.2%	31.9%	16.3%	6.9%			100.0%	
4. Health care services [UnivHealth]	Count	90	160	170	76	18	163	112	789	3.444
	% by Row	17.5%	31.1%	33.1%	14.8%	3.5%			100.0%	
5. Child care services [UnivChild]	Count	29	40	38	8	14	294	356	779	3.481
	% by Row	22.5%	31.0%	29.5%	6.2%	10.9%			100.0%	
6. Financial aid office [UnivFinAid]	Count	31	71	96	67	28	309	184	786	3.034
	% by Row	10.6%	24.2%	32.8%	22.9%	9.6%			100.0%	
7. Career services [UnivCareer]	Count	39	97	133	64	57	271	126	787	2.992
	% by Row	10.0%	24.9%	34.1%	16.4%	14.6%			100.0%	
8. Student counselling & resource center [UnivCounsel]	Count	64	92	114	40	28	319	129	786	3.367
	% by Row	18.9%	27.2%	33.7%	11.8%	8.3%			100.0%	
9. Athletic facilities [UnivAthletic]	Count	106	189	185	50	12	157	89	788	3.603
	% by Row	19.6%	34.9%	34.1%	9.2%	2.2%			100.0%	
10. Services to international students attending this university [UnivInternat_In]	Count	82	111	96	44	20	170	265	788	3.541
	% by Row	23.2%	31.4%	27.2%	12.5%	5.7%			100.0%	
11. Services to students attending this university studying abroad (or preparing to) [UnivInternation_Out]	Count	38	35	50	22	14	273	351	783	3.384
	% by Row	23.9%	22.0%	31.4%	13.8%	8.8%			100.0%	
12. Housing assistance [UnivHousing]	Count	29	57	78	51	61	273	235	784	2.790
	% by Row	10.5%	20.7%	28.3%	18.5%	22.1%			100.0%	
13. Ombudsperson's office [UnivOmbud]	Count	18	30	38	17	19	374	275	771	3.090
	% by Row	14.8%	24.6%	31.1%	13.9%	15.6%			100.0%	
14. Public / Campus transportation service [UnivTransport]	Count	32	64	86	105	144	197	154	782	2.385
	% by Row	7.4%	14.8%	20.0%	24.4%	33.4%			100.0%	
15. Food services [UnivFood]	Count	21	69	156	143	120	146	130	785	2.466
	% by Row	4.1%	13.6%	30.6%	28.1%	23.6%			100.0%	
16. University bookstore [UnivBooks]	Count	58	147	262	152	22	91	52	784	3.105
	% by Row	9.0%	22.9%	40.9%	23.7%	3.4%			100.0%	
17. Student government office [UnivGovt]	Count	26	48	103	52	38	323	187	777	2.895
	% by Row	9.7%	18.0%	38.6%	19.5%	14.2%			100.0%	
18. Registrarial processes [UnivRegistrar]	Count	106	180	244	108	32	65	48	783	3.328
	% by Row	15.8%	26.9%	36.4%	16.1%	4.8%			100.0%	
19. Information technology services [UnivITS]	Count	88	180	250	90	36	89	49	782	3.301
	% by Row	13.7%	28.0%	38.8%	14.0%	5.6%			100.0%	
20. Disability/Access services office [UnivDisabl]	Count	29	39	48	21	8	283	354	782	3.414
	% by Row	20.0%	26.9%	33.1%	14.5%	5.5%			100.0%	

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

		Local office (1)	Central office (2)	Both (3)	Total
1. Library facilities [UnivLibraryLOC]	Count	145	394	172	711
	% by Row	20.4%	55.4%	24.2%	100.0%
2. Graduate student work/study space [UnivGradOfficeLOC]	Count	393	82	98	573
	% by Row	68.6%	14.3%	17.1%	100.0%
3. Research laboratories [UnivLabLOC]	Count	266	47	67	380
	% by Row	70.0%	12.4%	17.6%	100.0%
4. Health care services [UnivHealthLOC]	Count	87	306	88	481
	% by Row	18.1%	63.6%	18.3%	100.0%
5. Child care services [UnivChildLOC]	Count	28	55	28	111
	% by Row	25.2%	49.5%	25.2%	100.0%
6. Financial aid office [UnivFinAidLOC]	Count	72	129	65	266
	% by Row	27.1%	48.5%	24.4%	100.0%
7. Career services [UnivCareerLOC]	Count	87	207	64	358
	% by Row	24.3%	57.8%	17.9%	100.0%
8. Student counselling & resource center [UnivCounselLOC]	Count	63	183	63	309
	% by Row	20.4%	59.2%	20.4%	100.0%
9. Athletic facilities [UnivAthleticLOC]	Count	102	331	72	505
	% by Row	20.2%	65.5%	14.3%	100.0%
10. Services to international students attending this university [UnivInternat_InLOC]	Count	77	173	71	321
	% by Row	24.0%	53.9%	22.1%	100.0%
11. Services to students attending this university studying abroad (or preparing to) [UnivInternation_OutLOC]	Count	32	54	53	139
	% by Row	23.0%	38.8%	38.1%	100.0%
12. Housing assistance [UnivHousingLOC]	Count	59	152	40	251
	% by Row	23.5%	60.6%	15.9%	100.0%
13. Ombudsperson's office [UnivOmbudLOC]	Count	30	51	28	109
	% by Row	27.5%	46.8%	25.7%	100.0%
14. Public / Campus transportation service [UnivTransportLOC]	Count	62	247	84	393
	% by Row	15.8%	62.8%	21.4%	100.0%
15. Food services [UnivFoodLOC]	Count	99	242	135	476
	% by Row	20.8%	50.8%	28.4%	100.0%
16. University bookstore [UnivBooksLOC]	Count	109	418	74	601
	% by Row	18.1%	69.6%	12.3%	100.0%
17. Student government office [UnivGovtLOC]	Count	55	139	51	245
	% by Row	22.4%	56.7%	20.8%	100.0%
18. Registrarial processes [UnivRegistrarLOC]	Count	111	354	154	619
	% by Row	17.9%	57.2%	24.9%	100.0%
19. Information technology services [UnivITSLOC]	Count	141	270	188	599
	% by Row	23.5%	45.1%	31.4%	100.0%
20. Disability/Access services office [UnivDisablLOC]	Count	34	54	44	132
	% by Row	25.8%	40.9%	33.3%	100.0%

SECTION 10 - SOCIAL LIFE

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

		FREQUENCY OF OCCURRENCE OF ACTIVITIES ON CAMPUS				YOUR ATTENDANCE If Frequency of Occurrence = "Frequent" or "Occasional"			
		Frequent (3)	Occasional (2)	Never (1)	Total	Frequent (3)	Occasional (2)	Never (1)	Total
1. Organized university-wide social activities FREQUENCY = [SocACT_Univ] ATTENDANCE = [SocATT_Univ]	Count	232	364	114	710	40	287	224	551
	% by Row	32.7%	51.3%	16.1%	100.0%	7.3%	52.1%	40.7%	100.0%
2. Organized social activities within your department FREQUENCY = [SocACT_Dept] ATTENDANCE = [SocATT_Dept]	Count	171	416	121	708	107	334	97	538
	% by Row	24.2%	58.8%	17.1%	100.0%	19.9%	62.1%	18.0%	100.0%
3. Organized social activities within your advisor/research group FREQUENCY = [SocACT_Group] ATTENDANCE = [SocATT_Group]	Count	99	335	271	705	154	191	42	387
	% by Row	14.0%	47.5%	38.4%	100.0%	39.8%	49.4%	10.9%	100.0%
4. Organized social activities within your residence FREQUENCY = [SocACT_Residence] ATTENDANCE = [SocATT_Residence]	Count	74	191	376	641	53	134	42	229
	% by Row	11.5%	29.8%	58.7%	100.0%	23.1%	58.5%	18.3%	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	71.2%	553
2. Away most of the time	28.8%	224
Not Answered		11
Valid Responses		777
Total Responses		788

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	197	298	187	70	26	778	3.733
	% by Row	25.3%	38.3%	24.0%	9.0%	3.3%	100.0%	
2. Your student life experience at this university? [QualLife]	Count	124	238	250	108	46	766	3.373
	% by Row	16.2%	31.1%	32.6%	14.1%	6.0%	100.0%	
3. Your graduate/professional program at this university? [QualProg]	Count	182	274	193	88	37	774	3.615
	% by Row	23.5%	35.4%	24.9%	11.4%	4.8%	100.0%	
4. Your overall experience at this university? [QualOverall]	Count	160	283	221	84	27	775	3.600
	% by Row	20.6%	36.5%	28.5%	10.8%	3.5%	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	202	313	249	764	1.938
	% by Row	26.4%	41.0%	32.6%	100.0%	
2. Family obligations [ObsFamily]	Count	381	269	113	763	2.351
	% by Row	49.9%	35.3%	14.8%	100.0%	
3. Availability of faculty [ObsFaculty]	Count	500	204	58	762	2.580
	% by Row	65.6%	26.8%	7.6%	100.0%	
4. Program structure or requirements [ObsProgram]	Count	441	249	75	765	2.478
	% by Row	57.6%	32.5%	9.8%	100.0%	
5. Course scheduling [ObsSchedule]	Count	509	197	57	763	2.592
	% by Row	66.7%	25.8%	7.5%	100.0%	
6. Immigration laws or regulations [ObsImmigration]	Count	599	92	70	761	2.695
	% by Row	78.7%	12.1%	9.2%	100.0%	
7. Other (specified) [ObsOther]	Count	197	23	60	280	2.489
	% by Row	70.4%	8.2%	21.4%	100.0%	

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

		Not important (1)	Somewhat important (2)	Very important (3)	Not applicable (4)	Total	Mean (out of 3)
1. Study abroad [Importance_SInt]	Count	284	173	212	94	763	1.892
	% by Row	42.5%	25.9%	31.7%		100.0%	
2. Collaborate on research internationally [Importance_RInt]	Count	157	218	315	71	761	2.229
	% by Row	22.8%	31.6%	45.7%		100.0%	
3. Network with not for profit organizations [Importance_Org]	Count	181	241	255	82	759	2.109
	% by Row	26.7%	35.6%	37.7%		100.0%	
4. Network with businesses [Importance_Bus]	Count	193	229	267	72	761	2.107
	% by Row	28.0%	33.2%	38.8%		100.0%	
5. Network with local/provincial/federal government [Importance_Gov]	Count	109	250	354	49	762	2.344
	% by Row	15.3%	35.1%	49.6%		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	288	208	78	170	744	1.634
	% by Row	50.2%	36.2%	13.6%		100.0%	
2. Collaborate on research internationally [Opport_RInt]	Count	310	222	83	128	743	1.631
	% by Row	50.4%	36.1%	13.5%		100.0%	
3. Work/collaborate with not for profit organizations [Opport_Org]	Count	308	217	71	146	742	1.602
	% by Row	51.7%	36.4%	11.9%		100.0%	
4. Work/collaborate with businesses [Opport_Bus]	Count	338	207	56	141	742	1.531
	% by Row	56.2%	34.4%	9.3%		100.0%	
5. Work/collaborate with local/provincial/federal government [Opport_Gov]	Count	294	249	86	111	740	1.669
	% by Row	46.7%	39.6%	13.7%		100.0%	

SECTION 12 - PERSONAL DEMOGRAPHICS

Q34: Gender

Response	[GENDER]		[UNIV_GENDER]	
	Frequency	Count	Frequency	Count
1. Male	48.5%	376	49.3%	449
2. Female	51.5%	399	50.7%	461
Not Answered/Not Available		6		1
	Valid Responses	775	Valid	910
	Total Responses	781	Total	911

Q35: Age [AGE]

Response	Frequency	Count
1. 20 or younger	0.1%	1
2. 21 - 25	24.2%	188
3. 26 - 30	35.1%	272
4. 31 - 35	17.3%	134
5. 36 - 40	9.7%	75
6. 41 - 45	6.3%	49
7. Over 45	7.3%	57
Not Answered		4
	Valid Responses	776
	Total Responses	780

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)	2.3%	18
2. On-campus student housing (with resident assistant/dorm responsibilities)	2.5%	19
3. Off-campus housing owned by this university	0.6%	5
4. Off-campus housing not owned by this university	94.6%	732
Not Answered		6
	Valid Responses	774
	Total Responses	780

Q37: What is your marital status? [MARITAL]

Response	Frequency	Count
1. Not married	47.0%	365
2. Married	38.7%	300
3. Divorced	1.8%	14
4. Separated	0.6%	5
5. Widowed	0.0%	0
6. With domestic partner	11.9%	92
7. Not Answered		4
	Valid Responses	776
	Total Responses	780

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

Response	Frequency	Count
None/Not applicable	75.8%	587
1 child	8.3%	64
2 children	12.0%	93
3 children	2.7%	21
4 or more	1.2%	9
Not Answered		6
	Valid Responses	774
	Total Responses	780

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

Response	Frequency	Count
1. Canadian Citizen	57.5%	447
2. Canadian Permanent Resident	5.3%	41
3. Citizen of another country with a student visa or other non-immigrant visa	37.2%	289
Not Answered		3
	Valid Responses	777
	Total Responses	780

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

Response	Frequency	Count
1. Black (e.g. African, African American, African Canadian, Caribbean) [gBlack]	6.7%	49
2. East Asian (e.g. Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Polynesian) [gEastAsia]	9.2%	67
3. South Asian (e.g. Indian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan, Bangladeshi) [gSouthAsia]	11.6%	84
4. Southeast Asian (e.g. Burmese, Cambodian, Filipino, Laotian, Malaysian, Thai, Vietnamese) [gSouthEastAsia]	1.1%	8
5. West Asian (e.g. Arabian, Armenian, Iranian, Israeli, Lebanese, Palestinian, Syrian, Turkish) [gWestAsia]	7.7%	56
6. Latin American (e.g. Mexican, Indigenous Central and South American) [gLatAm]	1.9%	14
7. Mixed origin, please specify: [gMixed]	2.6%	19
8. None [NONE]	59.6%	433
	Valid Responses	726
	Total Responses	778

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	6.1%	47
2. No	93.9%	723
Not Answered		8
	Valid Responses	770
	Total Responses	778

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

Response	Frequency	Count
1. Yes	5.2%	40
2. No	91.7%	707
3. I prefer not to respond	3.1%	24
Not Answered		7
	Valid Responses	771
	Total Responses	778

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

Response	Frequency	Count
1. Sensory (vision or hearing) [Disabl_Sense]	12.5%	5
2. Mobility [Disabl_Mobil]	15.0%	6
3. Learning (e.g. ADHD, Dyslexia) [Disabl_Learn]	22.5%	9
4. Mental Health (e.g. Depression, Bipolar) [Disabl_Mental]	47.5%	19
5. Autism spectrum (e.g. Autism, Asperger's) [Disabl_Autism]	0.0%	0
6. Chronic (e.g. Chron's, Colitis, MS) [Disabl_Chronic]	17.5%	7
7. A disability or impairment not listed above, please specify [Disabl_Else]	15.0%	6
8. Prefer not to respond [Disabl_NotRespond]	5.0%	2
	Valid Responses	40
	Total Responses	40

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)	12.8%	5	2.872
Vergy good (4)	23.1%	9	
Good (3)	20.5%	8	
Fair (2)	25.6%	10	
Poor (1)	17.9%	7	
Not Answered		1	
	Valid Responses	39	
	Total Responses	40	

SECTION 13: OTHER SUMMARY ITEMS

Project Summary	2016	2013
Number of students invited to participate	3,548	3,128
Responses received (partially or totally completed)	911	787
Response rate	25.7%	25.2%
Survey open date	18-Jan-16	16-Jan-13
Survey close date	1-Mar-16	28-Feb-13
Number of days open for data collection	43	43
Number of reminders sent (including initial invitation)	4	4
Stream override applied?	No	No