

2018 Graduate Student Survey

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T1 UC Merced Graduate Student Survey *From the desk of Dean Marjorie Zatz*

We are interested in your feedback on your experience as a graduate student at UC Merced. Your feedback is important to help us improve! For this survey, **please consider this past academic year of 2017-2018** when responding to the questions. Please complete the survey by Sunday, August 12th. Your responses will be kept confidential and will only be shared at the aggregate/group level.

Please contact Cinnamon Danube (cdanube@ucmerced.edu) if you have questions about the survey or technical difficulties while completing it.

When you have completed the survey you must click "Submit" on the last page to submit your responses and be automatically entered into the drawing for 10 \$50 Amazon e-gift cards.

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T2 Satisfaction with Graduate Program, Quality of Interactions and Course Work

Q3 How satisfied are you with each of the following?

	Very Satisfied (1)	Somewhat Satisfied (2)	Somewhat Dissatisfied (3)	Very Dissatisfied (4)	Not Applicable (5)
Quality of graduate level teaching by faculty (4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Training in research methods (5)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Amount of financial support (6)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Adequacy of facilities (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Adequacy of labs (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Adequacy of other research space (8)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q4 How satisfied are you with each of the following?

	Very Satisfied (1)	Somewhat Satisfied (2)	Somewhat Dissatisfied (3)	Very Dissatisfied (4)	Not Applicable (5)
Quality of academic advising and guidance (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Professional relationship with your faculty advisor (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Helpfulness of staff members assigned to your graduate program (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The opportunity to interact across disciplines (5)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Overall satisfaction with your graduate program (6)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Q5 To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

	Strongly Agree (1)	Agree (2)	Disagree (3)	Strongly Disagree (4)
Students in your graduate program are treated with respect by faculty (Q5_1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Rapport between faculty and graduate students in your graduate program is good (Q5_3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
There are tensions among faculty that affect students (Q5_5)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Financial support for graduate students is distributed fairly (Q5_6)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Students in your graduate program are collegial (Q5_7)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Your relationships and interaction with other students in your graduate program are good (Q5_8)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Staff members assigned to your graduate program are knowledgeable about rules and regulations that affect graduate students (Q5_10)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

There is a sense of intellectual community in your graduate program (Q5_11)

You receive ongoing, constructive feedback on progress toward your degree from your advisor (Q5_14)

You are satisfied with the amount of time spent with your advisor (Q5_15)

Your research interests are incorporated into your thesis and/or dissertation work (Q5_16)

There is a person or office you could trust to report perceived abuse or misconduct in your graduate program by your advisor or committee member (Q5_18)

Your advisor monitors your progress and helps you advance through your program (Q5_19)

Overall, the climate of your

graduate
program is
positive (Q5_20)

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Q6 How would you rate each of the following?

	Excellent (1)	Good (2)	Fair (3)	Poor (4)
Availability of courses needed to complete your graduate program (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Overall quality of course work in your graduate program (4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q8 Please indicate (where applicable) your level of satisfaction in the following areas.

	Very Satisfied (1)	Somewhat Satisfied (2)	Somewhat Dissatisfied (3)	Very Dissatisfied (4)	Not Applicable (5)
Advice on writing grant proposals (Q8_2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Advice on publishing your work (Q8_3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Assistance in developing professional contacts outside your graduate program (Q8_4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Advice on career options within academia (Q8_5)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Advice on career options outside academia (Q8_6)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Advice on degree requirements (Q8_8)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Advice on preparing for examinations (Q8_9)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Advice on developing your thesis or dissertation proposal (Q8_10)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Advice on
how to avoid
plagiarism
and other
violations of
the standards
of academic
integrity
(Q8_14)



Advice on
research
ethics
(Q8_13)



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T3 The Following Three Items are Standardized UC Merced Risk Assessment Items

Q73 If you observed an activity that you believe would lead to the University being damaged (e.g., theft, fraud, lawsuit, fines, injuries, serious damage to reputation), are you confident that you could determine how to report the activity?

- Yes (1)
 - No (2)
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Q74 How comfortable would you be reporting the activity?

- Very comfortable (1)
 - Comfortable (2)
 - Uncomfortable (3)
 - Very uncomfortable (4)
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Q75 Assuming that you did report the activity, how confident are you that the University would respond appropriately?

- Very confident (1)
 - Confident (2)
 - Unsure (3)
 - Doubtful (4)
 - Little or no confidence (5)
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T4 University Resources and Student Life

Q29 During the past academic year, please rate your experience with the following:

	Excellent (1)	Good (2)	Fair (3)	Poor (4)	Not Applicable (5)
Admissions processes (Q29_1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Applying for internal fellowships/awards (Q29_2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Academic Services processes (advancement to candidacy/change of major, etc.) (Q29_5)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Professional Development Programming (i.e., Dissertation Boot Camp, grant writing, Grad Resource Center, GradSLAM) (Q29_8)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Financial Services (e.g., processing tuition waivers) (Q29_8)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Diversity & Inclusion Programming (Q29_10)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q9 Please rate (where applicable) the following services based on your most recent year's experience.

	Excellent (1)	Good (2)	Fair (3)	Poor (4)	Not Applicable (5)
Student Health Center (Q9_5Mod0815)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Health Insurance (USHIP) (Q9_6Mod0815)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Counseling and Psychological Services (Q9_9Mod0815)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Student Affairs Center for Career and Professional Advancement (Q9_8Mod0815)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
On-campus Child Care (Q9_10Mod0815)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Disability Services (Q9_11Mod0815)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
University Police (Q9_14Mod0815)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Parking (Q9_17Mod0815)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Campus shuttle bus service (Cat Tracks) (Q9_18Mod0815)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Dining Services (Q9_19Mod0815)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Center for Engaged Teaching and Learning (CETL) (Q9_21Mod0815)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Q51

Library Services

Please indicate your agreement with the statements below about Library Services.

Q52 During the past academic year, the UC Merced Library provided adequate support in the following areas:

	Strongly Agree (1)	Agree (2)	Disagree (3)	Strongly Disagree (4)	Don't Know or Not Applicable (5)
Collections (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Interlibrary Loan (ILL) (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Library Space (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Reference Services (4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Instruction/Training (5)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q53 The UC Merced Library supported my ability to ...

	Strongly Agree (8)	Agree (9)	Disagree (10)	Strongly Disagree (11)	Don't know or Not Applicable (12)
find and access information sources in my field of study. (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
manage citations for publication. (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
write data management plans. (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
manage data I produced or used. (e.g. field notes, lab results, images, videos, databases). (4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
understand publishing models (including open access) for disseminating my research. (5)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
share my research with the UC Merced community. (6)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q54 Please use the space below to provide any other comments about the support provided by the UC Merced Library. We are interested in your feedback on areas where we are doing well and where we could improve.

What we are doing well: (1)

What could be improved: (2)

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Q18 Please rate the extent to which these factors are or have been an obstacle to your academic progress:

	A major obstacle (1)	A minor obstacle (2)	Not an obstacle (3)
Financial concerns (Q18_1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Family obligations (Q18_2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Responsiveness of faculty (Q18_3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Graduate program structure or requirements (Q18_4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Immigration laws or regulations (Q18_7)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Amount of time spent as a Teaching Assistant (Q18_6)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other (please specify) (Q18_8)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Q22 Please answer the following questions about teaching and your TA preparation.

	Strongly Agree (1)	Agree (2)	Disagree (3)	Strongly Disagree (4)	Not Applicable (5)
As a teaching assistant, you were appropriately prepared and trained before entering the CLASSROOM (Q22_1Mod0815)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
As a teaching assistant, you were appropriately prepared and trained before entering the LAB (Q22_5)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
As a teaching assistant, you were appropriately supervised to help improve your teaching skills (Q22_2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q71 Is there additional teaching/TA training that you would like to see offered?

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T5 General Assessment

Q20 How likely are you to stay in your graduate program until you receive your ultimate degree objective?

- Very likely (1)
 - Somewhat likely (2)
 - Somewhat unlikely (3)
 - Highly unlikely (4)
 - Uncertain (5)
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Q21 Please answer the following questions about the university and your graduate program. If you were to do it again:

	Definitely would (1)	Probably would (2)	Probably would not (3)	Definitely would not (4)
Would you select this same university? (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Would you select the same graduate program? (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Would you recommend this university to someone considering your graduate program? (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Q62 I'm ...

	Strongly Agree (1)	Agree (2)	Disagree (3)	Strongly Disagree (4)	Not Applicable (5)
On track to complete my degree program on time. (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Upbeat about my post-graduation career prospects. (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q68 Please rate your agreement with the following statements.

	Strongly Agree (1)	Agree (2)	Disagree (3)	Strongly Disagree (4)	Not Applicable (5)
I have the space and the resources I need in the University to succeed academically. (6)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My graduate program addresses student concerns when raised (7)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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T6 Post Graduate School Plans

Q26 How would you categorize the type of employer you expect to work for after you complete your final graduate degree?

- 4-year college or university (1)
 - Community or junior college (2)
 - Elementary, secondary or special focus school (3)
 - Industry or business (4)
 - Hospital or clinic (5)
 - Non-profit organization or foundation (6)
 - U.S. (federal) government or your home country if not the U.S. (7)
 - State or local government (8)
 - National laboratory (9)
 - Self-employed (10)
 - Unknown (11)
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T7 Health and Wellbeing

Q56

Food Security

Please answer the questions below about food security.

Q55 Please indicate your agreement with each statement.

	Strongly Disagree (1)	Disagree (2)	Slightly Disagree (3)	Neither Agree nor Disagree (4)	Slightly Agree (5)	Agree (6)	Strongly Agree (7)
The food environment on campus encourages the consumption of healthy rather than unhealthy foods. (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
During the <u>past year</u> , I've been able to purchase the food I need to meet my nutritional needs. (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q58 During the past year, how frequently have you skipped or cut the size of meals because there wasn't enough money for food?

- Never (1)
- Rarely (2)
- Occasionally (3)
- Somewhat Often (4)
- Very Often (5)



Q49 For the following statements, please say whether the statement was often true, sometimes true, or never true for you in the past year.

	Often True (1)	Sometimes True (2)	Never True (3)	Not Applicable (4)
I was worried whether my food would run out before I got money to buy more. (Q49_1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The food that I bought just didn't last and I didn't have money to get more. (Q49_2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Q81 While attending UC Merced this year, where do you live? (If you moved, select the location where you lived longer.)

- Merced (1)
 - Atwater (2)
 - Bay Area (3)
 - Chowchilla (4)
 - Fresno (5)
 - Modesto (6)
 - Stockton (8)
 - Turlock (9)
 - Other (7) _____
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Q58 Overall, how would you rate where you live this year?

- Excellent (1)
 - Very Good (2)
 - Good (3)
 - Fair (4)
 - Poor (5)
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Q60 Please rate your agreement with the statements below.

	Strongly Agree (1)	Agree (2)	Disagree (3)	Strongly Disagree (4)	Not Applicable (5)
On campus, I feel safe. (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I can find affordable housing. (4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q57

Since attending UC Merced, have you been homeless for any of the following lengths of time (select all that apply)?

Homeless means not having stable or reliable housing (e.g., living on the street, in vehicles, motels, camp grounds, single-occupancy facilities, or couch surfing in other people's homes for temporary sleeping arrangements).

- No, I have not been homeless (1)
 - Yes, during Fall-Spring academic year (2)
 - Yes, during Summer (4)
 - Yes, during Winter break (5)
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Q63 How has your physical health been this term?

- Very Good (1)
 - Good (6)
 - Fair (7)
 - Poor (8)
 - Very Poor (9)
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Q72 How has your mental health been this term?

- Very Good (1)
 - Good (6)
 - Fair (7)
 - Poor (8)
 - Very Poor (9)
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Q27rev Please use the space below to comment on anything else you would like to add to the feedback you have already provided about your experience in your graduate program at UC Merced.

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Q64 The following questions reflect changes to data records that will be increasingly used by the University of California in reporting and analysis. Your response to these items is optional but will help us transition to the new standards.

Q65 What is your current gender identity? (Check all that apply)

- Female (1)
 - Male (2)
 - Trans Female / Trans Woman (3)
 - Trans Male / Trans Man (4)
 - Genderqueer / Gender Non-Conforming (5)
 - Different Identity (6)
 - I would rather not answer (7)
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Q66 What is your current sexual orientation?

- Heterosexual or Straight (1)
 - Gay or Lesbian (2)
 - Bisexual (3)
 - Not listed above (please specify) (4)

 - I would rather not answer (5)
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Q56 You have completed the survey. Please click Submit to submit your responses. By doing so you will be automatically entered into the gift card drawing for 1 of 10 \$50 Amazon e-gift cards. Winners will be notified via email after the survey is closed.

Thank you for helping us improve the graduate student experience at UC Merced!

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