2019 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 - we really do listen to you and make changes in programming and staffing in response! For this survey, **please consider this past academic year of 2018-2019** when responding to the questions. Please complete the survey by Monday, August 19th. 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

	Very Satisfied (1)	Somewhat Satisfied (2)	Somewhat Dissatisfied (3)	Very Dissatisfied (4)	Not Applicable (5)
Quality of graduate level teaching by faculty (4)	0	0	0	0	0
Training in research methods (5)	0	0	0	0	0
Amount of financial support (6)	0	0	0	\bigcirc	0
Adequacy of facilities (2)	0	0	0	\bigcirc	0
Adequacy of labs (1)	0	0	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Adequacy of other research space (8)	0	0	0	0	0

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 academic advising and guidance (1)	0	0	0	0	0
Professional relationship with your faculty advisor (2)	0	0	0	\bigcirc	0
Helpfulness of staff members assigned to your graduate program (3)	0	0	0	0	0
The opportunity to interact across disciplines (5)	0	0	0	\bigcirc	0
Overall satisfaction with your graduate program (6)	0	0	0	0	0
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Q4 How satisfied are you with each of the following?

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	Strongly Agree (1)	Agree (2)	Disagree (3)	Strongly Disagree (4)
Students in your graduate program are treated with respect by faculty (Q5_1)	0	0	0	0
Rapport between faculty and graduate students in your graduate program is good (Q5_3)	0	0	0	0
There are tensions among faculty that affect students (Q5_5)	0	\bigcirc	0	0
Financial support for graduate students is distributed fairly (Q5_6)	0	\bigcirc	0	0
Students in your graduate program are collegial (Q5_7)	0	\bigcirc	0	0
Your relationships and interaction with other students in your graduate program are good (Q5_8)	0	\bigcirc	0	0
Staff members assigned to your graduate program are knowledgeable about rules and regulations that affect graduate students (Q5_10)	0	0	0	0

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

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 \bigcap with your advisor (Q5_15) Your research interests are incorporated into your thesis \cap 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)	0	0	0	0
Overall quality of course work in your graduate program (4)	0	0	0	0

	Very Satisfied (1)	Somewhat Satisfied (2)	Somewhat Dissatisfied (3)	Very Dissatisfied (4)	Not Applicable (5)
Advice on writing grant proposals (Q8_2)	0	0	0	0	0
Advice on publishing your work (Q8_3)	0	0	0	0	0
Assistance in developing professional contacts outside your graduate program (Q8_4)	0	0	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Advice on career options within academia (Q8_5)	0	0	0	0	\bigcirc
Advice on career options outside academia (Q8_6)	0	0	0	0	0
Advice on degree requirements (Q8_8)	0	0	0	0	\bigcirc
Advice on preparing for examinations (Q8_9)	0	0	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Advice on developing your thesis or dissertation proposal (Q8_10)	0	0	0	0	0

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

Advice on how to avoid plagiarism and other violations of the standards of academic integrity (Q8_14)	0	\bigcirc	0	0	0
Advice on research ethics (Q8_13)	0	0	0	0	0

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${\sf T3}$ 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 harmed (e.g., theft, fraud, lawsuit, fines, injuries, serious damage to reputation), are you confident that you could determine how to report the activity?

	O Yes (1)
	O No (2)
Q7	'4 How comfortable would you be reporting the activity?
	O Very comfortable (1)
	O Comfortable (2)
	O Uncomfortable (3)
	O Very uncomfortable (4)

Q75 Assuming that you did report the activity, how confident are you that the University would respond appropriately?

 \bigcirc Very confident (1)

O Confident (2)

O Unsure (3)

O Doubtful (4)

 \bigcirc 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 Graduate Division services:

	Excellent (1)	Good (2)	Fair (3)	Poor (4)	Not Applicable/Did Not Use (5)
Graduate admissions processes (Q29_1)	0	0	0	0	0
Applying for internal fellowships/awards (Q29_2)	0	\bigcirc	0	\bigcirc	0
Applying for external fellowships/grants (Q29_11)	0	0	0	0	0
Academic Services processes (advancement to candidacy/change of major, etc.) (Q29_5)	0	0	0	0	0
Financial Services (e.g., processing internal fellowships, tuition waivers) (Q29_8)	0	0	0	\bigcirc	0
Diversity & Inclusion Programming (Q29_10)	0	0	0	0	0

Display This Question: If During the past academic year, please rate your experience with the following Graduate Division s... = Applying for external fellowships/grants [Not Applicable/Did Not Use] X→

Q66 You said you did not apply for external fellowships/grants. Please let us know why using the options below. (select all that apply)

	I was not aware of them (1)
	I did not have time (2)
	I was not sure how to complete the application materials (3)
	I did not have the support of my faculty mentor(s) (4)
	I had another source(s) of funding (5)
	Other (please specify) (6)
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Q59 Which of the following Graduate Division professional development activities and resources did you use and/or participate in during the past academic year? (select all that apply)

Dissertation Boot Camp (1)
Grant writing workshops (2)
Grad Resource Center (3)
GradSLAM (4)
Peer mentoring program (Grad Excel) (5)
Summer Bridge (6)
GEARS class/workshops (7)
National Labs, Data Science, and/or Humanities Day (8)

Display This Question:

If If Which of the following Graduate Division professional development activities and resources did yo... q://QID112/SelectedChoicesCount Is Greater Than or Equal to 1

	Excellent (1)	Good (2)	Fair (3)	Poor (4)
Which of the following Graduate Division professional development activities and resources did yo = Dissertation Boot Camp Dissertation Boot Camp (1)	0	0	0	0
Which of the following Graduate Division professional development activities and resources did yo = Grant writing workshops Grant writing workshops (2)	0	0	0	0
Which of the following Graduate Division professional development activities and resources did yo = Grad Resource Center Grad Resource Center (3)	0	0	0	0
Which of the following Graduate Division professional development activities and resources did yo = GradSLAM GradSLAM (4)	0	0	0	0
Which of the following Graduate	0	0	0	0

Q60 During the past academic year, please rate your experience with the following: Excellent (1) Good (2) Fair (3) Poor (4)

Division professional development activities and resources did yo... = Peer mentoring program (Grad Excel)

Peer mentoring program (Grad Excel) (5)

Which of the following Graduate Division professional development activities and resources did yo... = Summer Bridge

Summer Bridge (6)

Which of the following Graduate Division professional development activities and resources did yo... = GEARS class/workshops

GEARS class/workshops (7)

Which of the following Graduate Division professional development activities and resources did yo... = National Labs, Data Science, and/or Humanities Day

National Labs, Data Science, and/or Humanities Day

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	If If Which of the following Graduate Division professional development activities and resources did g://QID112/SelectedChoicesCount Is Greater Than or Equal to 1
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Q61 How did you hear about the Graduate Division professional development activities and resources you used and/or participated in? (select all that apply)

Graduate Division communication (e.g., email, newsletter, social media) (1)
Graduate Division webpage (2)
A faculty mentor (3)
A staff member (4)
Other (please specify) (5)

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(8)

If If Which of the following Graduate Division professional development activities and resources did yo... q://QID112/SelectedChoicesCount Is Less Than 8

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Q62 You said there were Graduate Division professional development activities and/or resources that you did not participate in or use. In general, please let us know why using the options below. (select all that apply)

		I was not aware of them (1)
		They did not fit my schedule (2)
		I was not interested in them (3)
	developm	My faculty mentor(s) and/or graduate program provide adequate professional nent opportunities and support (4)
		Other (please specify) (5)
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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/Did Not Use (5)
Graduate Student Association (Q9_22)	0	0	0	0	0
Graduate Division website as a source for information (Q9_23)	0	0	0	0	0
Timeliness of responses from Graduate Division staff to questions/concerns (Q9_24)	0	0	0	0	0
Helpfulness of responses from Graduate Division staff to questions/concerns (Q9_27)	0	0	0	0	0
Graduate Resource Center (Q9_25)	0	\bigcirc	0	0	0
Student Health Center (Q9_5Mod0815)	0	\bigcirc	0	0	0
Health Insurance (USHIP) (Q9_6Mod0815)	0	0	0	0	\bigcirc
Counseling and Psychological Services (Q9_9Mod0815)	0	0	0	0	0
Student Affairs Center for Career and Professional Advancement (Q9_8Mod0815)	0	0	0	0	0

On-campus Child Care (Q9_10Mod0815)	0	0	0	\bigcirc	0
Disability Services (Q9_11Mod0815)	0	0	\bigcirc	0	\bigcirc
University Police (Q9_14Mod0815)	0	0	0	\bigcirc	0
Parking (Q9_17Mod0815)	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Campus shuttle bus service (Cat Tracks) (Q9_18Mod0815)	0	0	0	0	\bigcirc
Dining Services (Q9_19Mod0815)	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Center for Engaged Teaching and Learning (CETL) (Q9_21Mod0815)	0	0	0	0	\bigcirc
Office of International Affairs (Q9_26)	0	0	0	0	0

	Excellent (1)	Good (2)	Fair (3)	Poor (4)	Not Applicable/Did Not Use (5)
General campus Announcement emails (1)	0	0	0	0	0
Emails from the Graduate Division/Graduate Dean (2)	0	0	0	0	0
Graduate Resource Center weekly newsletter (3)	0	0	0	0	0
Social media posts from Graduate Division (4)	0	0	0	0	0
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Q65 Please rate (where applicable) the quality of campus communications in the areas below based on your most recent year's experience.

Q51 Library Services Q63 Please indicate how often the following statements about UC Merced's Library were true for you this past academic year. If you did not use a resource, please select "Not Applicable/Did Not Use".

	Always (5)	Usually (4)	Sometimes (3)	Never or Rarely (2)	Not Applicable/Did Not Use (1)
I was able to find quiet study space in the Library. (1)	0	0	0	0	0
I was able to find group study space in the Library. (2)	0	0	0	0	0
Library information resources met my research needs. (3)	0	0	0	0	0
I was able to easily find and access ebooks. (4)	0	0	0	0	0
I found the Library website easy to use. (5)	0	0	0	0	0
Interlibrary Loan (ILL) adequately met my research needs. (6)	0	0	0	0	0
When I contacted the Library, I received knowledgeable assistance from Library staff. (7)	0	0	0	0	0

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

	Strongly Agree (5)	Agree (4)	Disagree (3)	Strongly Disagree (2)	Don't know or Not Applicable (1)
find and access information sources in my field of study. (1)	0	0	0	0	0
manage citations for publication. (2)	0	\bigcirc	0	\bigcirc	0
write data management plans. (3)	0	\bigcirc	0	\bigcirc	0
manage research data I produced or used. (4)	0	\bigcirc	0	\bigcirc	0
understand publishing models for disseminating my research. (5)	0	0	0	0	0
share my research with the UC Merced community. (6)	0	0	0	\bigcirc	0

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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)	0	0	0
Family obligations (Q18_2)	0	0	0
Responsiveness of faculty (Q18_3)	0	0	0
Graduate program structure or requirements (Q18_4)	0	0	0
Immigration laws or regulations (Q18_7)	0	0	0
Amount of time spent as a Teaching Assistant (Q18_6)	0	0	0
Other (please specify) (Q18_8)	0	0	0
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	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)	0	0	0	0	0
As a teaching assistant, you were appropriately prepared and trained before entering the LAB (Q22_5)	0	0	0	0	0
As a teaching assistant, you were appropriately supervised to help improve your teaching skills (Q22_2)	0	0	0	0	0

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

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)

O Uncertain (5)

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)	0	0	0	0
Would you select the same graduate program? (2)	0	0	\bigcirc	0
Would you recommend this university to someone considering your graduate program? (3)	0	0	0	0

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Q62 l'm ...

	Strongly Agree (1)	Agree (2)	Disagree (3)	Strongly Disagree (4)	Not Applicable (5)
On track to complete my degree program on time. (1)	0	0	0	0	0
Upbeat about my post- graduation career prospects. (2)	0	\bigcirc	0	\bigcirc	0

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)	0	0	0	0	0
My graduate program addresses student concerns when raised (7)	0	\bigcirc	0	0	0

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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?

\bigcirc	4-vear	college	or	university	(1)	
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O Community or junior college (2)

O Elementary, secondary or special focus school (3)

- \bigcirc Industry or business (4)
- \bigcirc Hospital or clinic (5)
- \bigcirc Non-profit organization or foundation (6)
- U.S. (federal) government or your home country if not the U.S. (7)
- O State or local government (8)
- O National laboratory (9)
- O Self-employed (10)
- O 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)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
During the <u>past year</u> , I've been able to purchase the food I need to meet my nutritional needs. (2)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Q49 For the following statements, please say whether the statement was often true, sometimes true, or never true for you in the <u>last 12 months</u>.

	Often True (1)	Sometimes True (2)	Never True (3)
The food that I bought just didn't last and I didn't have money to get more. (Q49_2)	0	0	0
l couldn't afford to eat balanced meals. (Q49_1)	0	0	0

Q64 In the last 12 months:

	Yes (1)	No (2)
Did you ever cut the size of your meals or skip meals because there wasn't enough money for food? (1)	0	0
Did you ever eat less than you felt you should because there wasn't enough money for food? (2)	0	0
Were you ever hungry but didn't eat because there wasn't enough money for food? (3)	\bigcirc	0

Display This Question:

If In the last 12 months: = Did you ever cut the size of your meals or skip meals because there wasn't enough money for food? [Yes]

Q58 You indicated that you had cut the size of your meals or skipped meals because there wasn't enough money for food. How often did this happen—almost every month, some months but not every month, or in only 1 or 2 months?

 \bigcirc Almost every month (1)

 \bigcirc Some months but not every month (2)

 \bigcirc Only 1 or 2 months (3)

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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.)

O Merced (1)
O Atwater (2)
O Bay Area (3)
O Chowchilla (4)
O Fresno (5)
O Modesto (6)
O Stockton (8)
O Turlock (9)
Other (7)

Q58 Overall, how would you rate your living conditions this year?

O Excellent (1)

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- O Good (3)
- O Fair (4)
- O Poor (5)

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)	0	0	0	0	0
l can find affordable housing. (4)	0	\bigcirc	0	\bigcirc	0

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 past academic year?

Very Good (1)
 Good (6)
 Fair (7)
 Poor (8)
 Very Poor (9)

Q72 How has your mental health been this past academic year?

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)
\bigotimes I would rather not answer (7)

Q66 What is your current sexual orientation?

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

 \bigcirc 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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