End of Year 1 Survey Questions

This survey contains a series of multiple-choice questions. There is space for more general comments at the end of the survey.

1. How satisfied are you with your educational experience in your program?
   ( ) Not at all satisfied
   ( ) Slightly satisfied
   ( ) Moderately satisfied
   ( ) Very satisfied
   ( ) Extremely satisfied

2. How satisfied are you with the advising you have received from your program (including the guidance received from your academic advisor and other faculty and staff)?
   ( ) Not at all satisfied
   ( ) Slightly satisfied
   ( ) Moderately satisfied
   ( ) Very satisfied
   ( ) Extremely satisfied

3. How often do you receive guidance or feedback from your primary faculty advisor? (This is the person who formally serves as your academic advisor or research supervisor. If you have co-advisors, answer in reference to the person with whom you work most closely.)
   ( ) Weekly
   ( ) Once or twice a month
   ( ) Once or twice a semester
   ( ) Once a year
   ( ) Never
   ( ) I do not have an advisor

ATLAS – SKIP #4 IF THEY MARK THAT THEY DO NOT HAVE AN ADVISOR ABOVE

4. How satisfied are you with the quality of the relationship between you and your advisor?
   ( ) Not at all satisfied
5. How well is your program preparing you to begin a career in your discipline?

( ) Extremely well
( ) Very well
( ) Moderately well
( ) Not very well
( ) Not well at all

6. How collegial (collaborative, friendly) is the environment in your program?

( ) Extremely collegial
( ) Very collegial
( ) Moderately collegial
( ) Slightly collegial
( ) Not at all collegial

7. Is the financial support you are receiving for your doctoral studies (e.g., fellowships, assistantships) sufficient to meet your basic living expenses?

( ) More than sufficient for my needs
( ) Sufficient for my needs
( ) Somewhat less than sufficient for my needs
( ) Not at all sufficient for my needs
( ) I have never received financial support for my doctoral studies.

8. Which of the following does your department or program provide for beginning doctoral students? (Check all that are provided)

( ) Program handbook or folder of information
( ) Website that provides program information specifically for doctoral students
( ) New student orientation session

( ) Foundational seminar or course(s) taken by all new students in the program

( ) Student-to-student mentoring program

( ) Training or mentoring for new teaching assistants

( ) Training or mentoring for new research assistants

( ) Other event(s) at which new students meet faculty and other students

( ) Other initiatives designed to support new doctoral students: ______________________________________

( ) My department provides none of the above.

9. How well do you understand the formal requirements for successful completion of your program (e.g., required courses, examinations, dissertation)?

( ) Extremely well
( ) Very well
( ) Moderately well
( ) Not very well
( ) Not well at all

10. Choose the source from which you receive the most information about the formal requirements of your graduate program:

( ) My academic advisor

( ) Other faculty members in my program or department

( ) Other graduate students in my program or department

( ) Program or department staff (e.g., graduate secretary)

( ) Faculty, graduate students or staff members outside my program/department

( ) Program or department website or print materials

( ) Other ___________________________________________________

11. How well do you understand the informal or unspoken expectations for successful completion of your program (e.g., expectations for participating in colloquia, presenting and publishing research, applying for fellowships, or interacting with other students and faculty)?

( ) Extremely well
( ) Very well
( ) Moderately well
( ) Not very well
( ) Not well at all

12. **Choose the source from which you receive the most information about the *informal* expectations of your graduate program:**

( ) My academic advisor
( ) Other faculty members in my program or department
( ) Other graduate students in my program or department
( ) Program or department staff (e.g., graduate secretary)
( ) Faculty, graduate students or staff members outside my program/department
( ) Program or department website or print materials
( ) Other ____________________________

13. **Would you recommend your program to someone interested in pursuing a doctoral education in your discipline?**

( ) Definitely would not
( ) Probably would not
( ) Might or might not
( ) Probably would
( ) Definitely would

14. **Have you considered leaving your current graduate program to join a different program, either on campus or at another university?**

( ) No
( ) Yes, sometimes
( ) Yes, frequently

If Yes -- Why?

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15. We would like to hear any additional comments or information you have to share about your experiences in your current doctoral program.

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Thank you for taking our survey. Your experience and opinions are very important to the committee. For more information on the review of doctoral programs on campus, please go to: http://www.grad.illinois.edu/aide/index.

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