

## Survey of Doctoral Students' Opinion

What was your graduate experience at Berkeley like? Although I hope your experience has been a positive one, I realize that there may have been aspects that could have been better. Your answers on this short questionnaire will help us improve the quality of graduate education at Berkeley. Your response will, of course, be held strictly confidential.

Graduate Division, UC Berkeley

### Personal Information

1. In which degree program were you enrolled? (e.g., Chemistry, History.)

In which subfield were you enrolled? Please be specific (e.g., Chemistry/Organic; History/Chinese).

2. When did you first enroll at Berkeley as a graduate student in this degree program?

Semester:    Fall            Spring            Summer    Year:

3. When will you receive your degree?

Semester:    Fall            Spring            Summer    Year:

4. To which racial/ethnic group do you belong?

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|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| (1) Asian/Asian American | (4) Chicano         | (7) Puerto Rican          |
| (2) African American     | (5) Native American | (8) White                 |
| (3) Filipino             | (6) Latino          | (9) Other, please specify |

5. With which gender do you identify?

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|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------|
| (1) Male                 | (4) Trans Female/Trans Woman          | (7) Decline to state |
| (2) Female               | (5) Genderqueer/Gender Non-conforming |                      |
| (3) Trans Male/Trans Man | (6) Different identity                |                      |

6. What is your present citizenship status?

- (1) U.S. citizen (please skip to question 8)  
(2) Permanent resident of the U.S. (please skip to question 8)  
(3) Citizen of (specify country)

7. Do you intend to return to your country for professional employment within two years?

- (1) Yes            (2) No            (3) Not applicable

### Experience with Department

8. Was financial support for graduate students distributed fairly in your department?

- (1) Yes            (2) No            (3) Don't know

Please comment:

9. For how many years did you receive support in the categories below? Answer all instances that apply.

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|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| (1) G.S.I. (T.A.)               | (5) Foreign government |
| (2) G.S.R. (R.A. or equivalent) | (6) Corporate funds    |
| (3) U.C. Fellowships            | (7) Other              |
| (4) Outside Fellowship          | (8) None               |

10. As you look back over your doctoral studies at UCB, how satisfied have you been with each of the following?

	1 = Very Satisfied	2 = Satisfied	3 = Somewhat Dissatisfied	4 = Dissatisfied	5 = Don't Know
A. Departmental advising /guidance					
B. Overall quality of graduate level teaching					
C. Professional relationship with your dissertation supervisor					
D. Faculty efforts in assisting you to find professional employment					
E. Level of financial support					

11. How satisfied were you with the AMOUNT of contact you had with your adviser?

	1 = Very Satisfied	2 = Satisfied	3 = Somewhat Dissatisfied	4 = Dissatisfied	5 = Don't Know
A. Oral preparation					
B. Selection of dissertation topic; preparation of prospectus					
C. Dissertation research					
D. Dissertation writing					
E. Job hunting					

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

12. Using the following scale, please indicate whether you agree or disagree with each of the following statements as they apply to your dissertation chair.

1= agree      2= somewhat agree      3= somewhat disagree      4= disagree      5= not applicable

- A. Was willing to spend the time necessary to advise me on academic matters
- B. Insisted that we discuss my research on a regular basis
- C. Was easy to approach
- D. Was knowledgeable about formal degree requirements
- E. — Was available for informal consultation
- F. Was interested in my goals and projects
- G. Could be relied upon to give me constructive criticism on my work
- H. Returned my work promptly
- I. Made an effort to secure financial support for me
- J. Was willing to explain the strategies of survival in graduate school
- K. Encouraged and supported my research idea
- L. Was supportive in my search for professional employment
- M. Other, please explain:

13. What was the best course (lecture, seminar, etc.) that you took at Berkeley? Please name the department, instructor, and course title. \_\_\_\_\_

14. What was the worst course (lecture, seminar, etc.) that you took at Berkeley? Please name the department, instructor, and course title.
15. Was your qualifying/Ph.D. candidacy exam and preparation a beneficial educational experience?  
(1) Yes      (2) No

Please comment:

16. Does your department have any organized seminars, colloquia, or sponsored conferences at which graduate students can present their research?      (1) Yes      (2) No
17. Did you ever present any of your research at such a seminar, colloquium, or conference?  
(1) Yes    (2) No      (3) How many times during your graduate career?
18. Did you attend any national scholarly meetings?  
(1) Yes    (2) No      (3) How many times during your graduate career?
19. Did you deliver any papers at national scholarly meetings?  
(1) Yes    (2) No      (3) How many times during your graduate career?
20. Were you encouraged by faculty in your department to publish?  
(1) Yes    (2) No
21. Do you have any other comments concerning your department (e.g., quality of administrative staff, opportunities to participate in departmental governance, affirmative action efforts, adequacy of space, facilities)? Please indicate approximately the years to which your comments refer.

### **General University Experience**

22. What was your best academic experience at UC Berkeley?
23. What was your worst academic experience at UC Berkeley?
24. If you could change one thing at Berkeley, what would it be?

25. If you were to start your graduate program again, would you select:

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|--------------------------------------|---------|--------|----------------|
| 1. The same university?              | (1) Yes | (2) No | (3) Don't know |
| 2. The same field of specialization? | (1) Yes | (2) No | (3) Don't know |
| 3. The same dissertation supervisor? | (1) Yes | (2) No | (3) Don't know |

### **Employment**

26. What are your immediate professional plans?

1. I am returning to, or continuing in, my predoctoral employment.
2. I have found a position.
3. I am negotiating with one or more organizations.
4. I am seeking a position but have no specific prospects.
5. Other, please specify:

27. Which best describes your immediate professional employment? (Please check only one answer.)

1. Postdoctoral fellowship/traineeship
2. Research, academic setting
3. Tenure track faculty position
4. Non-tenure track faculty position
5. Research, non-academic setting (e.g., national lab, industry, medical center)
6. Other non-academic position, describe:

28. Will this employment be in the field of your academic training? (1) Yes (2) No

29. How would you categorize your employer?

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|---|---------------------------------------|
| 0. Research university ( doctoral granting) | 6. Industry or business               |
| 1. 5-year university (master's granting)    | 7. Non-profit organization/foundation |
| 2. 4-year college                           | 8. Self-employed                      |
| 3. Junior/community college                 | 9. Other, please specify:             |
| 4. U.S. Federal government                  |                                       |
| 5. State/local government                   |                                       |

30. Where will your position be located?

1. In California
2. Other U.S. state Name of the state:
3. Outside of the U.S. Name of the country:

31. What is the name of your employer?

**Thank you!**