# 2021-2022 

UT AUSTIN
DOCTORAL EXIT SURVEY RESULTS
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## PURPOSE OF DOCUMENT

This document shares the 2021-22 basic frequencies and percentages from this online survey.

The purpose of this document is to shed light on graduating doctoral student perceptions from the 2021-22 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 2021-22 academic year, 339 doctoral candidates responded to the survey out of 871 doctoral candidates who earned their degree during this year ( $38.9 \%$ response rate). The response rate is lower than previous years because the survey was updated mid-academic year to incorporate changes made by AAUDE and the Graduate School. The results only include those who completed the new version of the survey; so, those who completed the previous version of the survey were not included in this years' analyses. In future years, we expect to yield a higher response rate.

Respondents represent 71 different fields of study. The programs with the most respondents were: Electrical and Computer Engineering ( $n=30$ ), Chemical Engineering ( $n=18$ ), Educational Psychology (16) and Physics ( $n=15$ ). 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 $3.4 \%$ overrepresentation of international students. Additionally, there is a $4.7 \%$ underrepresentation of white students.

2021-22 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. Three of the 339 doctoral candidates who completed the survey this academic year did not officially graduate this year. IRRIS chose to include their responses regardless to capture their sentiments about their doctoral experience.

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## HIGHLIGHTS

## Overall Experience

## 81\% <br> 71\% 75\%

rated their academic experience at UT Austin very good to excellent
rated their overall experience at
UT Austin very good to excellent
rated their overall program quality very good to excellent

## Obstacles and Climate



Percentage of doctoral candidates who indicated the factors listed above as a significant obstacle to academic progress.
*Only 55\% of respondents answered this item; the remaining $45 \%$ selected N/A.
agreed students in their program are treated with respect by faculty.
agreed the intellectual climate of their program is positive.
agreed the social climate of their program is positive.

## Postgraduate Plans



Responses to 'what type of principal employer will you be working for (or training with) in the next year?'
This question was only presented to those who selected 'signed a contract/made definite commitment for other work' or 'returning to or continuing in predoctoral employment' when asked the status of their post-doc plans. ( $N=157$ )

## RESULTS: BASIC 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

|  |  | Frequency | Percent including <br> missing data | Percent excluding <br> missing data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Excellent | 123 | 36.3 | 36.3 |
|  | Very good | 152 | 44.8 | 44.8 |
| Good | 44 | 13.0 | 13.0 |  |
| Fair | 17 | 5.0 | 5.0 |  |
|  | Poor | 3 | .9 | .9 |
|  | Total | 339 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

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

|  |  | Frequency | Percent including missing data | Percent excluding missing data |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Valid | Excellent | 87 | 25.7 | 25.7 |
|  | Very good | 131 | 38.6 | 38.6 |
|  | Good | 72 | 21.2 | 21.2 |
|  | Fair | 40 | 11.8 | 11.8 |
|  | Poor | 9 | 2.7 | 2.7 |
|  | Total | 339 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

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

|  |  | Frequency | Percent including <br> missing data | Percent excluding <br> missing data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Excellent | 96 | 28.3 | 28.3 |
|  | Very good | 143 | 42.2 | 42.2 |
| Good | 78 | 23.0 | 23.0 |  |
| Fair | 19 | 5.6 | 5.6 |  |
| Poor | 3 | .9 | .9 |  |
| Total | 339 | 100.0 | 100.0 |  |

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

|  |  | Prequency | Percent including <br> missing data | Percent excluding <br> missing data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Definitely | 158 | 46.6 | 46.6 |
|  | Probably | 108 | 31.9 | 31.9 |
|  | Maybe | 49 | 14.5 | 14.5 |
|  | Probably not | 17 | 5.0 | 5.0 |
|  | Definitely not | 7 | 2.1 | 2.1 |
|  | Total | 339 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

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

|  |  | Frequency | Percent including missing data | Percent excluding missing data |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Valid | Definitely | 201 | 59.3 | 59.3 |
|  | Probably | 79 | 23.3 | 23.3 |
|  | Maybe | 39 | 11.5 | 11.5 |
|  | Probably not | 17 | 5.0 | 5.0 |
|  | Definitely not | 3 | . 9 | . 9 |
|  | Total | 339 | 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 <br> missing data | Percent excluding <br> missing data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Definitely | 182 | 53.7 | 53.7 |
|  | Probably | 88 | 26.0 | 26.0 |
|  | Maybe | 45 | 13.3 | 13.3 |
| Probably not | 15 | 4.4 | 4.4 |  |
|  | Definitely not | 9 | 2.7 | 2.7 |
| Total | 339 | 100.0 | 100.0 |  |

## 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 <br> missing data | Percent excluding <br> missing data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Yes, and I attended. | 293 | 86.4 | 86.4 |
|  | Yes, but I did not attend. | 9 | 2.7 | 2.7 |
|  | 14 | 4.1 | 4.1 |  |
| Don't know | 23 | 6.8 | 6.8 |  |
| Total | 339 | 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 data | Percent excluding missing data |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Valid | Very effective | 101 | 29.8 | 34.5 |
|  | Somewhat effective | 136 | 40.1 | 46.4 |
|  | Neither effective nor ineffective | 31 | 9.1 | 10.6 |
|  | Somewhat ineffective | 17 | 5.0 | 5.8 |
|  | Very ineffective | 8 | 2.4 | 2.7 |
|  | Total | 293 | 86.4 | 100.0 |
| Missing | System | 46 | 13.6 |  |
| Total |  | 339 | 100.0 |  |

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


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 <br> missing data | Percent excluding <br> missing data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Yes | 234 | 69.0 | 69.0 |
|  | No | 77 | 22.7 | 22.7 |
|  | Don't know | 28 | 8.3 | 8.3 |
|  | Total | 339 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

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

|  |  | Prequency | Percent including <br> missing data | Percent excluding <br> missing data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Excellent | 106 | 31.3 | 31.3 |
|  | Very good | 144 | 42.5 | 42.5 |
|  | 60 | 17.7 | 17.7 |  |
| Fair | 25 | 7.4 | 7.4 |  |
|  | Poor | 4 | 1.2 | 1.2 |
| Total | 339 | 100.0 | 100.0 |  |

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

|  |  |  | Percent including <br> missing data | Percent excluding <br> missing data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Excellent | 129 | 38.1 | 38.2 |
|  | Very good | 128 | 37.8 | 37.9 |
|  | Good | 55 | 16.2 | 16.3 |
|  | Fair | 20 | 5.9 | 5.9 |
| Poor | 6 | 1.8 | 1.8 |  |
| Missing | Total | 338 | 99.7 | 100.0 |
| Total | System | 1 | .3 |  |

Please rate the following aspects of your doctoral program: Quality of academic advising and guidance

|  |  | Prequency | Percent including <br> missing data | Percent excluding <br> missing data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Excellent | 141 | 41.6 | 41.6 |
|  | Very good | 99 | 29.2 | 29.2 |
| Good | 49 | 14.5 | 14.5 |  |
| Fair | 30 | 8.8 | 8.8 |  |
| Poor | 20 | 5.9 | 5.9 |  |
| Total | 339 | 100.0 | 100.0 |  |

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

|  |  | Prequency | Percent including <br> missing data | Percent excluding <br> missing data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Excellent | 119 | 35.1 | 35.1 |
|  | Very good | 116 | 34.2 | 34.2 |
|  | Good | 60 | 17.7 | 17.7 |
| Fair | 34 | 10.0 | 10.0 |  |
|  | Poor | 10 | 2.9 | 2.9 |
| Total | 339 | 100.0 | 100.0 |  |

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

|  |  | Frequency | Percent including missing data | Percent excluding missing data |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Valid | Excellent | 97 | 28.6 | 28.7 |
|  | Very good | 105 | 31.0 | 31.1 |
|  | Good | 79 | 23.3 | 23.4 |
|  | Fair | 37 | 10.9 | 10.9 |
|  | Poor | 20 | 5.9 | 5.9 |
|  | Total | 338 | 99.7 | 100.0 |
| Missing | System | 1 | . 3 |  |
| Total |  | 339 | 100.0 |  |

Please rate the following aspects of your doctoral program: Assistance in finding employment

|  |  | Prequency | Percent including <br> missing data | Percent excluding <br> missing data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Excellent | 89 | 26.3 | 26.6 |
|  | Very good | 90 | 26.5 | 26.9 |
|  | Good | 93 | 27.4 | 27.8 |
|  | Fair | 35 | 10.3 | 10.4 |
|  | Poor | 28 | 8.3 | 8.4 |
| Missing | Total | 335 | 98.8 | 100.0 |
| Total |  | 4 | 1.2 |  |

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

|  |  | Prequency | Percent including <br> missing data | Percent excluding <br> missing data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Excellent | 107 | 31.6 | 31.6 |
|  | Very good | 146 | 43.1 | 43.1 |
|  | Good | 60 | 17.7 | 17.7 |
| Fair | 22 | 6.5 | 6.5 |  |
|  | Poor | 4 | 1.2 | 1.2 |
|  | Total | 339 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

## Support

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

|  |  | Prequency | Percent including <br> missing data | Percent excluding <br> missing data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Excellent | 85 | 25.1 | 26.1 |
|  | Very good | 85 | 25.1 | 26.1 |
|  | Good | 74 | 21.8 | 22.7 |
|  | Fair | 40 | 11.8 | 12.3 |
|  | Poor | 42 | 12.4 | 12.9 |
| Missing | Total | 326 | 96.2 | 100.0 |
| Total | System | 13 | 3.8 |  |

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 <br> missing data | Percent excluding <br> missing data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Excellent | 95 | 28.0 | 29.3 |
|  | Very good | 107 | 31.6 | 33.0 |
|  | Good | 83 | 24.5 | 25.6 |
|  | Fair | 27 | 8.0 | 8.3 |
|  | Poor | 12 | 3.5 | 3.7 |
| Missing | Total | 324 | 95.6 | 100.0 |
| Total | System | 15 | 4.4 |  |

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)

|  |  | Prequency | Percent including <br> missing data | Percent excluding <br> missing data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Excellent | 96 | 28.3 | 29.9 |
|  | Very good | 90 | 26.5 | 28.0 |
| Good | 68 | 20.1 | 21.2 |  |
|  | Fair | 38 | 11.2 | 11.8 |
|  | Poor | 29 | 8.6 | 9.0 |
| Missing | Total | 321 | 94.7 | 100.0 |
| Total |  | 18 | 5.3 |  |

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 data | Percent excluding missing data |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Valid | Excellent | 192 | 56.6 | 57.0 |
|  | Very good | 100 | 29.5 | 29.7 |
|  | Good | 39 | 11.5 | 11.6 |
|  | Fair | 6 | 1.8 | 1.8 |
|  | Total | 337 | 99.4 | 100.0 |
| Missing | System | 2 | . 6 |  |
| Total |  | 339 | 100.0 |  |

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


## 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

|  |  |  | Percent including <br> missing data | Percent excluding <br> missing data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Very helpful | 231 | 68.1 | 69.8 |
|  | Somewhat helpful | 79 | 23.3 | 23.9 |
|  | Not very helpful | 15 | 4.4 | 4.5 |
|  | Not helpful at all | 6 | 1.8 | 1.8 |
| Total | 331 | 97.6 | 100.0 |  |
| Total | System | 8 | 2.4 |  |
|  |  | 339 | 100.0 |  |

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

|  |  | Frequency | Percent including <br> missing data | Percent excluding <br> missing data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Very helpful | 232 | 68.4 | 69.0 |
|  | Somewhat helpful | 82 | 24.2 | 24.4 |
|  | Not very helpful | 15 | 4.4 | 4.5 |
|  | Not helpful at all | 7 | 2.1 | 2.1 |
| Total | 336 | 99.1 | 100.0 |  |
| Missing | System | 3 | .9 |  |
| Total |  | 339 | 100.0 |  |

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 <br> missing data | Percent excluding <br> missing data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Very helpful | 236 | 69.6 | 70.0 |
|  | Somewhat helpful | 68 | 20.1 | 20.2 |
|  | Not very helpful | 24 | 7.1 | 7.1 |
|  | Not helpful at all | 9 | 2.7 | 2.7 |
| Missing | Sotal | 337 | 99.4 | 100.0 |
| Total |  | 2 | .6 |  |

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

- Academic career options

|  |  |  | Percent including <br> missing data | Percent excluding <br> missing data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Very helpful | 202 | 59.6 | 66.4 |
|  | Somewhat helpful | 70 | 20.6 | 23.0 |
|  | Not very helpful | 23 | 6.8 | 7.6 |
|  | Not helpful at all | 9 | 2.7 | 3.0 |
| Total | 304 | 89.7 | 100.0 |  |
| Missing | System | 35 | 10.3 |  |
| Total |  | 339 | 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 <br> missing data | Percent excluding <br> missing data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Very helpful | 118 | 34.8 | 42.0 |
|  | Somewhat helpful | 95 | 28.0 | 33.8 |
|  | Not very helpful | 45 | 13.3 | 16.0 |
|  | Not helpful at all | 23 | 6.8 | 8.2 |
|  | Total | 281 | 82.9 | 100.0 |
| Missing | System | 58 | 17.1 |  |
| Total |  | 339 | 100.0 |  |

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

- Search for employment or training

|  |  |  | Percent including |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| missing data |  |  |  |$\quad$| Percent excluding |
| :--- |
| missing data |, | Valid | Very helpful | 155 | 45.7 | 49.8 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | Somewhat helpful | 106 | 31.3 | 34.1 |
|  | Not very helpful | 34 | 10.0 | 10.9 |
|  | Not helpful at all | 16 | 4.7 | 5.1 |
| Total | 311 | 91.7 | 100.0 |  |
| Missing | System | 28 | 8.3 |  |
| Total |  | 339 | 100.0 |  |

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

- Student wellness

|  |  | Frequency | Percent including <br> missing data | Percent excluding <br> missing data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Very helpful | 174 | 51.3 | 54.4 |
|  | Somewhat helpful | 104 | 30.7 | 32.5 |
|  | Not very helpful | 24 | 7.1 | 7.5 |
|  | Not helpful at all | 18 | 5.3 | 5.6 |
| Total | 320 | 94.4 | 100.0 |  |
| Missing | System | 19 | 5.6 |  |
| Total |  | 339 | 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)?
$\left.\begin{array}{lll|l|l} & & \text { Percent including } & \text { Percent excluding } \\ \text { missing data }\end{array}, \begin{array}{l}\text { missing data }\end{array}\right)$

Was the faculty mentor in your program/department?

|  |  | Prequency | Percent including <br> missing data | Percent excluding <br> missing data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Yes | 135 | 39.8 | 72.2 |
|  | No | 52 | 15.3 | 27.8 |
|  | Total | 187 | 55.2 | 100.0 |
| Missing | System | 152 | 44.8 |  |
| Total |  | 339 | 100.0 |  |

Was your faculty mentor assigned to you by someone at UT?

|  |  | Percent including | Percent excluding |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  |  | missing data <br> missing data |  |  |
| Valid | Yes | 22 | 6.5 | 11.8 |
|  | No | 165 | 48.7 | 88.2 |
|  | Total | 187 | 55.2 | 100.0 |
| Missing | System | 152 | 44.8 |  |
| Total |  | 339 | 100.0 |  |

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

|  |  | Percent including |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  |  | Frequency | Percent excluding <br> missing data | missing data |

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

- Your dissertation research

|  |  | Frequency | Percent including missing data | Percent excluding missing data |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Valid | Very helpful | 112 | 33.0 | 67.1 |
|  | Somewhat helpful | 45 | 13.3 | 26.9 |
|  | Not very helpful | 7 | 2.1 | 4.2 |
|  | Not helpful at all | 3 | . 9 | 1.8 |
|  | Total | 167 | 49.3 | 100.0 |
| Missing | System | 172 | 50.7 |  |
| Total |  | 339 | 100.0 |  |

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

|  |  | Frequency | Percent including <br> missing data | Percent excluding <br> missing data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Very helpful | 100 | 29.5 | 63.7 |
|  | Somewhat helpful | 44 | 13.0 | 28.0 |
|  | Not very helpful | 8 | 2.4 | 5.1 |
|  | Not helpful at all | 5 | 1.5 | 3.2 |
| Motal | 157 | 46.3 | 100.0 |  |
| Total | System | 182 | 53.7 |  |

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

- Academic career options

|  |  |  | Percent including <br> missing data | Percent excluding <br> missing data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Very helpful | 101 | 29.8 | 63.9 |
|  | Somewhat helpful | 48 | 14.2 | 30.4 |
|  | Not very helpful | 8 | 2.4 | 5.1 |
|  | Not helpful at all | 1 | .3 | .6 |
| Missing | Total | 158 | 46.6 | 100.0 |
| Total |  | 181 | 53.4 |  |

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

|  |  | Frequency | Percent including <br> missing data | Percent excluding <br> missing data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Very helpful | 73 | 21.5 | 52.5 |
|  | Somewhat helpful | 39 | 11.5 | 28.1 |
|  | Not very helpful | 18 | 5.3 | 12.9 |
|  | Not helpful at all | 9 | 2.7 | 6.5 |
| Motal | 139 | 41.0 | 100.0 |  |
| Total | System | 200 | 59.0 |  |

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

- Search for employment or training

|  |  | Frequency | Percent including <br> missing data | Percent excluding <br> missing data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Very helpful | 98 | 28.9 | 62.8 |
|  | Somewhat helpful | 41 | 12.1 | 26.3 |
|  | Not very helpful | 15 | 4.4 | 9.6 |
|  | Not helpful at all | 2 | .6 | 1.3 |
| Motal | 156 | 46.0 | 100.0 |  |
| Total | System | 183 | 54.0 |  |

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

- Student wellness

|  |  |  | Percent including <br> missing data | Percent excluding <br> missing data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Very helpful | 101 | 29.8 | 64.3 |
|  | Somewhat helpful | 46 | 13.6 | 29.3 |
|  | Not very helpful | 8 | 2.4 | 5.1 |
|  | Not helpful at all | 2 | .6 | 1.3 |
| Missing | Total | 157 | 46.3 | 100.0 |
| Total |  | 182 | 53.7 |  |

## Professional Development

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

|  |  | Percent including |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  |  | Prequency | Percent excluding <br> missing data | missing data |

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

|  |  | Prequency | Percent including <br> missing data | Percent excluding <br> missing data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Yes | 82 | 24.2 | 26.1 |
|  | No | 232 | 68.4 | 73.9 |
|  | Total | 314 | 92.6 | 100.0 |
| Missing | System | 25 | 7.4 |  |
| Total |  | 339 | 100.0 |  |

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

|  |  | Prequency | Percent including <br> missing data | Percent excluding <br> missing data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Yes | 262 | 77.3 | 83.4 |
|  | No | 52 | 15.3 | 16.6 |
|  | Total | 314 | 92.6 | 100.0 |
| Missing | System | 25 | 7.4 |  |
| Total |  | 339 | 100.0 |  |

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

|  |  | Frequency | Percent including <br> missing data | Percent excluding <br> missing data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Very helpful | 210 | 61.9 | 67.5 |
|  | Somewhat helpful | 91 | 26.8 | 29.3 |
|  | Not very helpful | 7 | 2.1 | 2.3 |
|  | Not at all helpful | 3 | .9 | 1.0 |
| Missing | Total | 311 | 91.7 | 100.0 |
| Total |  | 28 | 8.3 |  |

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

|  |  | Prequency | Percent including <br> missing data | Percent excluding <br> missing data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Yes | 235 | 69.3 | 69.3 |
|  | No | 104 | 30.7 | 30.7 |
|  | Total | 339 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

How helpful was this training?

|  |  | Frequency | Percent including <br> missing data | Percent excluding <br> missing data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Very helpful | 110 | 32.4 | 46.8 |
|  | Somewhat helpful | 97 | 28.6 | 41.3 |
|  | Not very helpful | 22 | 6.5 | 9.4 |
|  | Not at all helpful | 6 | 1.8 | 2.6 |
| Motal | 235 | 69.3 | 100.0 |  |
| Total | System | 104 | 30.7 |  |

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


How many research or scholarly 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 <br> missing data | Percent excluding <br> missing data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Yes, I received travel funds for one or <br> more presentations I made away <br> from campus. | 279 | 82.3 | 87.2 |
|  | No | 41 | 12.1 | 12.8 |
|  | Total | 320 | 94.4 | 100.0 |
| Missing | System | 19 | 5.6 |  |
| Total |  | 339 | 100.0 |  |

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

|  |  | Prequency | Percent including <br> missing data | Percent excluding <br> missing data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Your program | 212 | 62.5 | 100.0 |
| Missing | System | 127 | 37.5 |  |
| Total |  | 339 | 100.0 |  |

Select the sources of your travel funds: (select all that apply) A research grant

|  |  | Frequency | Percent including <br> missing data | Percent excluding <br> missing data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | A research grant | 127 | 37.5 | 100.0 |
| Missing | System | 212 | 62.5 |  |
| Total |  | 339 | 100.0 |  |

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

|  |  | Prequency | Percent including <br> missing data | Percent excluding <br> missing data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Other institutional funds | 96 | 28.3 | 100.0 |
| Missing | System | 243 | 71.7 |  |
| Total |  | 339 | 100.0 |  |

Based on research conducted while you were a graduate student, how many published scholarly works have you authored or co-authored?

|  |  | Frequency | Percent including missing data | Percent excluding missing data |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Valid | . 00 | 42 | 12.4 | 12.4 |
|  | 1.00 | 50 | 14.7 | 14.7 |
|  | 2.00 | 47 | 13.9 | 13.9 |
|  | 3.00 | 38 | 11.2 | 11.2 |
|  | 4.00 | 41 | 12.1 | 12.1 |
|  | 5.00 | 31 | 9.1 | 9.1 |
|  | 6.00 | 17 | 5.0 | 5.0 |
|  | 7.00 | 18 | 5.3 | 5.3 |
|  | 8.00 | 11 | 3.2 | 3.2 |
|  | 9.00 | 5 | 1.5 | 1.5 |
|  | 10.00 | 39 | 11.5 | 11.5 |
|  | Total | 339 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

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 | 257 | 75.8 | 76.3 |
|  | 1 | 31 | 9.1 | 9.2 |
|  | 2 | 16 | 4.7 | 4.7 |
|  | 3 | 10 | 2.9 | 3.0 |
|  | 4 | 6 | 1.8 | 1.8 |
|  | 5 | 2 | . 6 | . 6 |
|  | 6 | 4 | 1.2 | 1.2 |
|  | 8 | 1 | . 3 | . 3 |
|  | 9 | 1 | . 3 | . 3 |
|  | 10 or more | 9 | 2.7 | 2.7 |
|  | Total | 337 | 99.4 | 100.0 |
| Missing | System | 2 | . 6 |  |
| Total |  | 339 | 100.0 |  |

How many others are currently under review?


## 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.

|  |  | Percent including | Percent excluding <br> missing data |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Strongly agree | 150 | 44.2 | 44.2 |
|  | Agree | 121 | 35.7 | 35.7 |
|  | Neutral | 43 | 12.7 | 12.7 |
| Disagree | 17 | 5.0 | 5.0 |  |
| Strongly disagree | 8 | 2.4 | 2.4 |  |
| Total | 339 | 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 <br> missing data | Percent excluding <br> missing data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Strongly agree | 153 | 45.1 | 45.1 |
|  | Agree | 131 | 38.6 | 38.6 |
|  | Neutral | 35 | 10.3 | 10.3 |
|  | Disagree | 16 | 4.7 | 4.7 |
|  | Strongly disagree | 4 | 1.2 | 1.2 |
| Total | 339 | 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.

|  |  | Frequency | Percent including <br> missing data | Percent excluding <br> missing data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Strongly agree | 118 | 34.8 | 34.9 |
|  | Agree | 133 | 39.2 | 39.3 |
|  | Neutral | 58 | 17.1 | 17.2 |
|  | Disagree | 20 | 5.9 | 5.9 |
| Strongly disagree | 9 | 2.7 | 2.7 |  |
| Missing | Total | 338 | 99.7 | 100.0 |
| Total |  | 1 | .3 |  |

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

- Students in my program are collegial.

|  |  | Frequency | Percent including <br> missing data | Percent excluding <br> missing data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Strongly agree | 159 | 46.9 | 47.0 |
|  | Agree | 151 | 44.5 | 44.7 |
|  | Neutral | 21 | 6.2 | 6.2 |
|  | Disagree | 2 | .6 | .6 |
| Strongly disagree | 5 | 1.5 | 1.5 |  |
| Total | 338 | 99.7 | 100.0 |  |
| Total | System | 1 | .3 |  |

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

- My doctoral program fosters an environment that respects diversity, equity, and inclusion.

|  |  | Frequency | Percent including <br> missing data | Percent excluding <br> missing data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Strongly agree | 145 | 42.8 | 42.8 |
|  | Agree | 120 | 35.4 | 35.4 |
|  | Neutral | 51 | 15.0 | 15.0 |
| Disagree | 16 | 4.7 | 4.7 |  |
| Strongly disagree | 7 | 2.1 | 2.1 |  |
| Total | 339 | 100.0 | 100.0 |  |

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

|  |  | Frequency | Percent including <br> missing data | Percent excluding <br> missing data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Very significant | 80 | 23.6 | 25.2 |
|  | Somewhat significant | 96 | 28.3 | 30.2 |
|  | Not very significant | 142 | 41.9 | 44.7 |
| Total | 318 | 93.8 | 100.0 |  |
| Missing | System | 21 | 6.2 |  |
| Total |  | 339 | 100.0 |  |

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

- Family obligations

|  |  |  | Percent including <br> missing data | Percent excluding <br> missing data |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Valid | Very significant | 61 | 18.0 | 20.0 |
|  | Somewhat significant | 79 | 23.3 | 25.9 |
|  | Not very significant | 165 | 48.7 | 54.1 |
| Total | 305 | 90.0 | 100.0 |  |
| Missing | System | 34 | 10.0 |  |
| Total |  | 339 | 100.0 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |

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

|  |  | Frequency | Percent including missing data | Percent excluding missing data |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Valid | Very significant | 38 | 11.2 | 12.0 |
|  | Somewhat significant | 86 | 25.4 | 27.1 |
|  | Not very significant | 193 | 56.9 | 60.9 |
|  | Total | 317 | 93.5 | 100.0 |
| Missing | System | 22 | 6.5 |  |
| Total |  | 339 | 100.0 |  |

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

- Program structure or requirements

|  |  | Frequency | Percent including <br> missing data | Percent excluding <br> missing data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Very significant | 39 | 11.5 | 12.3 |
|  | Somewhat significant | 89 | 26.3 | 28.0 |
|  | Not very significant | 190 | 56.0 | 59.7 |
| Total | 318 | 93.8 | 100.0 |  |
| Missing | System | 21 | 6.2 |  |
| Total |  | 339 | 100.0 |  |

Please indicate the extent to which the following factors were an obstacle to your academic progress. - Course scheduling

|  |  |  | Percent including |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Falid | Very significant | 28 | Percent excluding <br> missing data |  |
|  | Somewhat significant | 68 | 8.3 | 8.8 |
|  | Not very significant | 224 | 66.1 | 21.3 |
| Total | 320 | 94.4 | 70.0 |  |
| Missing | System | 19 | 5.6 | 100.0 |
| Total |  | 339 | 100.0 |  |

Please indicate the extent to which the following factors were an obstacle to your academic progress. - Immigration laws or regulations

|  |  |  | Percent including |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  |  | Prequency | Percent excluding <br> missing data | missing data |, | Valid | Very significant | 41 | 12.1 | 22.2 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | Somewhat significant | 52 | 15.3 | 28.1 |
|  | Not very significant | 92 | 27.1 | 49.7 |
|  | Total | 185 | 54.6 | 100.0 |
| Missing | System | 154 | 45.4 |  |
| Total |  | 339 | 100.0 |  |

## 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 | 15 | 4.4 | 4.4 |
|  | Have signed a contract or made a definite commitment for a "postdoc" | 85 | 25.1 | 25.1 |
|  | Have signed a contract or made a definite commitment for other work (e.g., research job in industry, etc.) | 142 | 41.9 | 41.9 |
|  | Negotiating with one or more specific organizations | 29 | 8.6 | 8.6 |
|  | Seeking position but have no specific prospects | 43 | 12.7 | 12.7 |
|  | Do not plan to work or study (e.g., family commitments, etc.) | 2 | . 6 | . 6 |
|  | Other | 23 | 6.8 | 6.8 |
|  | Total | 339 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

Which best describes the position you have/plan for next year?

|  |  | Frequency | Percent including <br> missing data | Percent excluding <br> missing data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Employed by an organization (full-time <br> or part-time) | 157 | 46.3 | 100.0 |
| Missing | System | 182 | 53.7 |  |
| Total |  | 339 | 100.0 |  |

Only asked to those who reported employment of some kind.
Please tell us more about your self-employment. Are you:

|  |  | Prequency | Percent including <br> missing data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Missing | System | 339 | 100.0 |

Only asked to those who reported employment of some kind. However, no one selected self-employment as a description of their employment.

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

|  |  |  | Percent including | Percent excluding <br> missing data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Academic institution or research institution | 48 | 14.2 | 30.6 |
|  | Industry/for-profit organization | 95 | 28.0 | 60.5 |
|  | Non-profit, non-government organization | 9 | 2.7 | 5.7 |
|  | Government, elected or civil service | 5 | 1.5 | 3.2 |
| Missing | Total | 157 | 46.3 | 100.0 |
| Total |  | 182 | 53.7 |  |
|  | 339 | 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?

|  |  | Prequency | Percent including <br> missing data | Percent excluding <br> missing data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Yes | 181 | 53.4 | 75.1 |
|  | No | 60 | 17.7 | 24.9 |
|  | Total | 241 | 71.1 | 100.0 |
| Missing | System | 98 | 28.9 |  |
| Total |  | 339 | 100.0 |  |

Only asked of those who reported employment or a postdoc.
What type of appointment do you have/plan to have?

|  |  |  | Percent including <br> missing data | Percent excluding <br> missing data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Tenure-track faculty appointment | 24 | 7.1 | 50.0 |
|  | Non-tenure track faculty appointment | 10 | 2.9 | 20.8 |
|  | Administrative | 4 | 1.2 | 8.3 |
| Other | 10 | 2.9 | 20.8 |  |
| Missing | System | 48 | 14.2 | 100.0 |
| Total |  | 291 | 85.8 |  |

Only asked of those who reported employment with an Academic institution or research institution.

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

|  |  | Prequency | Percent including <br> missing data | Percent excluding <br> missing data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Yes | 220 | 64.9 | 90.9 |
|  | No | 22 | 6.5 | 9.1 |
|  | Total | 242 | 71.4 | 100.0 |
| Missing | System | 97 | 28.6 |  |
| Total |  | 339 | 100.0 |  |

Only asked of those who reported employment or a post-doc.
I feel well prepared to succeed post-graduation.

|  |  |  | Percent including <br> missing data | Percent excluding <br> missing data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Strongly agree | 163 | 48.1 | 48.2 |
|  | Agree | 139 | 41.0 | 41.1 |
|  | Neutral | 29 | 8.6 | 8.6 |
|  | Disagree | 5 | 1.5 | 1.5 |
| Strongly disagree | 2 | .6 | .6 |  |
| Missing | Total | System | 338 | 99.7 |
| Total |  | 1 | .3 | 100.0 |

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

- Group

|  |  | Percent including | Percent excluding |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Valid | Detractor | 72 | missing data | missing data |
|  | Passive | 105 | 21.2 | 21.2 |
|  | Promoter | 162 | 31.0 | 31.0 |
|  | Total | 339 | 47.8 | 47.8 |

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

|  |  | Frequency | Percent including missing data | Percent excluding missing data |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Valid | 0 | 4 | 1.2 | 1.2 |
|  | 1 | 4 | 1.2 | 1.2 |
|  | 2 | 9 | 2.7 | 2.7 |
|  | 3 | 8 | 2.4 | 2.4 |
|  | 4 | 3 | . 9 | . 9 |
|  | 5 | 10 | 2.9 | 2.9 |
|  | 6 | 34 | 10.0 | 10.0 |
|  | 7 | 38 | 11.2 | 11.2 |
|  | 8 | 67 | 19.8 | 19.8 |
|  | 9 | 53 | 15.6 | 15.6 |
|  | 10 | 109 | 32.2 | 32.2 |
|  | Total | 339 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

