

2023–2024 HEDS Advanced Degree Alumni Survey

This is a PDF representation of the online version of the survey. It includes all questions and response options, as well as notes (in italics) about how questions will display to survey takers.

Welcome to the Graduate Program Alumni Survey. Thanks for agreeing to participate!

This survey asks about the quality and impact of your experiences in graduate school. The survey asks you to evaluate the longterm impact of your graduate education on your critical thinking, problem-solving, and other important skills. Finally, the survey asks about employment, satisfaction with your graduate program, and the extent of your debt from graduate school.

Your survey results will be shared with a handful of people at [Institution Name] who work to help students succeed and improve teaching and learning. Anyone who has access to your responses is legally obligated to keep them confidential.

licking "Next" you acknowledge that you have reed and considered the above incomes.

participate in the survey. Thank you for taking the time to sh					P
[Alumni see a "Next" button here.]					
Please indicate which of the following describes your current □ Employed, full time □ Employed and attending graduate or professional school □ Graduate or professional school, full time □ Graduate or professional school, part time □ Military service □ Volunteer or national service (Peace Corps, AmeriCorps, Not employed, but seeking employment, admission to gra □ Not employed, and not seeking employment or admission □ Retired	etc.) duate school,	or other op		, traveling, v	olunteering,
. Below are statements about your views of your graduate fa extent to which you agree or disagree with each.	culty's inter	est in teacl	ning and stud	lents. Pleaso	e indicate th
Most faculty with whom I had contact at this institution were	•••				
	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Genuinely interested in students. Interested in helping students grow in more than just academic areas.					
Good at providing prompt and useful feedback. Willing to spend time outside of class to discuss issues of interest and importance to students.					
Below are statements about your contact and interactions we Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with		ı your grac		m at this ins	stitution.
	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
My nonclassroom interactions with faculty had a positive influence on my personal growth, values, and attitudes.					
My nonclassroom interactions with faculty had a positive influence on my intellectual growth and interest in ideas.					
My nonclassroom interactions with faculty had a positive influence on my career goals and aspirations.					
I developed a close, mentoring relationship with at least one faculty member.					
I was satisfied with the opportunities to meet and interact informally with faculty members.					
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4. Below are statements about experiences you may have had in your classes as a graduate student at this institution. About how often did you experience each?

	Very often	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
Faculty posed challenging ideas in class.					
Faculty asked me to show how a particular course concept could be applied to an actual problem or situation.					
Faculty asked me to point out any fallacies in ideas, principles, or points of view presented in the course.					
Faculty asked me to argue for or against a particular point of view.					
Faculty challenged my ideas in class.					
Students challenged each other's ideas in class.					

5. Below are descriptions of academic work you may have done for your graduate classes at this institution. About how often did you undertake each?

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	Very often	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
Explained and illustrated the major theories, research methods,					
approaches to inquiry, and schools of practice in your field of study.			_		
Explored the current limits of theory, knowledge, and practice in your field of study.					
Articulated and defended the significance and implications of work in your field of study for challenges and trends in a social or global					
context.		Ш			
Disaggregated, reformulated, and adapted important ideas,					
techniques, or methods from your field of study in carrying out an essay or project.					
Worked on evaluating, refining, or expanding important concepts in your field of study.					
Investigated a core issue in your field of study from the perspective					
of a different point in time, culture, language, political point of					
view, or some other perspective different than your own.					
Articulated and challenged a tradition, assumption, or prevailing					
practice within your field of study by examining relevant ethical					
perspectives.					
Used appropriate mathematical or statistical methods to address a		П			
topic or issue in your field of study.					
Created sustained, coherent arguments or explanations summarizing					
your work, or that of collaborators, for both general and specialized					
audiences.					
Integrated knowledge acquired in practicum, work, community or					
research activities with knowledge and skills you acquired from the curriculum.					
Applied advanced knowledge from your field of study to a practical					
challenge in an out-of-class setting.					
Developed a position on a public policy question or addressed a					
national/global challenge in your field of study.					



6. How often did you have the following experiences as a graduate student at this institution?

	Very often	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
Attended a debate or lecture on a current political, social, or professional issue.					
Participated in a diversity or cultural awareness workshop.					
Had discussions about intergroup relations with students differing from you in gender, national origin, political views, race, religion, sexuality, or values.					
Had serious discussions with other students about different lifestyles and customs.					
Had serious discussions with faculty or staff whose political, social, or religious opinions were different from your own.					
Had serious discussions with students whose political, social, or religious opinions were different from your own.					

7. To what extent did your experience as a graduate student at this institution contribute to your knowledge, skills, and personal development in the following areas?

and personal development in the following areas.	Very much	Quite a bit	Some	Very little
Careful reading: Comprehension and analysis of written texts.				
Critical thinking: Examination of ideas, evidence, and assumptions before accepting or formulating a conclusion.				
Creative thinking: Developing or combining ideas, images, or expertise in innovative ways.				
Information literacy: Locating, evaluating, and using information effectively and responsibly for a particular purpose.				
Quantitative literacy: Seeking, understanding, and using quantitative information appropriately to solve problems or make arguments.				
Effective writing: Conveying accurate and compelling content in clear, expressive, and professionally appropriate prose.				
Effective speaking: Conveying accurate and compelling content in clear, expressive, and professionally appropriate oral presentations.				
Teamwork: Contributing to a team, facilitating the work of team members, and fostering a constructive team climate.				
Problem solving: Designing, evaluating, and implementing a strategy to answer questions or achieve a goal.				
Civic engagement: Promoting the quality of life in a community, through political, nonpolitical, and professional activities.				
Intercultural knowledge and competence: Information, skills, and commitments that support effective and appropriate interactions in a variety	П	П	П	П
of cultural and professional contexts.				_
Ethical reasoning: Recognizing ethical issues, examining different ethical perspectives, and considering the ramifications of alternative actions.				
Integrative thinking: The habit of connecting ideas and experiences, and the ability to transfer learning to novel situations.				

8. Overall, to what extent did your graduate program at this institution prepare you for the following activities?

	Very much	Quite a bit	Some	Very little
Acquiring a lasting working knowledge of key facts and concepts in your field of study				
Acquiring job or work-related skills				
Getting the opportunity you wanted (employment or graduate school) soon after graduation				
Being successful in your current career				
Responding to new career opportunities				
Assuming leadership responsibilities				
Contributing to your community				
Deepening your commitment to personal development				
Continued learning outside of your field of study				



	what extent did your graduate pro Very much Quite a bit Some Very little I have not pursued additional licens		m at this institution prepare you for required licensure or certificate exams? or certificate exams
	w connected do you feel to this inst Very strong connection Some connection Very little connection No connection	ituti	on?
	Very satisfied have you been very satisfied Satisfied Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied Dissatisfied Very dissatisfied	with	your graduate education at this institution?
	om the perspective you've gained si aduate student at this institution?	ince	you earned your degree, what do you especially value about your experience as
	rou could ask this institution to cha ucational experiences, what would i		something or do something new to improve the quality of graduate students'?
	Primarily or entirely on campus Primarily or entirely on campus Primarily or entirely online Split between on campus and online		aduate program at this institution?
	w long did it take you to complete y Less than 1 year 1–2 years 2–3 years 3–5 years More than 5 years	your	graduate degree?
at 1	the time you graduated, what was this institution? No loans Less than \$5,000 \$5,000-\$9,999 \$10,000-\$14,999 \$15,000-\$19,999 \$20,000-\$29,999 \$30,000-\$39,999 \$40,000-\$49,999		\$50,000-\$59,999 \$60,000-\$69,999 \$70,000-\$79,999 \$80,000-\$89,999 \$90,000-\$99,999 \$100,000 or more Borrowed money, but don't know the amount
	ve you earned another degree or ce Yes No	ertifi	icate from this institution?



	Do not plan to pursue	Degree received	Currently enrolled or working toward	Degree you hope to attain in the future
Bachelor's Degree				
Master's Degree in Arts and Sciences (e.g., MA, MS, MFA)				
Master of Business Administration (MBA)				
Other Master's Degree (e.g., MSW, MSE, MSN, MAT, MPA)				
Law Degree (JD or LLB)				O.
Medical Degree (e.g., MD, DO, DDS, DVM, PharmD)				
PhD				
Other Doctoral Degree (e.g., EdD, PsyD, DBA)				
Other Certificate:				
Other Degree:				
9. Are you currently employed? ☐ Yes ☐ No				
20. How many paying jobs have you had since you earned Alumni will select from a drop-down menu that lists: 0, 1, 2,			n this institution?	
☐ I have not sought a paying job.☐ I have sought a paying job, but I have not yet found o				
Q22 appears to alumni who indicate in Q20 that they have he with two additional response options, to those who haven't in skipped or chose "Graduate or professional school," "Milita and Q20.) 22. At what point did you secure your first paying job afte The first job I had after earning my degree is the same While enrolled as a graduate student. During the first six months after earning my graduate During the second six months after earning my graduate More than a year after earning my graduate degree. These two response options only appear to alumni who have to alumni who sought a paying job. I have not sought a paying job, but I have not yet found on Alumni who select "I have not sought a paying job" or "I have Q23 appears to alumni who indicate in Q20 that they have here	ad one or more dicated yet if the ry service," or rearning your e job I had beford degree. The degree atte degree into yet indicate we sought a pay	hey've had a "'Volunteer graduate dore enrolling. They've had a "'Volunteer graduate dore enrolling. They have been greated if they have greated they have greated g	paying job since earn or national service" in legree from this institute had a paying job sin I have not yet found or	ing their degree. (i.e., The QI, then skipped both Q tution? The control of the



Q24 and Q25 appear to alumni who either indicated that they are currently employed or haven't confirmed that they are <u>not</u> currently employed (i.e., They skipped or chose "Graduate or professional school," "Military service," or "Volunteer or national service" in Q1, then skipped Q19.)

	hat is your CURRENT primary job? (Choose one)		
Art, D	esign, and Entertainment	Law	and Government
	Architect		Diplomat
	Artist		Foreign service
	Entertainer		Government worker
	Gallery worker		International relations
	Graphic designer		Judge
	Interior designer		Lawyer
	Museum curator		Other legal services
	Music/film industry		Politics
	Photographer		Public policy
	Other Art, Design, and Entertainment		Other Law and Government
	unications and Media		agement, Business, and Financial
	Broadcasting		Accounting
	Editor		Actuary
	Journalist		Advertising
	Media production		Executive
	Public relations		Finance
	Publisher		Human resources
	Writer		Insurance
	Other Communications and Media		Management
	unity and Social Service		Real estate
	Clergy		Recruiting
	Community organizer		Retail services
	Philanthropy or nonprofit worker		Sales
ä			Other Management, Business, and Financial
_	Social work		ral Resources
	Other Community and Social Service		Agricultural worker
	tion and Library		Conservationist
	Librarian or archivist		Environmental scientist
	Preschool/elementary/middle school/high		Other Natural Resources
	school/secondary administration		ection Services
	Preschool/elementary/middle school/high		Law enforcement officer
	school/secondary teacher		Military occupations
	Postsecondary administration/staff		Other Protection Services
	·		ce, Technology, and Engineering
	Postsecondary teacher or researcher School counselor		Computer programmer/analyst
	Other Education and Library		1 1 0
	Care		Engineer Information systems
			Information systems Lab technician
	Clinical psychology/psychiatry		
	Dentist Dietician		Scientific researcher Other Science Technology and Engineering
			Other Science, Technology, and Engineering
	Nurse		ce and Recreational
	Optometrist		Chef
	Pharmacist Pharmacist 1/2 and		Food service industry
	Physical/occupational/speech therapy		Hospitality
	Physician		Sports and recreation
	Veterinarian		Travel/tourism
П	Other Health Care		Other Service and Recreational
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			Other:
		니	I am not currently employed



Response options in Q25 are shown in randomized order. 25. Please indicate whether each of the following descriptions applies to your CURRENT job. (Check all that apply) ☐ Relates to my graduate degree ☐ Required me to use skills I gained from my graduate program ☐ Is related to my desired career path ☐ Is work I find meaningful ☐ Allows me to continue to grow and learn Pays enough to support my desired lifestyle ☐ Pays health insurance benefits ☐ Has opportunity for upward mobility ☐ Is likely to continue until I wish to leave ☐ Is in a desirable location ☐ Overall, is a satisfying job This response option only appears to those who have not yet confirmed whether or not they are currently employed. ☐ I am not currently employed 26. About how often do you currently engage in community service or volunteer work for organizations? □ Weekly □ Monthly ☐ Several times a year ☐ Once or twice a year ☐ Less than once a year 27. If you would like to elaborate on any of your responses on this survey or share other information about any aspect of your experience as a graduate student at this institution, please use the space below. **Demographic Information** In the next section, we ask questions about your identity. You may choose not to respond to any of these questions. We use responses to these questions to develop a picture of how an individual's background and identity are related to their experiences. 28. What kind of degree or certificate did you receive from this institution? ☐ Post-Baccalaureate certificate ☐ Master's degree ☐ Post-Master's certificate Doctoral degree (e.g., DBA, DDS, DO, DVM, EdD, JD, MD, PhD, PharmD, PsyD) ☐ Other degree or certificate: ☐ Prefer not to respond 29. Which of the following best describes your primary area of study? (Choose one) ☐ Architecture and Environmental Design ☐ Mathematics, Statistics, and Data Sciences ☐ Agriculture and Natural Resources ☐ Medical and Health Sciences ☐ Arts and Music ☐ Physical Sciences ☐ Biological Sciences □ Psychology ☐ Religion and Theology ☐ Business and Management ☐ Communications, Media, and Public Relations ☐ Social Sciences ☐ Computer Science and Information Technology ☐ Social Service Professions □ Education ☐ Other field of study: □ Engineering ☐ Prefer not to respond ☐ Humanities ☐ Law and Legal Professions



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	Yes No		
	U.S. citizen U.S. permanent resident but not a U.S. c	itize	
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	American Indian or Alaska Native Asian Black or African American		u identify. (Choose one or more)
Wh	at is your current age?		
	Younger than 25 25–34 35–44 45–54 55–64 65–74 75–84 85 or older	\ \ \ \	
Whi	ch of the following most accurately des	crib	es your current personal annual income before taxes? Please report your
	Are Whi	□ Woman □ Nonbinary, please self describe: □ Prefer not to respond Are you transgender? □ Yes □ No □ Prefer not to respond What was your citizenship status during the U.S. citizen □ U.S. permanent resident but not a U.S. cook to a U.S. citizen or permanent resident Prefer not to respond Are you Hispanic or Latino/a? □ Yes □ No □ Prefer not to respond Please indicate the race or races with which American Indian or Alaska Native □ Asian □ Black or African American □ Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islande White □ Prefer not to respond What is your current age? □ Younger than 25 □ 25-34 □ 35-44 □ 45-54 □ 55-64 □ 65-74 □ 75-84 □ 85 or older □ Prefer not to respond Which of the following most accurately despersonal income, not your total household □ No earned income □ Less than \$20,000 □ \$20,000-\$39,999 □ \$40,000-\$79,999 □ \$80,000-\$79,999 □ \$80,000-\$79,999 □ \$80,000-\$79,999 □ \$80,000-\$79,999 □ \$80,000-\$79,999 □ \$80,000-\$79,999 □ \$80,000-\$79,999 □ \$80,000-\$79,999 □ \$80,000-\$79,999 □ \$80,000-\$79,999 □ \$80,000-\$79,999 □ \$80,000-\$79,999	□ Man □ Woman □ Nonbinary, please self describe: □ Prefer not to respond Are you transgender? □ Yes □ No □ Prefer not to respond What was your citizenship status during the time U.S. citizen □ U.S. citizen □ U.S. permanent resident but not a U.S. citizen □ Not a U.S. citizen or permanent resident □ Prefer not to respond Are you Hispanic or Latino/a? □ Yes □ No □ Prefer not to respond Please indicate the race or races with which yound Asian □ Black or African American □ Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander □ White □ Prefer not to respond What is your current age? □ Younger than 25 □ 25-34 □ 35-44 □ 45-54 □ 55-64 □ 65-74 □ 75-84 □ 85 or older □ Prefer not to respond Which of the following most accurately describ personal income, not your total household incoment of the personal in



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