

The 2011 Graduate School Alumni/ae Survey

The purpose of this questionnaire is to solicit, in a completely confidential manner, information about your satisfaction with your experience of graduate education at Princeton and your professional activities since you have completed your graduate degree. Now that some time has passed since you have completed your degree, we would like you to tell us how well your graduate training has served you. Your responses will help us improve and strengthen graduate education at both the departmental and University levels, as well as strengthen our relationship with our graduate alumni. We feel that it is important that you know that your answers to this confidential survey will be linked to your email address. This link will allow us to combine your answers with other administrative information maintained by the University that is needed for this study, as well as greatly reduce the length of the survey to approximately 25 minutes. It is equally important that you know that your answers will be treated in a strictly confidential manner. Any findings based on this survey will be aggregated and reported in a manner that does not identify individuals. The University will, after removing all personal identifiers, share this data with a group of leading research universities as part of an on-going study of graduate education in the United States. The survey is completely voluntary and you may skip questions that you are not inclined to answer (but we hope that you will do your best to answer all the questions that are relevant to you). Thank you in advance for your cooperation and participation.

Looking back on your time at Princeton, how would you assess each of the following aspects of your experience at Princeton?

[Poor / Fair / Good / Very Good / Excellent]

- Overall academic experience at Princeton
- Overall academic experience in your department or program
- Non-academic or student life experience at Princeton
- Overall experience at Princeton

Further Education

Since completing your Princeton degree, have you or are you planning to enroll in any other advanced degree programs? (mark all that apply)

Please do NOT include your Princeton degree.

[Completed Degree / Currently Enrolled / Planning to Enroll / Not planning to enroll]

- Law Degree (LLB, JD)
- Medical Degree (MD)
- Other Medical Degree (DDS, DVM, etc.)
- Master of Arts or Sciences (MS, MS, MFA)
- Master of Business
- Master of Engineering
- Other Professional Master's
- Other Master's Degree
- Doctoral Degree at an another institution
- Other Degree

Answer If - Further Education since completing Princeton, Law Degree (LLB, JD) Degree is selected

Please tell us about your law degree program.

- Institution at which you enrolled
- Field of specialization
- Year in which you began the program
- Year in which you completed the program

Answer If - Further Education since completing Princeton, Medical Degree (MD) OR Other Medical Degree (DDS, DVM, etc.) - Degree is selected

Please tell us about your medical degree program.

- Institution at which you enrolled
- Field of specialization
- Year in which you began the program
- Year in which you completed the program

Answer If - Further Education since completing Princeton, Master of Arts or Sciences (MS, MS, MFA) OR Master of Engineering OR Other Professional Master's OR Other Master's Degree - Degree is selected

Please tell us about your Master's degree program.

- Institution at which you enrolled
- Field of specialization
- Year in which you began the program
- Year in which you completed the program

Answer If - Further Education since completing Princeton, Master of Business - Degree is selected

Please tell us about your Master's of Business degree program.

- Institution at which you enrolled
- Field of specialization
- Year in which you began the program
- Year in which you completed the program

Answer If - Further Education since completing Princeton, Doctoral Degree - Degree is selected

Please tell us about your doctoral degree program.

- Institution at which you enrolled
- Field of specialization
- Year in which you began the program
- Year in which you completed the program

First Position after Princeton

What was your first position after leaving the Graduate School (whether your final degree had been awarded or not)?

- Entered or enrolled in other full-time degree program (e.g., J.D., M.D., M.B.A., etc.)
- Postdoctoral appointment

- Employed full-time
- Self-employed
- Was not working or studying (e.g., spend time with family, etc.)
- Other

Answer If - What was your first position after leaving the Graduate School, Employed full-time is selected OR Postdoctoral appointment is selected

Which of the following categories best describes your first position after leaving Princeton?

- Education--U.S. 4-year college or university
- Education--U.S. medical school or other professional school
- Education--U.S. community college
- Education--U.S. K-12 school or school system, public or private
- Education--Non-U.S. educational system
- Education--Other _____
- Government--U.S. Federal
- Government--U.S. State
- Government--U.S. Local
- Government--Non-U.S.
- Government--Other _____
- Private for Profit--Research
- Private for Profit--Banking/Financial
- Private for Profit--Industry/Manufacturing
- Private for Profit--Healthcare
- Private for Profit--Services
- Private for Profit--Other _____
- Not-for-profit organization _____

Answer If - Which of the following categories best describes your first position, Education -- U.S. 4-year college or university is selected OR Education -- U.S. medical school or other professional school is selected OR Education -- U.S. community college is selected

What type of appointment was your first position?

- Tenure-track faculty appointment
- Non-tenure track faculty appointment
- Post-doctoral appointment
- Other _____

Answer If - First Position after Princeton, What was your first position, Employed full-time is Selected OR Postdoctoral appointment is selected

Who was/is your first employer?

Employers Name

Department/ Division

City/Town

State

Postal Code

Country

Current Position

Are you currently working for pay or profit? (Working includes being self-employed, on a postdoctoral appointment, or any type of paid or unpaid leave, including vacation.)

- Yes
- No

If no is selected, then skip to what are your reasons for not working.

What type of position do you currently have?

- Enrolled in full-time degree program (e.g., J.D., M.D., M.B.A., etc.)
- Postdoctoral appointment

- Employed full-time
- Self-employed
- Am not working or studying (e.g., spend time with family, etc.)
- Other _____

Answer If - What type of position do you currently have, Postdoctoral appointment is selected OR Employed full-time is selected

Which of the following categories best describes your current position?

- Education--U.S. 4-year college or university
- Education--U.S. medical school or other professional school
- Education--U.S. community college
- Education--U.S. K-12 school or school system, public or private
- Education--Non-U.S. educational system
- Education--Other _____
- Government--U.S. Federal
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- Private for Profit--Healthcare
- Private for Profit--Services
- Private for Profit--Other _____
- Not-for-profit organization _____

Answer If - Which of the following categories best describes your current position, Education -- U.S. 4-year college or university is selected OR Education -- U.S. medical school or other professional school is selected OR Education -- U.S. community college is selected

What type of appointment is your current position?

- Tenure-track faculty appointment
- Non-tenure track faculty appointment
- Post-doctoral appointment
- Other _____

Answer If - Current Position, Are you currently working, Yes is selected

Who is your principal employer?

Employers Name

Department/ Division

City/Town

State

Postal Code

Country

What is your job title? (Examples: English Professor; Market Analysis; High School Teacher; Postdoctoral Fellow)

What are your major duties and responsibilities in the position? (Example: Teaching chemistry and conducting research)

Is this a full-time position?

- Full-time
- Part-time
- Other _____

Answer If - Current Position, Are you currently working for pay, No is selected

What are your reasons for not working?

- Seeking a position
- Continuing my education
- Family responsibilities
- Suitable job not available
- Do not need or want to work
- Other _____

Your Career

How satisfied are you with the following aspects of your current or most recent job?

[Dissatisfied / Somewhat Dissatisfied / Somewhat Satisfied / Satisfied / Very Satisfied / Completely Satisfied / Not Applicable]

- Intellectual challenge
- Career growth, opportunities
- Independence
- Flexibility
- Level of responsibility
- Contribution to field/society
- Prestige of job/organization
- Job security
- Salary
- Work/life balance
- Geographic location
- Recognition

How well do you think your degree program at Princeton has prepared you for your chosen career?

- Not at all prepared
- Inadequately
- Adequately
- Quite well
- Very well prepared
- Not Applicable

How would you characterize the course of your career so far?

- Stayed in the same field (e.g., consistently in chemistry or consistently in sociology)
- Moved around within one general field (e.g., moving within education or within business)
- Changed fields once or twice (e.g., moving from business to education)
- Changed fields three or more times

Have you published your dissertation or a substantial portion of your dissertation?

- Yes
- No

Since earning your Princeton degree, approximately how many publications do you have in print or in press? (Please do not include publications directly resulting from your Princeton degree work)

[Not Applicable / None / 1-3 / 4-6 / 7-9 / 10 or more]

- Refereed journal
- Non-refereed journal
- Books
- Edited books
- Internal/organization reports

- Museum catalogues or entries
- Manuals, field guides
- Chapters in edited books

Since earning your Princeton degree, approximately how many of the following intellectual works have presented or published? (Please do not include intellectual works directly resulting from your Princeton degree work)

[Not Applicable / None / 1-3 / 4-6 / 7-9 / 10 or more]

- Patents and/or inventions
- Literary compositions
- Musical compositions
- Artistic productions, staging's, etc.
- Commission...reports
- Invited lectures or presentations

Please list any professional prizes, awards and/or recognition you have received since completing your degree. Include professional society awards, academy memberships, governmental and industry awards and prizes.

Please list any community, community service, or similar awards, prizes, or other recognition you have received since completing your degree.

How often do you use each of the following in your current work?

[Never / Rarely / Occasionally / Often / Almost every day]

- Knowledge from your dissertation, thesis, or project
- Knowledge from your specialty or general degree field
- Skills from your dissertation, thesis, or project
- Skills from your specialty or general degree field

How important is each of the following skills and abilities to your current work?

[Not important / Somewhat important / Important / Very important / Essential / Not applicable]

- Analyzing or synthesizing data
- Identifying problem and formulating solution
- Designing and executing research
- Locating and applying information/data
- Presenting orally
- Managing people
- Managing budgets
- Thinking critically/problem-solving
- Working collaboratively
- Working in a team
- Working within an interdisciplinary groups
- Working with people from diverse backgrounds
- Mentoring/advising students
- Teaching or training groups of people
- Writing funding proposals
- Writing reports, articles, books, etc.

Looking back to your degree program at Princeton, did you receive training that helped you develop the following skills and abilities?

[Princeton provided training, but was NOT effective / Princeton provided effective training / Princeton did not provide training, but training would have been helpful / Princeton did not provide training, and training is not necessary]

- Analyzing or synthesizing data
- Identifying problem and formulating solution
- Designing and executing research
- Locating and applying information/data
- Presenting orally

- Managing people
- Managing budgets
- Thinking critically/problem-solving
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Looking back to when you completed your degree, what were your career expectations?

From this perspective, would you say completing your Princeton degree was:

- Definitely not worth the effort
- Probably not worth the effort
- Probably worth the effort
- Definitely worth the effort

Knowing what you know now, if you had it to do it over again, would you...

[Definitely / Probably / Not sure / Probably not / Definitely not]

- Choose the same field of study at Princeton?
- Choose the same field of study at another university?
- Choose a different field of study at Princeton?
- Choose a different field of study at another university?

- Choose a different post-graduate degree?
- Choose not to pursue a graduate degree?

If there has been a change in your career goals, briefly describe what accounts for the change?

Based upon your experience at Princeton, how likely would you be to:

[Definitely / Probably / Not sure / Probably not / Definitely not]

- Recommend Princeton to a prospective graduate student.
- Recommend your field of study to a prospective graduate student.

Graduate Alumni/ae Relations

How connected do you feel to Princeton University?

- Not very connected
- Somewhat connected
- Moderately connected
- Very connected

When you think about your connections to Princeton today, how important are each of the following to you?

[Provides an Essential Connection / Very Important / Important / Somewhat Important / Not Important / Not Applicable]

- Receiving your departmental newsletter
- Receiving Association of Princeton Graduate Alumni/ae (APGA) communications
- Receiving University communications (e.g., “Princeton Alumni Weekly”; invitations to regional events...)
- Participating in APGA events
- Participating in University-wide events

- Interacting socially, non-professionally, with other alumni
- Returning to campus (departmental events, Alumni Day, Reunions)
- University website
- Departmental or Program website
- Facebook
- Twitter
- YouTube
- Other (please specify)

Since completing your graduate degree, how often have you participated in the following activities?

[Never / Once / Multiple Times]

- APGA sponsored events
- Regional Alumni Association
- Mentoring current graduate and/or graduate alumni
- Career networking events
- Affiliated Groups: ABPA, ALPA, A4P, BTGALA
- Alumni Studies on-line courses/lectures
- Departmental events
- On-campus lectures, symposia, performances, exhibits
- Alumni Day
- Reunions

Looking forward, how might your participation in the following change?

[Participate less frequently / Would not change / Participate more frequently]

- APGA sponsored events
- Regional Alumni Association
- Mentoring current graduate and/or graduate alumni

- Career networking events
- Affiliated Groups: ABPA, ALPA, A4P, BTGALA
- Alumni Studies on-line courses/lectures
- Departmental events
- On-campus lectures, symposia, performances, exhibits
- Alumni Day
- Reunions

Thinking of events Princeton might sponsor for Graduate Alumni/ae, how interested would you be in attending each of the following:

[I would definitely want to attend / Very Interested / I would consider attending / Not Very Interested / I would not attend]

- Faculty members speaking about research
- Graduate students speaking about research
- Graduate administrators speaking about the Graduate School
- Senior administrators (President, Provost...) speaking about University developments, priorities
- Professional networking opportunities
- Social events
- Departmental reunions during academic year

Thinking about Princeton, please rate your level of interest in each of the following:

[Not Interested / Somewhat Interested / Interested / Very Interested]

- Graduate alumni activities and achievements
- Faculty initiatives in research and teaching
- Graduate student activities and achievements
- News from academic departments
- News about University academic priorities
- APGA sponsored activities
- Alumni Association sponsored activities

- Other

How would you prefer to receive information about news, events, and activities of interest to the Graduate Alumni/ae community?

- Websites
- Facebook
- Twitter
- Email
- Personal Contact
- Other Social Media _____
- Other _____

Please use the space below to elaborate on any of the questions above and/or to comment on any other aspect of your graduate experience not covered in this questionnaire.

The Office of Graduate Alumni Relations seeks to maintain and strengthen the relationship between graduate alumni and the Graduate School and Princeton University. The office works closely with the Dean of the Graduate School, the Alumni Association of Princeton University, the Association of Princeton Graduate Alumni, and individual departments and programs to provide opportunities for graduate alumni to connect to the University and one another. Gatherings hosted by the dean in Wyman House and in cities around the world, graduate alumni/student career mixer evenings, Alumni Day activities and Reunions are just a few of the occasions which bring graduate alumni together each year. To ensure that you are kept informed of these activities we ask that you provide your current contact information which will be used to update information maintained by the office of Graduate Alumni Relations and the Office of Development.

Current e-mail addresses at which you may be reached:

Email address 1
Email address 2
Email address 3

Current telephone numbers at which you may be reached:

[(XXX) XXX-XXXX / Country code if outside U.S.]

- Work
- Home
- Cell

Current Work Address

Organization

Position Title

Address 1

Address 2

State

Postal Code

Country (7)

Current Home Address

Address 1

Address 2

State

Postal Code

Country

Another address that you would rather share

Address 1

Address 2

State

Postal Code

Country

Email Address 1

Email Address 2

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. If you have any questions, about the survey please contact:

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Please click the Submit button to submit your survey.