

2023 Graduate Student Support Survey administration report

The Graduate Student Support Survey is administered every three years at the University of California. The results from the study are used to inform UC policymakers about the competitiveness of financial award packages offered by UC campuses and by UC's top competitor institutions. The 2023 Graduate Student Support Survey was conducted by Institutional Research and Academic Planning in collaboration with Graduate, Undergraduate and Equity Affairs.

Response rate

The survey was administered to all admitted academic doctoral students for fall 2023. About 58% (4,521) of invited participants completed at least one item of the survey (Table 1). Of the participants who started the survey, 73% (3,298) completed the survey by advancing to the final question and submitting their responses (they were permitted to skip questions, if desired).

Table 1. Completion and response rates by gender and ethnicity

	# Population	# Responders	Response Rate	# Submitted	Completion Rate
Gender¹					
Male	3,724	2,069	56%	1,508	73%
Female	3,620	2,166	60%	1,569	72%
Transgender/ Unknown	502	286	57%	221	77%
Ethnicity					
African American	192	106	55%	73	69%
American Indian	12	6	50%	5	83%
Asian/Pacific Islander	1,131	630	56%	443	70%
Hispanic/Latinx	319	195	61%	136	70%
International	2,874	1,700	59%	1,280	75%
Multi Ethnicity	957	564	59%	396	70%
White	2,161	1,219	56%	891	73%
Other/Unknown	200	101	51%	74	73%
Overall	7,846	4,521	58%	3,298	73%

Note: Response rate includes all students who answered the survey, both those who submitted the survey and partial completers. The completion rate is the percentage of students who submitted their survey relative to the total number of participants who started the survey.

¹ Gender data is limited to a Male/Female binary in this report given incomplete campus data provided for transgender identities. Future application data reporting will rename 'Female' to 'Woman' and 'Male' to 'Man' and include more expansive gender identities across the UC system to allow for more comprehensive gender reporting in future iterations of this report.

Sample representativeness

The respondents generally represent the population by ethnicity and gender (Table 2).

Table 2. Sample representativeness of survey respondents

Characteristics	Population		Respondents	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Gender¹				
Male	3,724	47%	2,069	46%
Female	3,620	46%	2,166	48%
Transgender/Unknown	502	6%	286	6%
Ethnicity				
African American	192	2%	106	2%
American Indian	12	0%	6	0%
Asian/Pacific Islander	1,131	14%	630	14%
Hispanic/Latinx	319	4%	195	4%
International	2,874	37%	1,700	38%
Multi Ethnicity	957	12%	564	12%
White	2,161	28%	1,219	27%
Other/Unknown	200	3%	101	2%
Total	7,846		4,521	

Other survey administration information

Each campus provided a list of admitted students, contributing to a single master list across the UC system. Students admitted to multiple campuses received the same number of emails as students admitted to a single campus. One survey invitation and 7-9 reminders were sent via email through Qualtrics between May 16, 2023 and July 18, 2023. Graduate, Undergraduate and Equity Affairs provided eight \$75 Amazon gift cards and one grand prize of \$500 as incentives to increase student participation.