

# Canadian Graduate and Professional Student Survey - 2010

## Summary Report

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## SECTION 1 - EDUCATIONAL STATUS

## S1-Q1: At which degree level are you currently enrolled? (enhanced data used)

Response	Frequency	Count
Master's	100.0%	37
Doctoral	0.0%	0
	<b>Valid Responses</b>	<b>37</b>
	<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>37</b>

## S1-Q2: In what disciplinary area are you pursuing your degree?

Response	Frequency	Count
Humanities	0.0%	0
Fine and Applied Arts	27.0%	10
Social Sciences	10.8%	4
Business/Management	0.0%	0
Education	2.7%	1
Engineering	29.7%	11
Physical and Mathematical Sciences	0.0%	0
Environmental Science	5.4%	2
Biological Sciences	5.4%	2
Health Science	18.9%	7
Not Answered		0
	<b>Valid Responses</b>	<b>37</b>
	<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>37</b>

## S1-Q3: What is your current year of study? (enhanced data used)

Response	Frequency	Count
1st year	67.6%	25
2nd year	29.7%	11
3rd year	2.7%	1
4th year	0.0%	0
5th year	0.0%	0
6th year or above	0.0%	0
Not Answered or Not Available		0
	<b>Valid Responses</b>	<b>37</b>
	<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>37</b>

## S1-Q4: What is your current status in your graduate program?

Response	Frequency	Count
I am still taking courses	91.7%	33
I have completed coursework	8.3%	3
I have passed qualifying exams/paper	0.0%	0
I have had my thesis/dissertation proposal accepted	0.0%	0
I have defended my thesis/dissertation/research paper	0.0%	0
Not Answered		1
	<b>Valid Responses</b>	<b>36</b>
	<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>37</b>

## S1-Q5: Do you expect to graduate by the end of the current academic year?

Response	Frequency	Count
No	64.9%	24
Yes	35.1%	13
Not Answered		0
	<b>Valid Responses</b>	<b>37</b>
	<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>37</b>

## S1-Other: Academic Load (enhanced data used)

Response	Frequency	Count
Full-Time	81.1%	30
Part-Time	18.9%	7
Not Answered or Not Available		0
	<b>Valid Responses</b>	<b>37</b>
	<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>37</b>

## SECTION 2 - GENERAL SATISFACTION

S2-Q1: Please select your response to the following statements.

		Definitely	Probably	Maybe	Probably not	Definitely not	Total
1. If you were to start your graduate/ professional career again, would you select this same university?	Count	17	10	5	4	1	37
	% by Row	45.9%	27.0%	13.5%	10.8%	2.7%	100.0%
2. If you were to start your graduate/ professional career again, would you select the same field of study?	Count	27	7	0	3	0	37
	% by Row	73.0%	18.9%	0.0%	8.1%	0.0%	100.0%
3. Would you recommend this university to someone considering your program?	Count	18	10	6	1	2	37
	% by Row	48.6%	27.0%	16.2%	2.7%	5.4%	100.0%
4. Would you recommend this university to someone in another field?	Count	20	9	7	1	0	37
	% by Row	54.1%	24.3%	18.9%	2.7%	0.0%	100.0%
5. If you were to start your graduate career again, would you select the same faculty supervisor?	Count	16	7	8	2	4	37
	% by Row	43.2%	18.9%	21.6%	5.4%	10.8%	100.0%

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

S3-Q1: Please rate the following dimensions of your program.

		Excellent	Very good	Good	Fair	Poor	Total
1. The intellectual quality of the faculty	Count	18	16	2	1	0	37
	% by Row	48.6%	43.2%	5.4%	2.7%	0.0%	100.0%
2. The intellectual quality of my fellow students	Count	13	16	5	2	0	36
	% by Row	36.1%	44.4%	13.9%	5.6%	0.0%	100.0%
3. The relationship between faculty and graduate students	Count	10	8	12	4	2	36
	% by Row	27.8%	22.2%	33.3%	11.1%	5.6%	100.0%
4. Overall quality of graduate level teaching by faculty	Count	7	16	11	2	1	37
	% by Row	18.9%	43.2%	29.7%	5.4%	2.7%	100.0%
5. Advice on the availability of financial support	Count	2	10	8	7	9	36
	% by Row	5.6%	27.8%	22.2%	19.4%	25.0%	100.0%
6. Quality of academic advising and guidance	Count	8	7	8	4	9	36
	% by Row	22.2%	19.4%	22.2%	11.1%	25.0%	100.0%
7. Helpfulness of staff members in my program	Count	11	10	8	4	4	37
	% by Row	29.7%	27.0%	21.6%	10.8%	10.8%	100.0%
8. Availability of area courses I needed to complete my program	Count	6	13	9	5	3	36
	% by Row	16.7%	36.1%	25.0%	13.9%	8.3%	100.0%
9. Quality of instruction in my courses	Count	7	14	12	3	1	37
	% by Row	18.9%	37.8%	32.4%	8.1%	2.7%	100.0%
10. Relationship of program content to my research/professional goals	Count	8	8	11	7	1	35
	% by Row	22.9%	22.9%	31.4%	20.0%	2.9%	100.0%
11. Opportunities for student collaboration or teamwork	Count	10	11	10	3	3	37
	% by Row	27.0%	29.7%	27.0%	8.1%	8.1%	100.0%
12. Opportunities to take coursework outside my own department	Count	7	11	4	9	6	37
	% by Row	18.9%	29.7%	10.8%	24.3%	16.2%	100.0%
13. Opportunities to engage in interdisciplinary work	Count	7	10	4	11	5	37
	% by Row	18.9%	27.0%	10.8%	29.7%	13.5%	100.0%
14. Amount of coursework	Count	8	10	12	5	1	36
	% by Row	22.2%	27.8%	33.3%	13.9%	2.8%	100.0%

## SECTION 4 - PROFESSIONAL SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

## S4-Q1: How would you rate the quality of the support and training you received in these areas?

		Excellent	Very good	Good	Fair	Poor	Did not participate	Not applicable	Total
1. Courses, workshops, or orientation on teaching	Count	10	9	11	0	2	2	3	37
	% by Row	31.3%	28.1%	34.4%	0.0%	6.3%			100.0%
2. Advice/workshops on preparing for candidacy examinations	Count	6	2	8	3	1	3	13	36
	% by Row	30.0%	10.0%	40.0%	15.0%	5.0%			100.0%
3. Feedback on your research	Count	4	5	7	5	2	2	11	36
	% by Row	17.4%	21.7%	30.4%	21.7%	8.7%			100.0%
4. Advice/workshops on the standards for academic writing in your field	Count	2	4	9	4	3	4	10	36
	% by Row	9.1%	18.2%	40.9%	18.2%	13.6%			100.0%
5. Advice/workshops on writing grant proposals	Count	2	1	15	4	1	4	9	36
	% by Row	8.7%	4.3%	65.2%	17.4%	4.3%			100.0%
6. Advice/workshops on publishing your work	Count	4	3	11	2	1	4	10	35
	% by Row	19.0%	14.3%	52.4%	9.5%	4.8%			100.0%
7. Advice/workshops on career options within academia	Count	3	8	9	2	5	5	5	37
	% by Row	11.1%	29.6%	33.3%	7.4%	18.5%			100.0%
8. Advice/workshops on career options outside academia	Count	3	5	11	6	2	4	4	35
	% by Row	11.1%	18.5%	40.7%	22.2%	7.4%			100.0%
9. Advice/workshops about research positions	Count	3	5	6	6	3	3	8	34
	% by Row	13.0%	21.7%	26.1%	26.1%	13.0%			100.0%
10. Advice/workshops about research ethics in human subject research	Count	5	3	6	7	1	2	11	35
	% by Row	22.7%	13.6%	27.3%	31.8%	4.5%			100.0%
11. Advice/workshops about research ethics in the use of animals	Count	3	5	2	3	4	1	17	35
	% by Row	17.6%	29.4%	11.8%	17.6%	23.5%			100.0%
12. Advice on intellectual property issues	Count	6	3	7	3	7	3	6	35
	% by Row	23.1%	11.5%	26.9%	11.5%	26.9%			100.0%

## SECTION 5 - RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

## S5-Q1: How would you rate the quality of the support and opportunities you received in these areas?

		Excellent	Very good	Good	Fair	Poor	Did not participate	Not applicable	Total
1. Conducting independent research since starting your graduate program	Count	5	4	6	3	3	5	11	37
	% by Row	23.8%	19.0%	28.6%	14.3%	14.3%			100.0%
2. Training in research methods before beginning your own research	Count	4	6	8	7	4	3	5	37
	% by Row	13.8%	20.7%	27.6%	24.1%	13.8%			100.0%
3. Faculty guidance in formulating a research topic	Count	3	9	7	7	3	1	6	36
	% by Row	10.3%	31.0%	24.1%	24.1%	10.3%			100.0%
4. Research collaboration with one or more faculty members	Count	6	3	7	4	5	3	8	36
	% by Row	24.0%	12.0%	28.0%	16.0%	20.0%			100.0%
5. Collaboration with faculty in writing a grant proposal	Count	3	2	4	3	6	5	13	36
	% by Row	16.7%	11.1%	22.2%	16.7%	33.3%			100.0%

## SECTION 6 - PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

## S6-Q1: Please select if the following occurs in your department

		If Occurrence = "Yes", indicate the Number of Occurrences								
		Yes	No	Total	0	1	2	3	4+	Total
1. Seminars/colloquia at which students present their research	Count	26	10	36	8	4	5	4	4	25
	% by Row	72.2%	27.8%	100.0%	32.0%	16.0%	20.0%	16.0%	16.0%	100.0%
2. Departmental funding for students to attend national or regional meetings	Count	10	25	35	6	4	0	0	0	10
	% by Row	28.6%	71.4%	100.0%	60.0%	40.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%
3. Attend national scholarly meetings	Count	13	23	36	7	4	1	0	1	13
	% by Row	36.1%	63.9%	100.0%	53.8%	30.8%	7.7%	0.0%	7.7%	100.0%
4. Deliver any papers or present a poster at national scholarly meetings	Count	10	26	36	9	1	0	0	0	10
	% by Row	27.8%	72.2%	100.0%	90.0%	10.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%
5. Co-authored in refereed journals with your program faculty	Count	8	27	35	7	0	1	0	0	8
	% by Row	22.9%	77.1%	100.0%	87.5%	0.0%	12.5%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%
6. Published as sole or first author in a refereed journal	Count	6	28	34	5	1	0	0	0	6
	% by Row	17.6%	82.4%	100.0%	83.3%	16.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%

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

S7-Q1: Does your program include a Thesis, Dissertation, or Research Paper? (If "No" or "Not Answered", skip to Section 8)

Response	Frequency	Count
Yes	0.0%	0
No	100.0%	37
Not Answered		0
	<b>Valid Responses</b>	<b>37</b>
	<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>37</b>

## SECTION 8 - FINANCIAL SUPPORT

S8-Q1: 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:

Response	Frequency	Count
Federal Granting Council Scholarship/Fellowship	8.1%	3
Provincial Government Scholarship/Fellowship	13.5%	5
Support from a Foreign Government	2.7%	1
External (to university) non-government fellowship	8.1%	3
University funded fellowships	37.8%	14
University funded bursary	13.5%	5
Graduate research assistantship	2.7%	1
Graduate teaching assistantship	13.5%	5
Other part-time research employment	0.0%	0
Other part-time teaching employment	5.4%	2
Residence Donship	0.0%	0
Full tuition scholarships or waivers	10.8%	4
Partial tuition scholarships or waivers	8.1%	3
Other campus employment	21.6%	8
Off campus employment	21.6%	8
Employee benefit or employer funding	10.8%	4
Loans, savings, or family assistance	48.6%	18
	<b>Valid Responses</b>	<b>37</b>
	<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>37</b>

**S8-Q2: 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.**

#### Undergraduate Educational Debt

Response	Frequency	Count
\$0	51.5%	17
\$1 - \$9,999	21.2%	7
\$10,000 - \$19,999	15.2%	5
\$20,000 - \$29,999	9.1%	3
\$30,000 - \$39,999	3.0%	1
\$40,000 - \$49,999	0.0%	0
\$50,000 - \$59,999	0.0%	0
\$60,000 - \$69,999	0.0%	0
\$70,000 - \$79,999	0.0%	0
\$80,000 or more	0.0%	0
Not Answered		4
	<b>Valid Responses</b>	<b>33</b>
	<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>37</b>

#### Graduate Educational Debt

Response	Frequency	Count
\$0	37.1%	13
\$1 - \$9,999	17.1%	6
\$10,000 - \$19,999	22.9%	8
\$20,000 - \$29,999	11.4%	4
\$30,000 - \$39,999	2.9%	1
\$40,000 - \$49,999	0.0%	0
\$50,000 - \$59,999	2.9%	1
\$60,000 - \$69,999	0.0%	0
\$70,000 - \$79,999	2.9%	1
\$80,000 or more	2.9%	1
Not Answered		2
	<b>Valid Responses</b>	<b>35</b>
	<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>37</b>

**SECTION 9 - UNIVERSITY RESOURCES AND STUDENT LIFE**

**S9-Q1: 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	Very good	Good	Fair	Poor	Did not participate	Not applicable	Total
1. Library facilities	Count	12	13	10	0	1	0	0	36
	% by Row	33.3%	36.1%	27.8%	0.0%	2.8%			100.0%
2. Graduate student work/study space	Count	12	8	7	4	3	2	1	37
	% by Row	35.3%	23.5%	20.6%	11.8%	8.8%			100.0%
3. Research laboratories	Count	6	3	4	2	2	4	16	37
	% by Row	35.3%	17.6%	23.5%	11.8%	11.8%			100.0%
4. Health care services	Count	5	5	12	4	2	5	4	37
	% by Row	17.9%	17.9%	42.9%	14.3%	7.1%			100.0%
5. Child care services	Count	3	2	4	0	1	9	18	37
	% by Row	30.0%	20.0%	40.0%	0.0%	10.0%			100.0%
6. Financial aid office	Count	4	6	10	1	5	7	3	36
	% by Row	15.4%	23.1%	38.5%	3.8%	19.2%			100.0%
7. Career services	Count	5	3	7	2	2	9	8	36
	% by Row	26.3%	15.8%	36.8%	10.5%	10.5%			100.0%
8. Student counselling & resource center	Count	4	7	7	2	4	8	5	37
	% by Row	16.7%	29.2%	29.2%	8.3%	16.7%			100.0%
9. Athletic facilities	Count	6	11	8	2	1	6	3	37
	% by Row	21.4%	39.3%	28.6%	7.1%	3.6%			100.0%
10. International office	Count	4	6	6	2	0	8	10	36
	% by Row	22.2%	33.3%	33.3%	11.1%	0.0%			100.0%
11. Housing assistance	Count	3	4	4	2	3	10	10	36
	% by Row	18.8%	25.0%	25.0%	12.5%	18.8%			100.0%
12. Ombudsperson's office	Count	4	2	5	0	2	14	10	37
	% by Row	30.8%	15.4%	38.5%	0.0%	15.4%			100.0%
13. Campus transportation service	Count	7	0	4	0	2	12	11	36
	% by Row	53.8%	0.0%	30.8%	0.0%	15.4%			100.0%
14. Food services	Count	5	4	10	6	7	3	2	37
	% by Row	15.6%	12.5%	31.3%	18.8%	21.9%			100.0%
15. University bookstore	Count	9	10	10	4	2	2	0	37
	% by Row	25.7%	28.6%	28.6%	11.4%	5.7%			100.0%
16. Student government office	Count	4	5	4	1	1	16	5	36
	% by Row	26.7%	33.3%	26.7%	6.7%	6.7%			100.0%
17. Registrarial processes	Count	8	5	14	5	2	1	2	37
	% by Row	23.5%	14.7%	41.2%	14.7%	5.9%			100.0%
18. Information technology services	Count	12	9	8	4	1	2	1	37
	% by Row	35.3%	26.5%	23.5%	11.8%	2.9%			100.0%

**SECTION 10 - SOCIAL LIFE**

**S10-Q1: How often do the following social activities occur on campus and how often do you attend them?**

		Occurrence on Campus				(If Occurrence = "Frequent" or "Occasional") Your Attendance			
		Frequent	Occasional	Never	Total	Frequent	Occasional	Never	Total
1. Organized university-wide social activities	Count	15	14	6	35	1	11	15	27
	% by Row	42.9%	40.0%	17.1%	100.0%	3.7%	40.7%	55.6%	100.0%
2. Organized social activities within your department	Count	8	20	7	35	2	15	9	26
	% by Row	22.9%	57.1%	20.0%	100.0%	7.7%	57.7%	34.6%	100.0%
3. Organized social activities within your advisor/research group	Count	3	8	22	33	3	7	1	11
	% by Row	9.1%	24.2%	66.7%	100.0%	27.3%	63.6%	9.1%	100.0%
4. Organized social activities within your residence	Count	2	8	20	30	0	7	3	10
	% by Row	6.7%	26.7%	66.7%	100.0%	0.0%	70.0%	30.0%	100.0%



## SECTION 11 - GENERAL ASSESSMENT

S11-Q1: Overall, how would you rate the quality of:

		Excellent	Very good	Good	Fair	Poor	Total
Your academic experience at this university?	Count	6	16	7	6	1	36
	% by Row	16.7%	44.4%	19.4%	16.7%	2.8%	100.0%
Your student life experience at this university?	Count	7	12	9	7	1	36
	% by Row	19.4%	33.3%	25.0%	19.4%	2.8%	100.0%
Your graduate/professional program at this university?	Count	9	13	9	4	1	36
	% by Row	25.0%	36.1%	25.0%	11.1%	2.8%	100.0%
Your overall experience at this university?	Count	8	15	7	5	1	36
	% by Row	22.2%	41.7%	19.4%	13.9%	2.8%	100.0%

S11-Q2: Rate the extent to which the following factors are an obstacle to your academic progress.

		Not an obstacle	A minor obstacle	A major obstacle	Total
Work/financial commitments	Count	6	17	12	35
	% by Row	17.1%	48.6%	34.3%	100.0%
Family obligations	Count	24	10	2	36
	% by Row	66.7%	27.8%	5.6%	100.0%
Availability of faculty	Count	22	7	7	36
	% by Row	61.1%	19.4%	19.4%	100.0%
Program structure or requirements	Count	17	11	8	36
	% by Row	47.2%	30.6%	22.2%	100.0%
Course scheduling	Count	21	11	3	35
	% by Row	60.0%	31.4%	8.6%	100.0%
Immigration laws or regulations	Count	32	3	0	35
	% by Row	91.4%	8.6%	0.0%	100.0%
Other	Count	5	2	3	10
	% by Row	50.0%	20.0%	30.0%	100.0%

## SECTION 12 - PERSONAL DEMOGRAPHICS

S12-Q1: Gender (enhanced data used)

Response	Frequency	Count
Male	48.6%	18
Female	51.4%	19
	<b>Valid Responses</b>	<b>37</b>
	<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>37</b>

S12-Q2: Age

Response	Frequency	Count
21 or younger	2.8%	1
21 - 25	52.8%	19
26 - 30	25.0%	9
31 - 35	13.9%	5
36 - 40	0.0%	0
41 - 45	2.8%	1
Over 45	2.8%	1
Not Answered		0
	<b>Valid Responses</b>	<b>36</b>
	<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>36</b>

S12-Q3: Which of the following housing situations best describes your CURRENT residence?

Response	Frequency	Count
On-campus student housing (no resident assistant/dorm responsibilities)	8.3%	3
On-campus student housing (with resident assistant/dorm responsibilities)	2.8%	1
Off-campus housing owned by this university	0.0%	0
Off-campus housing not owned by this university	88.9%	32
Not Answered		0
	<b>Valid Responses</b>	<b>36</b>
	<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>36</b>

**S12-Q4: What is your marital status?**

Response	Frequency	Count
Not married	77.8%	28
Married	13.9%	5
Divorced	2.8%	1
Separated	0.0%	0
Widowed	0.0%	0
With domestic partner	5.6%	2
Not Answered		0
	<b>Valid Responses</b>	<b>36</b>
	<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>36</b>

**S12-Q5: How many, if any, children do you have?**

Response	Frequency	Count
None/Not applicable	91.7%	33
1 child	2.8%	1
2 children	5.6%	2
3 children	0.0%	0
4 or more	0.0%	0
Not Answered		0
	<b>Valid Responses</b>	<b>36</b>
	<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>36</b>

**S12-Q6: What is your present citizenship status?**

Response	Frequency	Count
Canadian Citizen	50.0%	18
Canadian Permanent Resident	11.1%	4
Citizen of another country with a student visa or other non-immigrant visa	38.9%	14
Not Answered		0
	<b>Valid Responses</b>	<b>36</b>
	<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>36</b>

**S12-Q7: Please indicate whether you consider yourself to be a member of one or more of the following visible minority groups:  
(multiple responses allowed)**

Response	Frequency	Count
Black (e.g. African, African American, African Canadian, Caribbean)	2.8%	1
East Asian (e.g. Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Polynesian)	5.6%	2
South Asian (e.g. Indian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan, Bangladeshi)	19.4%	7
Southeast Asian (e.g. Burmese, Cambodian, Filipino, Laotian, Malaysian, Thai, Vietnamese)	0.0%	0
West Asian (e.g. Arabian, Armenian, Iranian, Israeli, Lebanese, Palestinian, Syrian, Turkish)	8.3%	3
Latin American (e.g. Mexican, Indigenous Central and South American)	2.8%	1
Mixed origin, please specify:	0.0%	0
	<b>Valid Responses</b>	<b>36</b>
	<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>36</b>

**S12-Q8: Do you self-identify with, or have ancestry as an Aboriginal person (status or non-status Indian, Métis or Inuit)?**

Response	Frequency	Count
Yes	0.0%	0
No	100.0%	36
Not Answered		0
	<b>Valid Responses</b>	<b>36</b>
	<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>36</b>