Welcome!

Please enter your access code to begin the survey:	
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(Your personal access code was sent to you by email; If you do not have it, please retrieve your access code to this survey.)

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You are being invited to participate in a survey that asks graduate students about their activities and what they feel they are gaining from their university experiences overall. This survey is being conducted across Canada at many major universities. We hope that this study will result in providing improved educational opportunities for you and future students.

If you agree to participate we ask that you complete a web-based survey that will take about 20 minutes (details below). Responses will be logged, such that reminder notices are not sent to those of you who have responded. Your answers will be kept confidential and once the data are returned to your school by the organization running the study, all identifying information such as your name and email address will be removed before any analyses are done.

Participation in this study is voluntary. You may refuse to participate, refuse to answer any questions or withdraw at anytime with no effect on your academic status. If you do not wish to respond to particular questions, please skip over them. If you do not wish to participate, and do not wish to receive a reminder, please respond to your email invitation with 'Do Not Wish to Participate' in the subject line. Completion of the survey indicates your consent to participate in this research. There are no known risks to participating in this research.

If you would like more information about the survey, or if you have difficulty logging in, you can contact [university contact email].

This survey will be available for your input until [survey close date]. The survey has multiple pages, and you do not have to complete the survey in one sitting. Once you save your responses on the first page of the survey, you will have 48 hours to complete the entire survey.

GENERAL CODING POINTS:

"Zero" 0 = Not Answered: Respondent viewed the question but did not select an answer

"Blank" = Not Asked: Respondent did not view the question, either because it was skipped due to survey logic, or because the respondent did not compete the survey

Section 1. Educational Status

- Q1 > 1. At which degree level are you currently enrolled?
 - 1 = O Master's
 - 2 = O Doctoral
- Q2 > 2. In what disciplinary area are you pursuing your degree? (Select One)
 - 1 = O Humanities
 - 2 = O Fine and Applied Arts
 - 3 = O Social Sciences
 - 4 = O Business/Management
 - **5** = **O** Education
 - **6** = **O** Engineering
 - **7** = O Physical and Mathematical Sciences
 - **8** = O Environmental Science
 - 9 = O Biological Sciences
 - 10 = Health Science
- Q3 > 3. What is your current year of study?
 - 1 = 0 1st year
 - **2** = **O** 2nd year
 - 3 = O 3rd year
 - 4 = O 4th year
 - **5** = **O** 5th year
 - 6 = 0 6th year or above
- Q4 > 4. What is your current status in your graduate program?
 - 1 = O I am still taking courses
 - 2 = O I have completed coursework
 - **3** = O I have passed qualifying exams/paper
 - 4 = O I have had my thesis/dissertation proposal accepted
 - **5** = O I have defended my thesis/dissertation/research paper
- Q5 > 5. Do you expect to graduate by the end of the current academic year?
 - 1 = O No
 - 2 = O Yes

Section 2. General Satisfaction

Please select your response to the following statements.

	<mark>1 =</mark> Definitely	<mark>2 =</mark> Probably	<mark>3 =</mark> Maybe	4 = Probably not	<mark>5 =</mark> Definitely not
Q6_a_1 > 1. If you were to start your graduate/ professional career again, would you select this same university?	•	0	•	•	•
Q6_a_2 > 2. If you were to start your graduate/ professional career again, would you select the same field of study?	0	0	0	0	•
Q6_a_3 > 3. Would you recommend this university to someone considering your program?	0	0	0	0	•
Q6_a_4 > 4. Would you recommend this university to someone in another field?	0	O	O	O	•
Q6_a_5 > 5. If you were to start your graduate career again, would you select the same faculty supervisor?	•	0	•	•	•

Section 3. Satisfaction with Program, Quality of Interactions, and Coursework

Please rate the following dimensions of your program.

	1 = Excellent	<mark>2 =</mark> Very good	<mark>3 =</mark> Good	<mark>4 =</mark> Fair	<mark>5 =</mark> Poor
Q7_a_1 > 1. The intellectual quality of the faculty	•	O	•	O	O
<pre>Q7_a_2 > 2. The intellectual quality of my fellow students</pre>	0	•	0	0	O
Q7_a_3 > 3. The relationship between faculty and graduate students	O	0	0	0	O
Q7_a_4 > 4. Overall quality of graduate level teaching by faculty	O	O	O	O	O
<pre>Q7_a_5 > 5. Advice on the availability of financial support</pre>	O	•	O	O	O
Q7_a_6 > 6. Quality of academic advising and guidance	O	•	O	O	O
<pre>Q7_a_7 > 7. Helpfulness of staff members in my program</pre>	•	•	O	O	•
Q7_a_8 > 8. Availability of area courses I needed to complete my program	•	•	O	O	•
Q7_a_9 > 9. Quality of instruction in my courses	•	•	•	0	O
Q7_a_10 > 10. Relationship of program content to my research/professional goals	•	O	•	0	•
Q7_a_11 > 11. Opportunities for student collaboration or teamwork	•	O	•	0	O
Q7_a_12 > 12. Opportunities to take coursework outside my own department	O	O	O	O	O
Q7_a_13 > 13. Opportunities to engage in interdisciplinary work	O	•	O	O	O
Q7_a_14 > 14. Amount of coursework	O	O	O	O	O

Section 4. Professional Skills Development

How would you rate the quality of the support and training you received in these areas?

	1 = Excellent	<mark>2 =</mark> Very good	3 = Good	<mark>4 =</mark> Fair	5 = Poor	6 = Did not participate	7 = Not applicable
<pre>Q8_a_1 > 1. Courses, workshops, or orientation on teaching</pre>	•	0	O	•	•	0	•
Q8_a_2 > 2. Advice/ workshops on preparing for candidacy examinations	•	•	0	•	O	0	0
Q8_a_3 > 3. Feedback on your research	O	0	O	O	•	•	0
Q8_a_4 > 4. Advice/ workshops on the standards for academic writing in your field	•	0	•	•	•	•	•
Q8_a_5 > 5. Advice/ workshops on writing grant proposals	•	0	0	0	0	0	•
Q8_a_6 > 6. Advice/ workshops on publishing your work	•	•	0	0	O	•	•
Q8_a_7 > 7. Advice/ workshops on career options within academia	•	•	0	0	O	•	•
Q8_a_8 > 8. Advice/ workshops on career options outside academia	•	•	O	0	O	•	•
Q8_a_9 > 9. Advice/ workshops about research positions	•	•	O	0	O	•	•
Q8_a_10 > 10. Advice/ workshops about research ethics in human subject research	•	0	0	•	•	•	0
Q8_a_11 > 11. Advice/ workshops about research ethics in the use of animals	•	0	•	•	•	0	0
Q8_a_12 > 12. Advice on intellectual property issues	O	0	O	•	O	•	O

Section 5. Research Experience

How would you rate the quality of the support and opportunities you received in these areas?

	<mark>1 =</mark> Excellent	<mark>2 =</mark> Very good	3 = Good	<mark>4 =</mark> Fair	5 = Poor	<mark>6 =</mark> Did not participate	<mark>7 =</mark> Not applicable
Q9_a_1 > 1. Conducting independent research since starting your graduate program	•	0	0	0	•	•	0
<pre>Q9_a_2 > 2. Training in research methods before beginning your own research</pre>	0	•	0	•	•	•	O
Q9_a_3 > 3. Faculty guidance in formulating a research topic	0	•	0	•	•	0	0
Q9_a_4 > 4. Research collaboration with one or more faculty members	•	•	O	0	O	•	•
Q9_a_5 > 5. Collaboration with faculty in writing a grant proposal	•	•	0	O	0	•	O

Section 6. Presentations and Publications

Please select if the following occurs in your department, and the number of times you were involved.

	Yes/No Q10_a_1 Q10_a_6		_	< Number of times you were involved >			
	1 = Yes	<mark>2 =</mark> No	1 = 0	1=1	1 = 2	1 = 3	1 = 4+
Q10_a/b_1 > 1. Seminars/ colloquia at which students present their research	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Q10_a/b_2 > 2. Departmental funding for students to attend national or regional meetings	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Q10_a/b_3 > 3. Attend national scholarly meetings	O	•	O	O	O	O	O
Q10_a/b_4 > 4. Deliver any papers or present a poster at national scholarly meetings	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Q10_a/b_5 > 5. Co-authored in refereed journals with your program faculty	O	O	O	O	O	O	•
Q10_a/b_6 > 6. Published as sole or first author in a refereed journal	•	•	•	•	•	•	•

Section 7. Advisor and Thesis/Dissertation/Research Paper

Q11 > Does your program include a Thesis, Dissertation, or Research Paper?

1 = **O** Yes

2 = **O** No

IF Q11 = YES

Thesis/Dissertation advisors engage in a variety of mentoring activities. For each of the following statements, indicate the extent that it DESCRIBES THE BEHAVIOR of your advisor.

	1 = Strongly agree	<mark>2 =</mark> Agree	<mark>3 =</mark> Disagree	<mark>4 =</mark> Strongly disagree	<mark>5 =</mark> NA/No opinion
Q31_a_1 > 1. Was knowledgeable about formal degree requirements	O	O	O	0	O
Q31_a_2 > 2. Served as my advocate when necessary	O	O	O	0	O
Q31_a_3 > 3. Gave me constructive feedback on my work	•	O	•	•	O
Q31_a_4 > 4. Returned my work promptly	•	O	•	•	O
Q31_a_5 > 5. Promoted my professional development	O	O	O	0	O
Q31_a_6 > 6. Overall, performed the role well	O	O	•	•	O
Q31_a_7 > 7. Was available for regular meetings	•	O	•	•	O
Q31_a_8 > 8. Was very helpful to me in preparing for written qualifying exams	•	•	•	•	•
Q31_a_9 > 9. Was very helpful to me in preparing for the oral qualifying exam	•	O	•	•	•
Q31_a_10 > 10. Was very helpful to me in selecting a dissertation topic	O	O	O	0	O
Q31_a_11 > 11. Was very helpful to me in writing a dissertation prospectus or proposal	•	O	•	0	•
Q31_a_12 > 12. Was very helpful to me in writing the dissertation	•	O	O	•	•
Q31_a_13 > 13. Was very helpful to me in selecting the dissertation committee	•	O	•	•	•

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

- Q12 > a. Your ongoing research and results
 - 1 = O Four or more times (at least once a week)
 - 2 = O One to three times (at least once a month)
 - 3 = O Less than once a month
 - 4 = O Not applicable/No opinion
- Q13 > b. Your writing of the dissertation draft
 - 1 = O Four or more times (at least once a week)
 - 2 = O One to three times (at least once a month)
 - 3 = O Less than once a month
 - 4 = O Not applicable/No opinion

Section 8. Financial Support

1. 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: (1=selected) Q14_1 > ☐ Federal Granting Council Scholarship/Fellowship Q14_2 > ☐ Provincial Government Scholarship/Fellowship Q14_3 > ☐ Support from a Foreign Government Q14_4 > ☐ External (to university) non-government fellowship Q14_5 > ☐ University funded fellowships Q14_6 > ☐ Graduate research assistantship Q14_7 > ☐ Graduate teaching assistantship Q14_8 > ☐ Other part-time research employment Q14_9 > ☐ Other part-time teaching employment Q14_10 > ☐ Residence Donship Q14_11 > ☐ Full tuition scholarships or waivers **Q14_12** > **Partial tuition scholarships or waivers** Q14_13 > ☐ Other campus employment Q14_14 > ☐ Off campus employment Q14_15 >

Employee benefit or employer funding Q14_16 > ☐ Loans, savings, or family assistance

- **2.** Please estimate the amount of undergraduate educational debt, if any, plus the amount of graduate educational debt, if any, you will have to repay when you have completed your graduate degree here.
- Q15 > Undergraduate Educational Debt
 - 1 = 0 \$0
 - **2** = **3** \$1 \$9,999
 - $3 = \bigcirc $10,000 $19,999$
 - $4 = \bigcirc$ \$20,000 \$29,999
 - $5 = \bigcirc $30,000 $39,999$
 - **6** = **3** \$40,000 \$49,999
 - **7** = **3** \$50,000 \$59,999
 - **8** = **3** \$60,000 \$69,999
 - **9** = **3** \$70,000 \$79,999
 - 10 = 9 \$80,000 or more
- Q16 > Graduate Educational Debt
 - 1 = 0 \$0
 - **2** = **3** \$1 \$9,999
 - $3 = \bigcirc $10,000 $19,999$
 - **4 = ○** \$20,000 \$29,999
 - $5 = \bigcirc $30,000 $39,999$
 - **6** = **3** \$40,000 \$49,999
 - **7** = **3** \$50,000 \$59,999
 - $8 = \bigcirc \$60,000 \$69,999$
 - **9** = **3** \$70,000 \$79,999
 - **10** = **3** \$80,000 or more

Section 9. University Resources and Student Life

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.

	<mark>1 =</mark> Excellent	2 = Very good	3 = Good	<mark>4 =</mark> Fair	<mark>5 =</mark> Poor	6 = Did not participate	7 = Not applicable
Q17_a_1 > 1. Library facilities	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
Q17_a_2 > 2. Graduate student office space	O	•	O	O	O	O	O
Q17_a_3 > 3. Research laboratories	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
Q17_a_4 > 4. Health care services	•	•	•	•	•	O	0
Q17_a_5 > 5. Child care services	•	0	O	•	•	O	O
Q17_a_6 > 6. Financial aid office	•	0	O	O	O	0	O
Q17_a_7 > 7. Career services	O	O	0	•	O	O	O
Q17_a_8 > 8. Student counseling & resource center	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
Q17_a_9 > 9. Athletic facilities	•	0	O	0	•	O	O
Q17_a_10 > 10. International office	•	0	O	0	•	O	O
Q17_a_11 > 11. Housing assistance	•	0	O	•	•	O	O
Q17_a_12 > 12. Ombudsperson's office	0	0	O	0	0	O	O
Q17_a_13 > 13. Campus transportation service	O	•	O	O	O	O	0
Q17_a_14 > 14. Food services	•	0	O	•	•	O	•
Q17_a_15 > 15. University bookstore	•	0	O	O	•	0	O
Q17_a_16 > 16. Student government office	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
Q17_a_17 > 17. Registrarial processes	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
Q17_a_18 > 18. Information technology services	O	O	O	O	O	O	0

Section 10. Social Life

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

		ency of occurre activities? 3_a_1 Q18_		Frequency of attendance? Q18_b_1 Q18_b_4		
	1 = Frequent	2 = Occasionally	<mark>3 =</mark> Never	1 = Frequent	2 = Occasionally	<mark>3 =</mark> Never
Q18_a/b_1 > 1. Organized university-wide social activities	O	•	O	O	•	O
Q18_a/b_2 > 2. Organized social activities within your department	•	•	•	•	•	•
Q18_a/b_3 > 3. Organized social activities within your advisor/research group	•	•	•	•	•	•
Q18_a/b_4 > 4. Organized social activities within your residence	•	•	•	•	•	•

Section 11. General Assessment

1. Overall, how would you rate the quality of:

	1 = Excellent	<mark>2 =</mark> Very good	3 = Good	<mark>4 =</mark> Fair	<mark>5 =</mark> Poor
Q19_a_1 > Your academic experience at this university?	•	•	O	•	O
Q19_a_2 > Your student life experience at this university?	•	•	O	•	O
<pre>Q19_a_3 > Your graduate/professional program at this university?</pre>	•	•	O	•	O
Q19_a_4 > Your overall experience at this university?	O	O	O	•	O

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

	1 = Not an obstacle	2 = A minor obstacle	3 = A major obstacle
Q20_a_1 > Work/financial commitments	O	•	•
Q20_a_2 > Family obligations	0	•	•
Q20_a_3 > Availability of faculty	0	O	•
Q20_a_4 > Program structure or requirements	O	•	•
Q20_a_5 > Course scheduling	0	•	•
Q20_a_6 > Immigration laws or regulations	O	•	•
Q20_a_7 > Other (chart selection) Q30_1 > fill-in-the-blank	O	•	•

Section 12. Personal Demographics

- **Q21** >> 1. Gender
 - **1** = **O** Male
 - 2 = O Female
- **Q22** >> **2**. Age
 - **1** = **O** 21 or younger
 - **2** = **Q** 21 25
 - 3 = 926 30
 - $4 = \bigcirc 31 35$
 - 5 = 936 40
 - **6 = Q** 41 45
 - **7** = **Q** Over 45
- Q23 >> 3. Which of the following housing situations best describes your CURRENT residence?
 - 1 = O On-campus student housing (no resident assistant/dorm responsibilities)
 - **2 = O** On-campus student housing (with resident assistant/dorm responsibilities)
 - 3 = O Off-campus housing owned by this university
 - 4 = O Off-campus housing not owned by this university
- Q24 >> 4. What is your marital status?
 - 1 = O Not married
 - 2 = O Married
 - 3 = O Divorced
 - 4 = O Separated
 - **5** = **O** Widowed
 - 6 = O With domestic partner
- Q25 >> 5. How many, if any, children do you have?
 - 1 = O None/Not applicable
 - 2 = 0 1 child
 - 3 = 2 children
 - 4 = Q 3 children
 - **5** = **Q** 4 or more

226 >> 6. What is your present citizenship status?
1 = O Canadian Citizen
2 = O Canadian Permanent Resident
3 = O Citizen of another country with a student visa or other nonimmigrant visa.
Q26Specify > Please specify country:
7. Please indicate whether you consider yourself to be a member of one or more of the following visible ninority groups: (1=selected)
Q27_1 > ☐ Black (e.g. African, African American, African Canadian, Caribbean)
Q27_2 > ☐ East Asian (e.g. Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Polynesian)
Q27_3 > ☐ South Asian (e.g. Indian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan, Bangladeshi)
Q27_4 > ☐ Southeast Asian (e.g. Burmese, Cambodian, Filipino, Laotian, Malaysian, Thai, Vietnamese)
Q27_5 > ☐ West Asian (e.g. Arabian, Armenian, Iranian, Israeli, Lebanese, Palestinian, Syrian,
Turkish)
Q27_6 > ☐ Latin American (e.g. Mexican, Indigenous Central and South American)
Q27_7 > Mixed origin
227specify > please specify:
227Specify > please specify:
D28 > 8. Do you self-identify with, or have ancestry as an Aboriginal person (status or non-status ndian, Métis or Inuit)?
1 = • Yes 2 = • No
229 > Are there any additional comments you would like to add about your graduate student experience at this university?

ADDITIONAL FIELDS <u>NOT</u> DISPLAYED IN STUDENT SURVEY:

user_key(student PIN)started(date/time)completed(date/time)recordid(internal use)Q34_1(university)

Q35_1 (contact email address)

Q37_1 (language selected – EN or FR)