# Association of American Universities Data Exchange (AAUDE) Doctoral Exit Survey 

Results from the Doctoral Exit Survey administered during the 2022-23 academic year in partnership with AAUDE

## 2022-23 AAUDE DOCTORAL EXIT SURVEY

## PURPOSE OF DOCUMENT

This document shares the 2022-23 basic frequencies and percentages from this online survey.

The purpose of this document is to shed light on graduating doctoral student perceptions from the 2022-23 academic year. This report can be used by stakeholders to support decision making within The Graduate School.

On subsequent pages, table frequencies and percentages are displayed for every section of the survey: overall satisfaction, program quality, support, faculty mentoring/advising, professional development, climate/ obstacles to success, and postgraduate plans.

Ad-hoc analyses and additional breakdowns of the survey data can be provided upon request to IRRIS@austin.utexas.edu.

## BACKGROUND ON SURVEY

UT Austin continuously participates in the Doctoral Exit Survey, developed by the Association of American Universities Data Exchange (AAUDE). Results from this survey are shared with AAUDE to provide all AAU schools with an understanding of the university climate for doctoral students.

The survey is posted on UT Austin's Graduate School website.
The survey remains open all year, so that doctoral students can complete the survey at any time prior to completion of their doctoral degree.

## BACKGROUND ON SURVEY PARTICIPANTS

This survey is open to all doctoral candidates at UT Austin. During the 2022-23 academic year, 447 doctoral candidates responded to the survey out of 865 doctoral candidates who earned their degree during this year ( $51.7 \%$ response rate).

Respondents represent 71 different fields of study. The programs with the most respondents were: Electrical and Computer Engineering ( $\mathrm{n}=28$ ), Civil Engineering ( $\mathrm{n}=27$ ), Mechanical Engineering (25) and Geological Sciences ( $\mathrm{n}=21$ ). See the appendix for a full list of programs represented and the number of respondents per program.

The sample is fairly representative of recent doctoral graduates with regards to demographics, as outlined in the graph below. However, there is a $3.5 \%$ overrepresentation of international students.

## 2022-23 Representation by Gender, Race, \& Ethnicity



The race and gender categories in the figure above are based on IPEDS definitions of race and gender. The 'Other' race category represents American Indian/Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander, and those who identy as two or more races.

Doctoral students are encouraged to complete the Doctoral Exit Survey right before their graduation.

## HIGHLIGHTS

## Overall Experience

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
\text { rated their academic } & \text { rated their overall experience at } \\
\text { experience at UT Austin very } \\
\text { good to excellent } & \text { UT Austin very good to excellent }
\end{array} \begin{aligned}
& \text { rated their overall } \\
& \text { program quality very good } \\
& \text { to excellent }
\end{aligned}
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Obstacles and Climate


Percentage of doctoral candidates who indicated the factors listed above as a significant obstacle to academic progress.
*Only $60.2 \%$ of respondents answered this item; the remaining $39.8 \%$ selected N/A.

## Postgraduate Plans

Signed a contract/made definite commitment 34.7\% for other work

Signed contract/made a definite commitment 26.8\% for a Postdoc

Seeking position but have no specific prospects

Negotiating with one or more
7.8\% specific organizations

Returning to, or continuing in,
5.8\%
predoctoral employment

Do not plan to work or study (e.g., family commitments, etc.)

Other
4.9\%


Responses to 'How would you characterize the type of employer you will be.plan to be working for next year?'
This question was only presented to those who selected 'employed by an organization' or 'other' when asked the status of their post-doc plans. ( $\mathrm{N}=177$ )

## RESULTS: FREQUENCIES AND PERCENTAGES

The following tables outline basic frequencies and percentages for every survey item.

## Overall Satisfaction

Please rate your overall satisfaction with each of the following: Your academic experience at this university

|  |  | Prequency | Percent including missing <br> data | Percent excluding missing <br> Valid |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | Excellent | 199 | 44.5 | 44.5 |
|  | Very good | 166 | 37.1 | 37.1 |
|  | Good | 57 | 12.8 | 12.8 |
|  | Fair | 16 | 3.6 | 3.6 |
| Poor | 9 | 2.0 | 2.0 |  |
| Total | 447 | 100.0 | 100.0 |  |

Please rate your overall satisfaction with each of the following: Your student life experience at this university

|  |  | Prequency | Percent including missing <br> data | Percent excluding missing <br> data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Excellent | 134 | 30.0 | 30.0 |
|  | Very good | 147 | 32.9 | 32.9 |
|  | 105 | 23.5 | 23.5 |  |
| Fair | 47 | 10.5 | 10.5 |  |
| Poor | 14 | 3.1 | 3.1 |  |
| Total | 447 | 100.0 | 100.0 |  |

Please rate your overall satisfaction with each of the following: Your overall experience at this university

|  |  | Frequency | Percent including missing <br> data | Percent excluding missing <br> data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Excellent | 160 | 35.8 | 35.8 |
|  | Very good | 168 | 37.6 | 37.6 |
|  | 89 | 19.9 | 19.9 |  |
| Fair | 23 | 5.1 | 5.1 |  |
| Poor | 7 | 1.6 | 1.6 |  |
| Total | 447 | 100.0 | 100.0 |  |

[^0]If you were to start your doctoral career again: Would you select this same university?

|  |  | Prequency | Percent including missing <br> data | Percent excluding missing <br> data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Definitely | 220 | 49.2 | 49.2 |
|  | Probably | 141 | 31.5 | 31.5 |
| Maybe | 55 | 12.3 | 12.3 |  |
| Probably not | 22 | 4.9 | 4.9 |  |
| Definitely not | 9 | 2.0 | 2.0 |  |
| Total | 447 | 100.0 | 100.0 |  |

If you were to start your doctoral career again: Would you select the same field of study?

|  |  | Prequency | Percent including missing <br> data | Percent excluding missing <br> data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Definitely | 273 | 61.1 | 61.1 |
|  | Probably | 113 | 25.3 | 25.3 |
|  | Maybe | 38 | 8.5 | 8.5 |
| Probably not | 18 | 4.0 | 4.0 |  |
|  | Definitely not | 5 | 1.1 | 1.1 |
| Total | 447 | 100.0 | 100.0 |  |

If you were to start your doctoral career again: Would you recommend this university to someone considering your field of study?

|  |  | Prequency | Percent including missing <br> data | Percent excluding missing <br> data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Definitely | 235 | 52.6 | 52.6 |
|  | Probably | 124 | 27.7 | 27.7 |
|  | 61 | 13.6 | 13.6 |  |
| Probably not | 15 | 3.4 | 3.4 |  |
| Definitely not | 12 | 2.7 | 2.7 |  |
| Total | 447 | 100.0 | 100.0 |  |

[^1]
## Program Quality

When you first enrolled as a doctoral student, did your department or program provide an orientation to explain the process of completing your doctoral degree?

|  |  | Prequency | Percent including missing <br> data | Percent excluding missing <br> data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Yes, and I attended. | 377 | 84.3 | 84.3 |
| Yes, but I did not <br> attend. | 18 | 4.0 | 4.0 |  |
| No | 24 | 5.4 | 5.4 |  |
| Don't know | 28 | 6.3 | 6.3 |  |
| Total | 447 | 100.0 | 100.0 |  |

How effective was this orientation in helping you to understand the process of completing your doctoral degree?

|  |  | Frequency | Percent including missing <br> data | Percent excluding missing <br> data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Very effective | 132 | 29.5 | 35.1 |
|  | Somewhat effective | 183 | 40.9 | 48.7 |
|  | Neither effective nor <br> ineffective | 37 | 8.3 | 9.8 |
|  | Somewhat ineffective | 16 | 3.6 | 4.3 |
|  | Very ineffective | 8 | 1.8 | 2.1 |
| Missing | System | 376 | 71 | 84.1 |
| Total |  | 447 | 15.9 | 100.0 |

Did your doctoral program provide you with a written set of expectations about academic requirements and expected progress?

|  |  | Frequency | Percent including missing <br> data | Percent excluding missing <br> data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Yes | 379 | 84.8 | 84.8 |
|  | No | 32 | 7.2 | 7.2 |
|  | Don't know | 36 | 8.1 | 8.1 |
|  | Total | 447 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

[^2]Other than course grades and results of written or oral examinations, did your doctoral program provide a formal assessment of your academic progress at least annually?

|  |  | Prequency | Percent including missing <br> data | Percent excluding missing <br> data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Yes | 300 | 67.1 | 67.1 |
|  | No | 110 | 24.6 | 24.6 |
|  | Don't know | 37 | 8.3 | 8.3 |
|  | Total | 447 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

Please rate the following aspects of your doctoral program: Quality of the graduate curriculum

|  |  | Frequency | Percent including missing data | Percent excluding missing data |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Valid | Excellent | 168 | 37.6 | 37.7 |
|  | Very good | 171 | 38.3 | 38.3 |
|  | Good | 80 | 17.9 | 17.9 |
|  | Fair | 21 | 4.7 | 4.7 |
|  | Poor | 6 | 1.3 | 1.3 |
|  | Total | 446 | 99.8 | 100.0 |
| Missing | System | 1 | . 2 |  |
| Total |  | 447 | 100.0 |  |

Please rate the following aspects of your doctoral program: Quality of graduate-level teaching by faculty

|  |  | Frequency | Percent including missing <br> data | Percent excluding missing <br> data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Excellent | 183 | 40.9 | 41.0 |
|  | Very good | 163 | 36.5 | 36.5 |
|  | Good | 71 | 15.9 | 15.9 |
|  | Fair | 26 | 5.8 | 5.8 |
| Moor | 3 | .7 | .7 |  |
| Total | Total | 446 | 99.8 | 100.0 |

[^3]Please rate the following aspects of your doctoral program: Quality of academic advising and guidance

|  |  | Prequency | Percent including missing <br> data | Percent excluding missing <br> data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Excellent | 189 | 42.3 | 42.3 |
|  | Very good | 130 | 29.1 | 29.1 |
|  | 68 | 15.2 | 15.2 |  |
| Fair | 44 | 9.8 | 9.8 |  |
| Poor | 16 | 3.6 | 3.6 |  |
| Total | 447 | 100.0 | 100.0 |  |

Please rate the following aspects of your doctoral program: Preparation for candidacy/comprehensive examinations (coursework, seminars, labs, reading courses, etc.)

|  |  | Frequency | Percent including missing data | Percent excluding missing data |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Valid | Excellent | 163 | 36.5 | 36.5 |
|  | Very good | 166 | 37.1 | 37.2 |
|  | Good | 66 | 14.8 | 14.8 |
|  | Fair | 38 | 8.5 | 8.5 |
|  | Poor | 13 | 2.9 | 2.9 |
|  | Total | 446 | 99.8 | 100.0 |
| Missing | System | 1 | . 2 |  |
| Total |  | 447 | 100.0 |  |

Please rate the following aspects of your doctoral program: The opportunity to collaborate across disciplines

|  |  | Frequency | Percent including missing <br> data | Percent excluding missing <br> data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Excellent | 141 | 31.5 | 31.6 |
|  | Very good | 121 | 27.1 | 27.1 |
|  | Good | 99 | 22.1 | 22.2 |
|  | Fair | 52 | 11.6 | 11.7 |
| Moor | 33 | 7.4 | 7.4 |  |
| Total | Total | 446 | 99.8 | 100.0 |

[^4]Please rate the following aspects of your doctoral program: Assistance in finding employment

|  |  | Frequency | Percent including missing <br> data | Percent excluding missing <br> data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Excellent | 120 | 26.8 | 27.0 |
|  | Very good | 104 | 23.3 | 23.4 |
|  | Good | 113 | 25.3 | 25.5 |
|  | Fair | 65 | 14.5 | 14.6 |
| Moor | 42 | 9.4 | 9.5 |  |
| Total | Total | 444 | 99.3 | 100.0 |

Please rate the following aspects of your doctoral program: Overall program quality

|  |  | Prequency | Percent including missing <br> data | Percent excluding missing <br> data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Excellent | 163 | 36.5 | 36.5 |
|  | Very good | 177 | 39.6 | 39.6 |
|  | 74 | 16.6 | 16.6 |  |
| Fair | 24 | 5.4 | 5.4 |  |
|  | 9 | 2.0 | 2.0 |  |
|  | Poor | 447 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

Please rate the adequacy of the support you were provided during your doctoral education and dissertation research in the following areas: Financial support

|  |  | Frequency | Percent including missing <br> data | Percent excluding missing <br> data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Excellent | 117 | 26.2 | 27.5 |
|  | Very good | 108 | 24.2 | 25.4 |
|  | Good | 85 | 19.0 | 20.0 |
|  | Fair | 75 | 16.8 | 17.6 |
| Poor | 41 | 9.2 | 9.6 |  |
| Total | Total | 426 | 95.3 | 100.0 |

Please rate the adequacy of the support you were provided during your doctoral education and dissertation research in the following areas: Information technology (IT) resources

|  |  | Prequency | Percent including missing <br> data | Percent excluding missing <br> data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Excellent | 154 | 34.5 | 36.5 |
|  | Very good | 125 | 28.0 | 29.6 |
|  | Good | 90 | 20.1 | 21.3 |
|  | Fair | 41 | 9.2 | 9.7 |
| Moor | 12 | 2.7 | 2.8 |  |
| Total | Total | 422 | 94.4 | 100.0 |

Please rate the adequacy of the support you were provided during your doctoral education and dissertation research in the following areas: Your personal workspace (e.g., desk or office)

|  |  | Frequency | Percent including missing <br> data | Percent excluding missing <br> data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Excellent | 123 | 27.5 | 29.4 |
|  | Very good | 120 | 26.8 | 28.6 |
|  | Good | 97 | 21.7 | 23.2 |
|  | Fair | 41 | 9.2 | 9.8 |
| Moor | 38 | 8.5 | 9.1 |  |
| Total | Total | 419 | 98 | 6.3 |

Please rate the adequacy of the support you were provided during your doctoral education and dissertation research in the following areas: Library and electronic research resources

|  |  | Frequency | Percent including missing <br> data | Percent excluding missing <br> data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Excellent | 251 | 56.2 | 57.0 |
|  | Very good | 134 | 30.0 | 30.5 |
|  | Good | 46 | 10.3 | 10.5 |
|  | Fair | 8 | 1.8 | 1.8 |
| Moor | 1 | .2 | .2 |  |
| Total | Total | 440 | 7 | 98.4 |

Please rate the adequacy of the support you were provided during your doctoral education and dissertation research in the following areas: Laboratory, clinical, studio, or other physical facilities

|  |  | Prequency | Percent including missing <br> data | Percent excluding missing <br> data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Excellent | 124 | 27.7 | 40.3 |
|  | Very good | 100 | 22.4 | 32.5 |
|  | Good | 64 | 14.3 | 20.8 |
|  | Fair | 8 | 1.8 | 2.6 |
| Moor | 12 | 2.7 | 3.9 |  |
| Total | Total | 308 | 68.9 | 100.0 |

[^5]
## Support Faculty Mentoring and Advising

How helpful was the advice you received from your dissertation/thesis adviser in each of these areas? Selection of a dissertation topic

|  |  | Frequency | Percent including missing <br> data | Percent excluding missing <br> data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Very helpful | 320 | 71.6 | 73.2 |
|  | Somewhat helpful | 87 | 19.5 | 19.9 |
|  | Not very helpful | 20 | 4.5 | 4.6 |
|  | Not helpful at all | 10 | 2.2 | 2.3 |
| Total | 437 | 10 | 97.8 | 100.0 |
| Missing | System | 447 | 2.2 |  |
| Total |  |  | 100.0 |  |

How helpful was the advice you received from your dissertation/thesis adviser in each of these areas? Your dissertation research

|  |  | Prequency | Percent including missing <br> data | Percent excluding missing <br> data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Very helpful | 320 | 71.6 | 72.1 |
|  | Somewhat helpful | 94 | 21.0 | 21.2 |
|  | Not very helpful | 23 | 5.1 | 5.2 |
|  | Not helpful at all | 7 | 1.6 | 1.6 |
| Total | 444 | 99.3 | 100.0 |  |
| Missing | System | 447 | 100.0 |  |
| Total |  |  |  |  |

How helpful was the advice you received from your dissertation/thesis adviser in each of these areas? -
Writing and revising your dissertation

|  |  | Prequency | Percent including missing <br> data | Percent excluding missing <br> data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Very helpful | 305 | 68.2 | 68.8 |
|  | Somewhat helpful | 102 | 22.8 | 23.0 |
|  | Not very helpful | 23 | 5.1 | 5.2 |
|  | Not helpful at all | 13 | 2.9 | 2.9 |
| Missing | System | 443 | 9 | .9 |
| Total |  | 447 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

[^6]How helpful was the advice you received from your dissertation/thesis adviser in each of these areas? Academic career options

|  |  | Frequency | Percent including missing <br> data | Percent excluding missing <br> data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Very helpful | 246 | 55.0 | 60.6 |
|  | Somewhat helpful | 116 | 26.0 | 28.6 |
|  | Not very helpful | 27 | 6.0 | 6.7 |
|  | Not helpful at all | 17 | 3.8 | 4.2 |
| Total | 406 | 90.8 | 100.0 |  |
| Missing | System | 41 | 9.2 |  |
| Total |  | 447 | 100.0 |  |

How helpful was the advice you received from your dissertation/thesis adviser in each of these areas? Nonacademic career options

|  |  | Frequency | Percent including missing <br> data | Percent excluding missing <br> data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Very helpful | 162 | 36.2 | 43.3 |
|  | Somewhat helpful | 109 | 24.4 | 29.1 |
|  | Not very helpful | 62 | 13.9 | 16.6 |
|  | Not helpful at all | 41 | 9.2 | 11.0 |
| Missing | System | 374 | 73 | 83.7 |
| Total |  | 147 | 100.3 | 100.0 |

How helpful was the advice you received from your dissertation/thesis adviser in each of these areas? Search for employment or training

|  |  | Frequency | Percent including missing <br> data | Percent excluding missing <br> data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Very helpful | 207 | 46.3 | 51.4 |
|  | Somewhat helpful | 120 | 26.8 | 29.8 |
|  | Not very helpful | 46 | 10.3 | 11.4 |
|  | Not helpful at all | 30 | 6.7 | 7.4 |
| Total | 403 | 90.2 | 100.0 |  |
| Missing | System | 44 | 9.8 |  |
| Total |  |  | 100.0 |  |

[^7]How helpful was the advice you received from your dissertation/thesis adviser in each of these areas? Student wellness

|  |  | Prequency | Percent including missing <br> data | Percent excluding missing <br> data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Very helpful | 225 | 50.3 | 54.6 |
|  | Somewhat helpful | 117 | 26.2 | 28.4 |
|  | Not very helpful | 41 | 9.2 | 10.0 |
|  | Not helpful at all | 29 | 6.5 | 7.0 |
|  | Total | 412 | 92.2 | 100.0 |
| Missing | System | 35 | 7.8 |  |
| Total |  | 147 | 100.0 |  |

Was there another faculty member who you considered to be a mentor (i.e., a faculty member who gave you advice about your education career development or other matters of concern to you as a graduate student)?

|  |  | Frequency | Percent including missing <br> data | Percent excluding missing <br> data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Yes | 236 | 52.8 | 52.8 |
|  | No | 211 | 47.2 | 47.2 |
|  | Total | 447 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

Was the faculty mentor in your program/department?

|  |  | Frequency | Percent including missing <br> data | Percent excluding missing <br> data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Yes | 206 | 46.1 | 87.3 |
|  | No | 30 | 6.7 | 12.7 |
| Motal | 236 | 52.8 | 100.0 |  |
| Missing | System | 211 | 47.2 |  |
| Total |  | 447 | 100.0 |  |

[^8]Was your faculty mentor assigned to you by someone at UT?

|  |  | Frequency | Percent including missing <br> data | Percent excluding missing <br> data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Yes | 21 | 4.7 | 8.9 |
|  | No | 215 | 48.1 | 91.1 |
|  | Total | 236 | 52.8 | 100.0 |
| Missing | System | 211 | 47.2 |  |
| Total |  | 447 | 100.0 |  |

How helpful was the advice you received from your faculty mentor in each of these areas? - Selection of a dissertation topic

|  |  | Prequency | Percent including missing <br> data | Percent excluding missing <br> data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Very helpful | 135 | 30.2 | 67.2 |
|  | Somewhat helpful | 52 | 11.6 | 25.9 |
|  | Not very helpful | 13 | 2.9 | 6.5 |
|  | Not helpful at all | 1 | .2 | .5 |
| Missing | System | 201 | 246 | 45.0 |
| Total |  | 447 | 100.0 |  |

How helpful was the advice you received from your faculty mentor in each of these areas? - Your dissertation research

|  |  | Frequency | Percent including missing <br> data | Percent excluding missing <br> data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Very helpful | 150 | 33.6 | 70.4 |
|  | Somewhat helpful | 49 | 11.0 | 23.0 |
|  | Not very helpful | 11 | 2.5 | 5.2 |
|  | Not helpful at all | 3 | .7 | 1.4 |
| Total | 213 | 47.7 | 100.0 |  |
| Missing | System | 234 | 52.3 |  |
| Total |  | 447 | 100.0 |  |

[^9]How helpful was the advice you received from your faculty mentor in each of these areas? - Writing and revising your dissertation

|  |  | Prequency | Percent including missing <br> data | Percent excluding missing <br> data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Very helpful | 135 | 30.2 | 67.5 |
|  | Somewhat helpful | 41 | 9.2 | 20.5 |
|  | Not very helpful | 19 | 4.3 | 9.5 |
|  | Not helpful at all | 5 | 1.1 | 2.5 |
| Total | 200 | 44.7 | 100.0 |  |
| Missing | System | 247 | 55.3 |  |
| Total |  |  | 100.0 |  |

How helpful was the advice you received from your faculty mentor in each of these areas? - Academic career options

|  |  | Prequency | Percent including missing <br> data | Percent excluding missing <br> data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Very helpful | 129 | 28.9 | 64.5 |
|  | Somewhat helpful | 59 | 13.2 | 29.5 |
|  | Not very helpful | 9 | 2.0 | 4.5 |
|  | Not helpful at all | 3 | .7 | 1.5 |
| Missing | System | 200 | 44.7 | 100.0 |
| Total | 247 | 547 | 100.0 |  |

How helpful was the advice you received from your faculty mentor in each of these areas? - Nonacademic career options

|  |  | Prequency | Percent including missing <br> data | Percent excluding missing <br> data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Very helpful | 84 | 18.8 | 48.6 |
|  | Somewhat helpful | 53 | 11.9 | 30.6 |
|  | Not very helpful | 28 | 6.3 | 16.2 |
|  | Not helpful at all | 8 | 1.8 | 4.6 |
|  | Total | 173 | 38.7 | 100.0 |
| Missing | System | 274 | 61.3 |  |
| Total |  | 147 |  |  |

[^10]How helpful was the advice you received from your faculty mentor in each of these areas? - Search for employment or training

|  |  | Prequency | Percent including missing <br> data | Percent excluding missing <br> data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Very helpful | 104 | 23.3 | 54.2 |
|  | Somewhat helpful | 59 | 13.2 | 30.7 |
|  | Not very helpful | 21 | 4.7 | 10.9 |
|  | Not helpful at all | 8 | 1.8 | 4.2 |
| Missing | System | 192 | 43.0 | 100.0 |
| Total | 255 | 57.0 |  |  |

## How helpful was the advice you received from your faculty mentor in each of these areas? - Student

 wellness|  |  | Prequency | Percent including missing <br> data | Percent excluding missing <br> data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Very helpful | 129 | 28.9 | 62.3 |
|  | Somewhat helpful | 63 | 14.1 | 30.4 |
|  | Not very helpful | 12 | 2.7 | 5.8 |
|  | Not helpful at all | 3 | .7 | 1.4 |
|  | Total | 207 | 46.3 | 100.0 |
| Missing | System | 240 | 53.7 |  |
| Total | 447 | 100.0 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |

## Professional Development

Were you a teaching assistant (TA) at any time during your graduate studies?

|  |  | Prequency | Percent including missing <br> data | Percent excluding missing <br> data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Yes | 341 | 76.3 | 83.0 |
|  | No | 70 | 15.7 | 17.0 |
|  | Total | 411 | 91.9 | 100.0 |
| Missing | System | 36 | 8.1 |  |
| Total |  | 447 | 100.0 |  |

[^11]Were you an assistant instructor (AI) at any time during your graduate studies?

|  |  | Frequency | Percent including missing <br> data | Percent excluding missing <br> data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Yes | 93 | 20.8 | 22.6 |
|  | No | 318 | 71.1 | 77.4 |
|  | Total | 411 | 91.9 | 100.0 |
| Missing | System | 36 | 8.1 |  |
| Total |  | 447 | 100.0 |  |

Were you a research assistant (GRA) at any time during your graduate studies?

|  |  | Prequency | Percent including missing <br> data | Percent excluding missing <br> data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Yes | 333 | 74.5 | 81.0 |
|  | No | 78 | 17.4 | 19.0 |
|  | Total | 411 | 91.9 | 100.0 |
| Missing | System | 36 | 8.1 |  |
| Total |  | 447 | 100.0 |  |

How helpful was this experience with respect to your professional development?

|  |  | Frequency | Percent including missing <br> data | Percent excluding missing <br> data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Very helpful | 286 | 64.0 | 70.6 |
|  | Somewhat helpful | 102 | 22.8 | 25.2 |
|  | Not very helpful | 13 | 2.9 | 3.2 |
|  | Not at all helpful | 4 | .9 | 1.0 |
| Total | 405 | 90.6 | 100.0 |  |
| Missing | System | 42 | 9.4 |  |
| Total |  | 447 | 100.0 |  |

Did you receive training in instructional methods/pedagogy at any time during your graduate studies?

|  |  | Frequency | Percent including missing <br> data | Percent excluding missing <br> data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Yes | 306 | 68.5 | 68.5 |
|  | No | 141 | 31.5 | 31.5 |
|  | Total | 447 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

[^12]
## How helpful was this training?

|  |  | Frequency | Percent including missing <br> data | Percent excluding missing <br> data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Very helpful | 152 | 34.0 | 49.8 |
|  | Somewhat helpful | 119 | 26.6 | 39.0 |
|  | Not very helpful | 30 | 6.7 | 9.8 |
|  | Not at all helpful | 4 | .9 | 1.3 |
| Total | 305 | 68.2 | 100.0 |  |
| Missing | System | 142 | 31.8 |  |
| Total |  | 447 | 100.0 |  |

How many research or scholarly presentations (including poster presentations) did you make on your campus during your graduate studies?

|  |  | Frequency | Percent including missing data | Percent excluding missing data |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Valid | 1 | 60 | 13.4 | 13.5 |
|  | 2 | 73 | 16.3 | 16.4 |
|  | 3 | 65 | 14.5 | 14.6 |
|  | 4 | 37 | 8.3 | 8.3 |
|  | 5 | 34 | 7.6 | 7.6 |
|  | 0 | 98 | 21.9 | 22.0 |
|  | 6 | 16 | 3.6 | 3.6 |
|  | 7 | 6 | 1.3 | 1.3 |
|  | 8 | 12 | 2.7 | 2.7 |
|  | 9 | 1 | . 2 | . 2 |
|  | 10 or more | 43 | 9.6 | 9.7 |
|  | Total | 445 | 99.6 | 100.0 |
| Missing | System | 2 | . 4 |  |
| Total |  | 447 | 100.0 |  |

How many research or scholarly presentations (including poster presentations) did you make at meetings away from your campus (regional, national or international)?


Did you receive institutional or research funds for traveling away from campus for a research or scholarly presentation?

|  |  | Frequency | Percent including missing data | Percent excluding missing data |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Valid | Yes, I received travel funds for one or more presentations I made away from campus. | 344 | 77.0 | 84.1 |
|  | No | 65 | 14.5 | 15.9 |
|  | Total | 409 | 91.5 | 100.0 |
| Missing | System | 38 | 8.5 |  |
| Total |  | 447 | 100.0 |  |

[^13]Select the sources of your travel funds: (select all that apply) Your program

|  |  | Frequency | Percent including missing data | Percent excluding missing data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Your program | 263 | 58.8 | 100.0 |
| Missing | System | 184 | 41.2 |  |
| Total |  | 447 | 100.0 |  |

Select the sources of your travel funds: (select all that apply) A research grant
$\left.\begin{array}{ll|l|l|l} & & \text { Percent including missing } \\ \text { data }\end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l}\text { Percent excluding missing } \\ \text { data }\end{array}\right]$

## Select the sources of your travel funds: (select all that apply) Other institutional funds

|  |  | Prequency | Percent including missing <br> data | Percent excluding missing <br> data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Other institutional funds | 86 | 19.2 | 100.0 |
| Missing | System | 361 | 80.8 |  |
| Total |  | 447 | 100.0 |  |

Based on research conducted while you were a graduate student, how many published (or accepted for publication) scholarly works have you authored or co-authored?
$\left.\begin{array}{l|l|l|l} & & \text { Frequency } & \begin{array}{l}\text { Percent including missing } \\ \text { data }\end{array} \\ \hline \text { Valid } & 1 & 63 & 14.1 \\ \text { Percent excluding missing } \\ \text { data }\end{array}\right]$

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Based on research conducted while you were a graduate student, how many published (or accepted for publication) non-scholarly works have you authored or co-authored (e.g., magazine articles)?

| Frequency |  |  | Percent including missing data | Percent excluding missing data |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Valid | 0 | 352 | 78.7 | 79.1 |
|  | 1 | 47 | 10.5 | 10.6 |
|  | 2 | 16 | 3.6 | 3.6 |
|  | 3 | 6 | 1.3 | 1.3 |
|  | 4 | 6 | 1.3 | 1.3 |
|  | 5 | 5 | 1.1 | 1.1 |
|  | 6 | 2 | . 4 | . 4 |
|  | 7 | 2 | . 4 | . 4 |
|  | 8 | 1 | . 2 | . 2 |
|  | 10 or more | 8 | 1.8 | 1.8 |
|  | Total | 445 | 99.6 | 100.0 |
| Missing | System | 2 | . 4 |  |
| Total |  | 447 | 100.0 |  |

How many others are currently under review?

|  |  | Frequency | Percent including missing data | Percent excluding missing data |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Valid | 1 | 135 | 30.2 | 30.9 |
|  | 2 | 92 | 20.6 | 21.1 |
|  | 3 | 34 | 7.6 | 7.8 |
|  | 4 | 17 | 3.8 | 3.9 |
|  | 5 | 1 | . 2 | . 2 |
|  | 0 | 151 | 33.8 | 34.6 |
|  | 6 | 1 | . 2 | . 2 |
|  | 8 | 3 | . 7 | . 7 |
|  | 9 | 1 | . 2 | . 2 |
|  | 10 or more | 2 | . 4 | . 5 |
|  | Total | 437 | 97.8 | 100.0 |
| Missing | System | 10 | 2.2 |  |
| Total |  | 447 | 100.0 |  |

[^14]
## Climate \& Obstacles to Success

To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements? - Students in my program are treated with respect by faculty.

|  |  | Prequency | Percent including missing <br> data | Percent excluding missing <br> data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Strongly agree | 210 | 47.0 | 47.0 |
|  | Agree | 152 | 34.0 | 34.0 |
| Neutral | 60 | 13.4 | 13.4 |  |
| Disagree | 16 | 3.6 | 3.6 |  |
| Strongly disagree | 9 | 2.0 | 2.0 |  |
| Total | 447 | 100.0 | 100.0 |  |

To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements? - The intellectual climate of my program is positive.

|  |  | Prequency | Percent including missing <br> data | Percent excluding missing <br> data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Strongly agree | 231 | 51.7 | 51.7 |
|  | Agree | 162 | 36.2 | 36.2 |
| Neutral | 28 | 6.3 | 6.3 |  |
| Disagree | 13 | 2.9 | 2.9 |  |
| Strongly disagree | 13 | 2.9 | 2.9 |  |
| Total | 447 | 100.0 | 100.0 |  |

To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements? - The social climate of my program is positive.

|  |  | Prequency | Percent including missing <br> data | Percent excluding missing <br> data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Strongly agree | 181 | 40.5 | 40.5 |
|  | Agree | 155 | 34.7 | 34.7 |
| Neutral | 77 | 17.2 | 17.2 |  |
| Disagree | 21 | 4.7 | 4.7 |  |
| Strongly disagree | 13 | 2.9 | 2.9 |  |
| Total | 447 | 100.0 | 100.0 |  |

[^15]To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements? - Students in my program are collegial.
$\left.\begin{array}{lll|l|l|} & & & \text { Percent including missing } \\ \text { data }\end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l}\text { Percent excluding missing } \\ \text { data }\end{array}\right]$

Please indicate the extent to which the following factors were an obstacle to your academic progress Work/financial commitments

|  |  |  | Percent including missing <br> data | Percent excluding missing <br> data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Very significant | 120 | 26.8 | 28.4 |
|  | Somewhat significant | 130 | 29.1 | 30.8 |
|  | Not very significant | 172 | 38.5 | 40.8 |
| Missing | System | 422 | 94.4 | 100.0 |
| Total |  | 25 | 5.6 |  |

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Please indicate the extent to which the following factors were an obstacle to your academic progress Family obligations

|  |  |  | Percent including missing <br> data | Percent excluding missing <br> data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Very significant | 77 | 17.2 | 18.8 |
|  | Somewhat significant | 116 | 26.0 | 28.4 |
|  | Not very significant | 216 | 48.3 | 52.8 |
| Total | 409 | 91.5 | 100.0 |  |
| Missing | System | 38 | 8.5 |  |
| Total |  | 447 | 100.0 |  |

Please indicate the extent to which the following factors were an obstacle to your academic progress Availability of faculty

|  |  |  | Percent including missing <br> data | Percent excluding missing <br> data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Very significant | 64 | 14.3 | 15.8 |
|  | Somewhat significant | 111 | 24.8 | 27.3 |
|  | Not very significant | 231 | 51.7 | 56.9 |
| Total | 406 | 90.8 | 100.0 |  |
| Missing | System | 41 | 9.2 |  |
| Total |  | 447 | 100.0 |  |

Please indicate the extent to which the following factors were an obstacle to your academic progress Program structure or requirements

|  |  |  | Percent including missing <br> data | Percent excluding missing <br> data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Very significant | 45 | 10.1 | 10.8 |
|  | Somewhat significant | 115 | 25.7 | 27.7 |
|  | Not very significant | 255 | 57.0 | 61.4 |
| Total | 415 | 92.8 | 100.0 |  |
| Missing | System | 32 | 7.2 |  |
| Total |  | 447 | 100.0 |  |

[^16]Please indicate the extent to which the following factors were an obstacle to your academic progress Course scheduling

|  |  |  | Percent including missing <br> data | Percent excluding missing <br> data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Verequency |  |  |  |
|  | Somewhat significant | 99 | 8.3 | 9.0 |
|  | Not very significant | 273 | 22.1 | 24.2 |
| Total | 409 | 61.1 | 66.7 |  |
| Missing | System | 38 | 91.5 | 100.0 |
| Total |  | 447 | 8.5 |  |

Please indicate the extent to which the following factors were an obstacle to your academic progress Immigration laws or regulations
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## Postgraduate Plans

What is the status of your postgraduate plans (in the next year)? Mark one.

|  |  | Frequency | Percent including missing data | Percent excluding missing data |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Valid | Returning to, or continuing in, predoctoral employment | 26 | 5.8 | 5.8 |
|  | Have signed a contract or made a definite commitment for a "postdoc" | 120 | 26.8 | 26.8 |
|  | Have signed a contract or made a definite commitment for other work (e.g., research job in industry, etc.) | 155 | 34.7 | 34.7 |
|  | Negotiating with one or more specific organizations | 35 | 7.8 | 7.8 |
|  | Seeking position but have no specific prospects | 85 | 19.0 | 19.0 |
|  | Other full-time degree program (e.g., MD, DDS, JD, MBA, etc.) | 1 | . 2 | . 2 |
|  | Do not plan to work or study (e.g., family commitments, etc.) | 3 | . 7 | . 7 |
|  | Other | 22 | 4.9 | 4.9 |
|  | Total | 447 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

Which best describes the position you have/plan for next year?
$\left.\begin{array}{lll|l|l|} & & \text { Frequency }\end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l}\text { Percent including missing } \\ \text { data }\end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l}\text { Percent excluding missing } \\ \text { data }\end{array}\right]$

Only asked to those who reported employment of some kind.

Please tell us more about your self-employment. Are you:

|  |  | Frequency | Percent including missing <br> data | Percent excluding missing <br> data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | An established business <br> owner | 1 | .2 | 33.3 |
|  | A start-up founder | 2 | .4 | 66.7 |
|  | Total | 3 | .7 | 100.0 |
| Missing | System | 444 | 99.3 |  |
| Total |  | 100.0 |  |  |

Only asked to those who reported employment as 'Self-employed'.

How would you characterize the type of employer you will be/plan to be working for next year?

|  |  | Frequency | Percent including missing data | Percent excluding missing data |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Valid | Academic institution or research institution | 58 | 13.0 | 32.8 |
|  | Industry/for-profit organization | 102 | 22.8 | 57.6 |
|  | Non-profit, non-government organization | 6 | 1.3 | 3.4 |
|  | Government, elected or civil service | 11 | 2.5 | 6.2 |
|  | Total | 177 | 39.6 | 100.0 |
| Missing | System | 270 | 60.4 |  |
| Total |  | 447 | 100.0 |  |

Only asked of those who reported 'employed by an organization' or 'other' as a form of employment.

Will you be conducting research in the same subject area as your doctoral degree as part of your employment?

|  |  | Frequency | Percent including missing <br> data | Percent excluding missing <br> data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Yes | 241 | 53.9 | 80.6 |
|  | No | 58 | 13.0 | 19.4 |
|  | Total | 299 | 66.9 | 100.0 |
| Missing | System | 148 | 33.1 |  |
| Total |  | 447 | 100.0 |  |

Only asked of those who reported employment or a postdoc.

## What type of appointment do you have/plan to have?

|  |  | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Valid | Tenure-track faculty appointment | 27 | 6.0 | 46.6 |
|  | Non-tenure track faculty <br> appointment | 16 | 3.6 | 27.6 |
|  | Administrative | 7 |  |  |
| Other | 8 | 1.6 | 12.1 |  |
|  | Total | 58 | 1.8 | 13.8 |
| Missing | System | 389 | 13.0 | 100.0 |
| Total |  | 447 | 87.0 |  |

[^17]How likely are you to recommend UT Austin to a friend or colleague seeking a doctoral degree? - Group

|  |  | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Valid | Detractor | 74 | 16.6 | 16.6 |
|  | Passive | 149 | 33.3 | 33.4 |
|  | Promoter | 223 | 49.9 | 50.0 |
|  | Total | 446 | 99.8 | 100.0 |
| Missing | System | 1 | .2 |  |
| Total |  | 447 | 100.0 |  |

Will you primarily be working in the U.S.?

|  |  | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Valid | Yes | 269 | 60.2 | 90.0 |
|  | No | 30 | 6.7 | 10.0 |
|  | Total | 299 | 66.9 | 100.0 |
| Missing | System | 148 | 33.1 |  |
| Total |  | 447 | 100.0 |  |

I feel well prepared to succeed post-graduation.


How likely are you to recommend UT Austin to a friend or colleague seeking a doctoral degree?

|  |  | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Valid | 0 | 7 | 1.6 | 1.6 |
|  | 1 | 4 | . 9 | . 9 |
|  | 2 | 4 | . 9 | . 9 |
|  | 3 | 4 | . 9 | . 9 |
|  | 4 | 7 | 1.6 | 1.6 |
|  | 5 | 21 | 4.7 | 4.7 |
|  | 6 | 27 | 6.0 | 6.1 |
|  | 7 | 58 | 13.0 | 13.0 |
|  | 8 | 91 | 20.4 | 20.4 |
|  | 9 | 80 | 17.9 | 17.9 |
|  | 10 | 143 | 32.0 | 32.1 |
|  | Total | 446 | 99.8 | 100.0 |
| Missing | System | 1 | . 2 |  |
| Total |  | 447 | 100.0 |  |


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