

Graduate Student Exit Survey

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Q2 Congratulations on completing your degree! I am asking for your help in gathering information about your experience at Virginia Tech as a graduate student. You are receiving this survey because you received a degree in the most recent academic year. If you are receiving your Master's on your way to your PhD or have applied for a certificate, you do not have to take this survey now. When answering the questions below, please keep your most recent degree in mind. This survey should take about 10 minutes or less and your response is very important to me. The information you provide is anonymous and confidential, and it will help us to better serve graduate students in the future.

**Thank you for your participation. I wish you all the best in your future pursuits.
Karen P. DePauw, PhD Vice President and Dean of the Graduate School**

Q3 I consent to participate in this survey and understand that my responses will be anonymous and confidential.

☐ Yes (1)

☐ No (2)

Skip To: End of Survey If I consent to participate in this survey and understand that my responses will be anonymous and co... = No

Q4 Part 1: Degree

Q61 Please select the term you completed your most recent degree:

If you were awarded a master's degree on your way to a PhD you may take the survey now and again when you awarded your PhD.

▼ Fall 2020 (9) ... Other (6)

Skip To: End of Survey If Please select the term you completed your most recent degree: If you were awarded a master's deg... = Other

Q5 Please choose the most recent graduate degree you earned from Virginia Tech:

- ☐ EdD (17)
- ☐ EdS (18)
- ☐ Master's (19)
- ☐ PhD (20)
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Q6 Degree Option:

- ☐ Dissertation (1)
- ☐ Thesis (2)
- ☐ Capstone Project/Report (3)
- ☐ Non-Thesis/Coursework only (4)
- ☐ Other (5) _____
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Q7 Please select the college and program your degree was awarded from:

College (1)

Degree Program (2)

▼ Agriculture & Life Sciences (1) ... Other ~ Other (110)

Display This Question:

If Please select the college and program your degree was awarded from: = Other ~ Other

Q8 Other degree program name:

Q9 I was awarded more than one degree this academic year:

- ☐ Yes (1)
- ☐ No (2)

Display This Question:

If I was awarded more than one degree this academic year: = Yes

Q10 Second Degree: Graduate Degree

- ☐ EdD (1)
- ☐ EdS (2)
- ☐ Master's (3)
- ☐ PhD (4)

Display This Question:

If I was awarded more than one degree this academic year: = Yes

Q11 Second Degree: Degree Option

- ☐ Dissertation (1)
- ☐ Thesis (2)
- ☐ Capstone Project/Report (3)
- ☐ Non-Thesis/Coursework only (4)
- ☐ Other (5)
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Display This Question:

If I was awarded more than one degree this academic year: = Yes

Q12 Second Degree: College and program degree was awarded from:

College (1)

Degree Program (2)

▼ Agriculture & Life Sciences (1) ... Other ~ Other (104)

Display This Question:

If Second Degree: College and program degree was awarded from: = Other ~ Other

Q13 Other degree program name:

Q14 What was your most consistent enrollment status during your program?

☐ Full-time (9+ credit hours per semester) (1)

☐ Part-time (less than 9 credit hours per semester) (2)

Q15 How many years did it take you to complete your most recent degree? If you finished your degree in an extra semester beyond a round year, please round up to the next full year. Ex: 2 years and 1 semester, round to 3 years.

▼ 1 (1) ... 7 or more (7)

Q16 On which campus did you take the majority of your coursework?

▼ Blacksburg (1) ... Online/Virtual (7)

Q17 Did you participate in an Interdisciplinary Graduate Education Program (IGEP)?

☐ Yes (1)

☐ No (2)

Display This Question:

If Did you participate in an Interdisciplinary Graduate Education Program (IGEP)? = Yes

Q18 Which IGEP did you participate in?

▼ Bio-Inspired Buildings (1) ... Water INTERface (14)

Q19 Did you participate in any of the following Transformative Graduate Education Courses/Programs? Please check all that apply.

☐ Citizen Scholar (1)

☐ Communicating Science (2)

☐ Diversity Scholar (3)

☐ Enrolled in GRAD courses offered by the Graduate School (4)

☐ Global Perspectives (5)

☐ International Research Abroad Certificate (6)

☐ Preparing the Future Professoriate Certificate (7)

☒ I did not participate in any of these offerings (8)

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Q20 Part 2: What are your plans now that you've finished this degree?

For further definition of each of the response options below, please view the [Career Outcomes Definitions.xlsx](#) .

Q21 Career Sector

- ☐ Academic: Continuation of graduate school (1)
 - ☐ Academic: Postdoc or Research Associate (2)
 - ☐ Academic: University or college faculty (3)
 - ☐ Academic: Administration (4)
 - ☐ Academic: Elementary or secondary education (5)
 - ☐ For-Profit; Industry or other corporation (non-research) (6)
 - ☐ For-Profit: Industry or other corporation (research) (7)
 - ☐ Nonprofit (13)
 - ☐ Government (8)
 - ☐ Military (9)
 - ☐ Self-employed (10)
 - ☐ Unknown (11)
 - ☐ Other (12) _____
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Q63 Career Type

- ☐ Primarily Research (1)
 - ☐ Primarily Teaching (2)
 - ☐ Science-related (3)
 - ☐ Not related to science (4)
 - ☐ Further training or education (5)
 - ☐ Unknown (6)
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Q64 Job Function

- ☐ Administration (1)
- ☐ Business development, consulting, and strategic alliances (2)
- ☐ Clinical research management (3)
- ☐ Clinical services (4)
- ☐ Data science, analytics, and software engineering (5)
- ☐ Entrepreneurship (6)
- ☐ Faculty: nontenure track (7)
- ☐ Faculty: tenured/tenure track (8)
- ☐ Faculty: tenure track unclear or not applicable (9)
- ☐ Group leader (research) (10)
- ☐ Healthcare provider (11)
- ☐ Full-time teaching staff (12)
- ☐ Intellectual property and law (13)
- ☐ Part-time teaching staff (14)
- ☐ Postdoctoral (15)
- ☐ Regulatory affairs (16)
- ☐ Research staff or technical director (17)
- ☐ Sales and marketing (18)
- ☐ Science education and outreach (19)
- ☐ Science policy and government affairs (20)
- ☐ Science writing and communication (21)

- ☐ Technical support and product development (22)
- ☐ Other (23)
- ☐ Completing further education (24)
- ☐ Unknown (25)

Q22 Where will you be located?

▼ Alabama (1) ... Outside of the US (51)

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If Where will you be located? = Outside of the US

Q62 In which country will you be located?

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If Where will you be located? = Virginia

And Career Sector = Academic: Continuation of graduate school

Or If

Where will you be located? = Virginia

And Career Sector = Academic: Postdoc or Research Associate

Or If

Where will you be located? = Virginia

And Career Sector = Academic: University or college faculty

Or If

Where will you be located? = Virginia

And Career Sector = Academic: Administration

Q23 Will you be continuing your education or employment at Virginia Tech?

- ☐ Yes (1)
- ☐ No (2)

Display This Question:

If Career Sector != Academic: Continuation of graduate school
And Career Sector != Unknown
And Career Sector != Self-employed

Q24 Who is your employment with?

- ☐ A new position with a new employer (1)
- ☐ A new position with a previous employer (2)
- ☐ Current position (3)
- ☐ Resuming a previous position with previous employer (4)
- ☐ N/A (5)
- ☐ Other (6) _____

Display This Question:

If Career Sector != Academic: Continuation of graduate school
And Career Sector != Self-employed
And Career Sector != Unknown

Q25 What is the salary range for your position?

- ☐ Under \$24,999 (1)
- ☐ \$25,000 to \$34,999 (2)
- ☐ \$35,000 to \$44,999 (3)
- ☐ \$45,000 to \$54,999 (4)
- ☐ \$55,000 to \$64,999 (5)
- ☐ \$65,000 to \$74,999 (6)
- ☐ \$75,000 to \$84,999 (7)
- ☐ \$85,000 to \$94,999 (8)
- ☐ \$95,000 to \$104,999 (9)
- ☐ \$105,000 to \$124,999 (10)
- ☐ \$125,000 to \$150,000 (11)
- ☐ More than \$150,000 (12)
- ☐ N/A (13)
- ☐ Unsure (14)

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Q26 Part 3: Preparation for future pursuits

The questions in this section will help us understand how prepared you feel as you take your next step into a career or continue academic pursuits.



Q27 How well prepared do you feel for whatever you are doing next in your career or academic pursuits?

- ☐ Extremely well (5)
 - ☐ Very well (4)
 - ☐ Moderately well (3)
 - ☐ Slightly well (2)
 - ☐ Not well at all (1)
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Q28 Skill Obtainment

	Strongly Disagree (1)	Disagree (2)	Agree (3)	Strongly Agree (4)	N/A (5)
I developed skills related to my career (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I had opportunities to develop a high level of knowledge in my discipline (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I feel prepared to achieve my career objective (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q29 I feel prepared to:

	Strongly Disagree (1)	Disagree (2)	Agree (3)	Strongly Agree (4)	N/A (5)
Assume roles and responsibilities in my chosen career path/discipline (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Succeed in a diverse work environment (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Succeed in a global work environment (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Work and succeed in a collaborative and team- based work environment (4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Q30 I was able to participate in meaningful and innovative graduate education through:

	Strongly Disagree (1)	Disagree (2)	Agree (3)	Strongly Agree (4)	N/A (5)
Discipline- related research within my department (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Interdisciplinary research outside of coursework (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Interdisciplinary research as part of my coursework (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Education and training through the Graduate School (i.e., Citizen Scholar, Diversity Scholar) (4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q31 I am able to use innovative technologies:

	Strongly Disagree (1)	Disagree (2)	Agree (3)	Strongly Agree (4)	N/A (5)
In my research work (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Teaching responsibilities (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Course work (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Community engagement initiatives (4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q32 I feel prepared to apply my scholarly work to

	Strongly Disagree (1)	Disagree (2)	Agree (3)	Strongly Agree (4)	N/A (5)
Contemporary contexts (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Global contexts and concerns (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q33 My graduate education, research, or teaching work helped me:

	Strongly Disagree (1)	Disagree (2)	Agree (3)	Strongly Agree (4)	N/A (5)
Utilize critical- thinking skills (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Utilize problem- defining skills (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Develop Leadership skills (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Understand and follow the ethical standards and professional practices set for my field (4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Q50 Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements regarding your interaction with your primary faculty advisor.

	Strongly Disagree (1)	Disagree (2)	Agree (3)	Strongly Agree (4)	N/A (5)
Feedback received from faculty/advisors improved my ability to progress in my development (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I felt subjected to unwarranted or invalid criticism (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I felt encouraged to engage in activities that increased my social and professional network (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I felt isolated socially and professionally as a student (4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My supervisor equally dispersed tasks among those I worked with (5)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I felt like I was treated different than others (6)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q34 Would you:

	Yes (1)	No (2)	Unsure (3)
Recommend Virginia Tech to others attending Graduate School (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Recommend Your Department (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Start again at Virginia Tech (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Start again in your Department (4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Start again with your same advisor(s) (5)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Display This Question:

If Would you: = Recommend Virginia Tech to others attending Graduate School [Yes]

Q35 In a previous question you indicated you would recommend Virginia Tech. Please use this space to explain why you would recommend graduate school at **Virginia Tech** to others:

Display This Question:

If Would you: = Recommend Virginia Tech to others attending Graduate School [No]

Or Would you: = Recommend Virginia Tech to others attending Graduate School [Unsure]

Q57 In a previous question you indicated you would not recommend (or were unsure) Virginia Tech. Please use this space to explain why you would not recommend graduate school at **Virginia Tech** to others:

Display This Question:

If Would you: = Recommend Your Department [Yes]

Q58 In a previous question you indicated you would recommend your department. Please use this space to explain why you would recommend **your department** to others:

Display This Question:

If Would you: = Recommend Your Department [No]

Or Would you: = Recommend Your Department [Unsure]

Q59 In a previous question you indicated you would not recommend (or were unsure) your department. Please use this space to explain why you would not recommend **your department** to others:

Q60 In the space below, please share any advice you would want to share with new graduate students. This could be resources you wish you knew about sooner, strategies for a successful graduate career, or anything else you think would be of interest.

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Q36 Part 4: Demographic Information

Q37 Please select the racial/ethnic group that best describes you:

- ☐ American Indian/Alaska Native (1)
 - ☐ Asian (2)
 - ☐ Black or African American (3)
 - ☐ Hispanic (4)
 - ☐ Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander (5)
 - ☐ Two or more races (6)
 - ☐ White (7)
 - ☐ International Student (8)
 - ☐ Prefer not to disclose (9)
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Q38 Please specify your gender identity/expression:

- ☐ Male (1)
 - ☐ Female (2)
 - ☐ Transgender/Gender Non-Conforming (3)
 - ☐ Self Identify (4) _____
 - ☐ Prefer not to disclose (5)
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Q39 Sex:

☐ Male (1)

☐ Female (2)

☐ Intersex (3)

☐ Self Identify (4) _____

☐ Prefer not to disclose (5)

End of Block: Default Question Block
