CGS Career Pathways Student Survey: Spring 2019 Survey Questionnaire, Codebook

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This update replaces the CGS Career Pathways Student Survey released in January 2018

Section 1. Screening, Current PhD Program, and Funding Support

Item #	Item Name	Question Wording
1	QUAL	Are you currently enrolled in a PhD program at [INSTITUTION] ?
		O Yes (1)
		O No (2) [DISQUALIFY, EXIT SURVEY]
2	YEAR	In which time period did you start your doctoral studies at [INSTITUTION] ?
		O July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015 (1)
		O July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 (2)
		O Other (if any, please specify the month/year that you started) (3)
		###ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE TO STUDY SITES###
		You may elect to field this survey to students in entering cohorts other than 2 nd and 5 th year
		doctoral students. In those case, you may revise this questionnaire wording, as long as the resulting data for CGS submission follows this questionnaire format.
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3	PROG	What is the name of the PhD program in which you are currently enrolled at [INSTITUTION] ?
		###ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE TO STUDY SITES### You may elect to use the list of programs, instead of an open-ended format. The resulting data
		for CGS submission must follow the CGS field taxonomy. For questions about crosswalks
		between the CGS field taxonomy and specific PhD programs at your institution, please contact <u>careerpathways@cgs.nche.edu</u> .
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4	GRAD	Colort the statement that heat describes you
4	GRAD	Select the statement that best describes you.
		O I am actively seeking post-graduation employment options (including post-doctoral opportunities). (1)
		O I am not actively seeking post-graduation employment options, but I will be in the 2019/2020 academic year. (2)
		O I am not actively seeking post-graduation employment options, and will not be in the
		2019/2020 academic year. (3)
5	FINAID	Please indicate which of the following is a source of financial support for you for your
		graduate education this academic year (2018-19). (Select all that apply)
		Fellowship, scholarship (1)
		Grant (2)
		Teaching assistantship (3)
		Research assistantship (4)
		Other assistantship (5)

	Traineeship (6)
	Tuition remission or other discounts as part of fellowship, scholarship, traineeship, or assistantship (7)
	Internship, clinical residency (8)
	Loans (federal) (9)
	Loans (from any non-federal sources) (10)
	Personal savings (11)
	\Box Personal earnings during graduate school (other than sources listed above) (12)
	□ Spouse's, partner's, and/or family earnings or savings (13)
	Employer reimbursement assistance (other than sources listed above) (14)
	□ Foreign (non-U.S.) support (other than sources listed above) (15)
	Other (if any, please specify) (16)
	###ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE TO STUDY SITES###
	You may elect to include names of specific financial aid awards offered by your PhD programs and/or your institution, as long as the resulting data for CGS submission follow this
	questionnaire format. Please send the crosswalk between the CGS category and your list of
	specific professional development opportunities to <u>careerpathways@cgs.nche.edu</u> for review.
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Section 2. Career Aspirations

Item	Item Name	Question Wording					
# 6	WORK	Now we have a few questions at of work you aspire to do. Indicate how desirable the follow immediately after earning you	wing work a 1r PhD degr	ctivities are ee .	for the job th	-	
		RANDOMIZE THE ORDER OF Q	UESTIONNA Not at All Desirable	AIRE ITEMS Slightly Desirable	Moderately Desirable	Very Desirable	Extremely Desirable
		Basic research – study directed toward gaining knowledge primarily for its own sake (1)	(1) O	(2) O	(3) O	(4) O	(5) O
		Applied research – study directed toward gaining knowledge to meet a recognized need (2)	0	0	0	0	0
		Development – using knowledge gained from research for the production of materials, devices, and other products (3)	0	0	0	0	0
		Managing or supervising people (4)	0	0	0	0	0
		Managing projects (5)	0	0	0	0	0
		Professional services (e.g., health care, counseling, financial services, legal services) (6)	0	0	0	0	Ο
		Higher education administration (e.g., student affairs, advising, program coordination) (7)	0	0	0	0	0
		Teaching (8)	0	0	0	0	0
		Other (if any, please specify) (9)	0	0	0	0	0

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Item	Item Name	Question Wording
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7	WSEC	Indicate your preferences for the following employment sectors for the job that you would like to get immediately after earning your PhD degree .
		RANDOMIZE THE ORDER OF QUESTIONNAIRE ITEMS 1-11

	Not at All Desirable (1)	Slightly Desirable (2)	Moderately Desirable (3)	Very Desirable (4)	Extremely Desirable (5)
Research university (1)	0	Ő	Ő	0	Ő
Master's/Regional university (2)	0	0	0	0	0
Liberal arts college (3)	0	0	0	0	0
Community or two-year college (4)	0	0	0	0	0
Preschool, elementary, middle, secondary school or school system (5)	0	0	0	0	0
U.S. federal/national government (including various federal agencies and military) (6)	0	0	0	0	0
U.S. state or local government (7)	0	0	0	0	0
Non-U.S. (foreign) government (8)	0	0	0	0	0
Not-for-profit organization or Non-governmental organization (9)	0	0	0	0	0
Business/For-profit company (10)	0	0	0	0	0
Self-employed (11)	0	0	0	0	0

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Item	Item Name	Question Wording						
# 8	WIMP	How important will the following factors be in your decision to select your first job immediately following your PhD graduation? RANDOMIZE THE ORDER OF QUESTIONNAIRE ITEMS 1-12						
			Not Important (1)	Slightly Important (2)	Moderately Important (3)	Very Important (4)	Extremely Important (5)	
		Salary (1)	0	0	0	0	0	
		Benefits (2)	0	0	0	0	0	
		Job security (3)	0	0	0	0	0	
		Job location (4)	0	0	0	0	0	
		Opportunity for advancement (5)	0	0	0	0	0	
		Intellectual challenge (6)	0	0	0	0	0	
		Level of responsibility (7)	0	0	0	0	0	
		Degree of independence (8)	0	0	0	0	0	
		Contribution to society (9)	0	0	0	0	0	
		Work-life balance (10)	0	0	0	0	0	

Prestige of employer (11)	0	0	0	0	0
Prestige of position/job title (12)	0	0	0	0	0

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Item #	Item Name	Question Wording						
9	WPRP	Please rate your level of agreem	Please rate your level of agreement with each of the following statements.					
			Strongly Disagree (1)	Disagree (2)	Neutral (3)	Agree (4)	Strongly Agree (5)	
		I have a sense of direction for my career post-graduation. (1)	0	0	0	0	0	
		My PhD program has been preparing me for the career I want post-graduation. (2)	0	0	0	0	0	
		My PhD program has been supportive of my desired post-graduation career. (3)	0	0	0	0	0	

Section 3. Professional Development

Item #	Item Name	Question Wording							
10	INSTPD	In what types of professional development opportunities have you participated in since							
		starting your doctorate program			1				
			At a PhD program	At an institution	At an opportunity				
			sponsored opportunity	sponsored	outside of the institution				
			(1)	(2)	(3)				
		Leadership (1)							
		Grant writing (2)							
		Project management (3)							
		Teaching preparation (4)							
		Quantitative literacy/Data							
		analytics (5)							
		Research ethics/Scholarly integrity (6)							
		Entrepreneurship (7)							
		Communication (8)							
		Public speaking (9)							
		Networking (10)							
		Diversity/Multicultural							
		competency (11)							
		Digital literacy (12)							
		Academic writing (13)							
		Career preparation (i.e. CV preparation, interviewing) (14)							
		Study abroad (semester/quarter or longer) (15)							
		International travel seminar or study tour (16)							
		Research or field work abroad (17)							
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11		during the remainder of your do				utt 111			

			At a PhD	At an	At an	
			program	institution	opportunity	
			sponsored	sponsored	outside of the	
			opportunity	opportunity	institution	
			(1)	(2)	(3)	
		Leadership (1)				
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		Project management (3)				
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		preparation, interviewing)				
		(14)				
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		(semester/quarter or longer)				
		(15)				
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		or study tour (16)				
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12	INSTPD_OT	If you have taken part in any oth began your doctorate program, j	please list them.			
13	ADDPD	Please list any other types of professional development opportunities not listed above, if any, that you hope to complete before you complete your doctorate program (including those not currently offered by your institution).				
14	SKILLS	How well prepared do you feel y			s, behaviors, and	skillsets?
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	Very Poorly (1)	Poorly (2)	Well (3)	Very Well (4)	Excellently (5)
Applying research methodologies, tools, and techniques appropriately (1)	0	0	0	0	0
Grant writing (2)	0	0	0	0	0
Developing new ideas, processes, or products, which are rooted in research (3)	0	0	0	0	0
Critically analyzing and evaluating findings and results (4)	0	0	0	0	0
Demonstrating a theoretical and practical understanding of your subject area and its wider research context (5)	0	0	0	0	0
Working constructively with colleagues, acknowledging their contribution (6)	0	0	0	0	0
Influencing others, providing direction and encouraging contributions from others (7)	0	0	0	0	0
Communicating ideas clearly and persuasively in writing, such as in journal articles, grant proposals, or reports (8)	0	0	0	0	0
Communicating ideas clearly and persuasively when speaking to others one-on- one or in groups (9)	0	0	0	0	0
Conducting research in an ethical manner (10)	0	0	0	0	0
Awareness of your own cultural values and biases (11)	0	0	0	0	0
Valuing others' worldviews (12)	0	0	0	0	0
Using culturally appropriate interpersonal skills (13)	0	0	0	0	0
Personal stress management (14)	0	0	0	0	0

Section 4. Demographic Information

Item	Item Name	Question Wording
# 15	GENDER	Finally, we have some additional questions that will help us better understand the career pathways of PhD students from different backgrounds.
		Do you identify as:
		$\begin{array}{c} O \text{Male (1)} \\ O F F F F F F F F F $
		O Female (2)
		O Gender non-binary (3)
		O Another gender not listed (4)
		###ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE TO STUDY SITES###
		You may elect to substitute this four-category questionnaire item with a more expansive list of gender identities in your survey, as long as the resulting data for CGS submission follow the four-category format. Please send the crosswalk between this four-category item and your proposed new category to <u>careerpathways@cgs.nche.edu</u> for review. ###
16	CITIZEN	What is your U.S. citizenship status?
		O U.S. citizen (1) [SKIP TO ITEM 18]
		O Permanent U.S. resident ("Green Card") (2) [SKIP TO ITEM 18]
		O Temporary resident (non-U.S. citizen) (3)
17	INTERNATI ONAL	[IF 'TEMPORARY RESIDENT' TO 16] What is (are) your country(ies) of citizenship?
	UNAL	[SKIP TO ITEM 20]
18	HISPANIC	Are you Hispanic or Latinx?
		O Yes (1)
		O No (2)
19	RACE	What is your racial background? (Select all that apply)
		American Indian/Alaska Native (1)
		Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander (2)
		\Box Asian (3)
		Black or African American (4)
		□ White (5)
		###ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE TO STUDY SITES### You may elect to substitute race and ethnic categories in Items 18 and 19 with a more expansive list of race and ethnic categories in your survey, as long as the resulting data for CGS submission follow the CGS category. Please send the crosswalk between the CGS category and your proposed new category to <u>careerpathways@cgs.nche.edu</u> for review. ###

20	DOBM	What is the month and year of your birth?
		Month
		O January (1)
		O February (2)
		O March (3)
		O April (4)
		O May (5)
		O June (6)
		O July (7)
		O August (8)
		O September (9)
		O October (10)
		O November (11)
		O December (12)
21	DOBY	Year (YYYY format)
		[ADD CONTENT VALIDATION FOR NUMBERS, MIN: 1900 & MAX: 2018]
22	PAEDU	What is the highest educational attainment of any of your parents/guardians?
		O No formal schooling (1)
		O Less than high school graduate (2)
		O High school graduate/GED (3)
		O Some college (4)
		O Associate's degree (5)
		O Bachelor's degree (6)
		O Master's degree (MA, MS, MSW, etc.) (7)
		O Professional degree (MD, DDS, JD, etc.) (8)
		O Doctoral degree (PhD, EdD, etc.) (9)
		O Not applicable/unknown (10)
		###ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE TO STUDY SITES### You may elect to expand this question by asking the highest educational attainment of more than one parent/guardian, as long as the resulting data for CGS submission report the highest educational attainment of any of respondents' parents/guardians. ###

Section 5. Release of Student ID Number

Item	Item Name	Question Wording
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23	IDPERM	 Would you be willing to share your student ID number at [INSTITUTION]? By sharing your student ID, you will allow the project team at [INSTITUTION] to match your survey responses with administrative records, such as courses taken, grades, and financial aid awards. This will allow [INSTITUTION] to conduct more detailed analysis and program evaluations. Your records will not be used for any other purpose other than for this project, and no personally identifiable data will be shared outside of the project team at [INSTITUTION]. O Yes (there is no obligation) (1)
		O No (2) [SKIP TO ITEM 25]
24	SID	What is your student ID number at [INSTITUTION]?

Section 6. Release of Contact Information to CGS

Item #	Item Name	Question Wording
25	CONTPERM	 Would you be interested in participating in a follow-up component of the Understanding PhD Career Pathways project? The Council of Graduate Schools (CGS) is interested in further examining career pathways of doctoral degree holders. CGS is the only national organization in the United States that is dedicated solely to the advancement of graduate education and research (for more information, visit the website [LINK: cgsnet.org]). The CGS study will be conducting a study independently from [INSTITUTION] and follow-up activities may include a telephone interview, focus group, and/or follow-up survey. You are not committed to participate in the follow-up study by providing your contact information. This is simply for the CGS research team to follow up with you about your participation. O Yes (there is no obligation) (1) O No (2) [GO TO END OF THE SURVEY]
26	CONTACTN	Please provide your name and e-mail address below: Name
27	CONTACTE	E-mail address

[END OF THE SURVEY]

Section 7: UC Items

Thank you for completing the Council of Graduate Schools section of the survey. We have a few more for you designed to assess your experience at UC.

Below are statements with which you may agree or disagree. Indicate your agreement or disagreement with each item by selecting the appropriate response.

- 1. I'm confident about my financial situation.
- 2. I can get by financially without having to cut back on too many of the things that are important to me.
- 3. I've been concerned about money lately. (REVERSED)
- 4. I'm on track to complete my degree program on time.
- 5. I'm well prepared for the work required to complete my program.
- 6. I'm upbeat about my post-graduation career prospects.
- 7. I'm not very engaged by my day-to-day work. (REVERSED)
- 8. I have the space and the resources I need in the university to succeed academically.
- 9. My academic work is meaningful and inspires me.
- 10. My academic work stretches and challenges me intellectually.
- 11. I'm satisfied with the mentorship and advising I receive in my program.
- 12. I'm satisfied with the career support I receive in my program.

Strongly Disagree(1), Disagree(2), Slightly Disagree(3), Neither Agree nor Disagree(4), Slightly Agree(5), Agree(6), Strongly Agree(7)

Question Block B

1. Do you have an advisor? Yes(1), No(0)

(If yes) My academic advisor...

- 2. is a real mentor to me.
- 3. doesn't really advocate for me. (REVERSED)
- 4. allows me to set my own priorities.
- 5. provides advice and resources in support of my goals and ambitions.
- 6. helps me find other mentors and sponsors.
- 7. seems genuinely interested in my personal well-being.
- 8. is aware of and supportive of my financial well-being.
- 9. is actively involved in my academic training.
- 10. is open to outside opportunities such as internships, mentoring and training.
- 11. is an asset to my career and professional development.
- 12. impedes my career development. (REVERSED)
- 13. shares knowledgeable information about career opportunities within academia
- 14. shares knowledgeable information about career opportunities outside of academia

Strongly Disagree(1), Disagree(2), Slightly Disagree(3), Neither Agree nor Disagree(4), Slightly Agree(5), Agree(6), Strongly Agree(7)

Question Block E (open ended questions)

If your career goals have changed at any point during your time as a graduate student at UC (institution), what factors influenced that change?

We'd like to hear from you. If any additional thoughts on ways to improve your PhD education, please take a moment to write them in the comment box below.

Question Block F

Additional demographic questions

Yes(1) or no(0) items

- 1. Are you married or in a domestic partnership?
- 2. Are you a parent?
- 3. Have you ever served in the military?

4. How many years passed between completing your bachelor's degree and entering your current PhD program?

- a. 0-1 years(1) b. 1-3 years(2)
- c. 4-7 years(3)
- d. 8-10 years(4)
- e. more than 10 years(5)
- When you began your PhD program, what was your ultimate career

goal?

5.

- a. tenure track faculty position(1)
- b. lecturer/teaching position(2)
- c. Non-academic position(3)
- d. Undecided (4)

if c is selected

What factors influenced your decision to pursue a non- academic career? (open-ended item)