



CGS Career Pathways Student Survey

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Section 1. Screening, Current PhD Program, and Funding Support

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1	QUAL	Are you currently enrolled in a PhD program at [INSTITUTION] ? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No [DISQUALIFY, EXIT SURVEY]
2	PROG	What is the name of the PhD program in which you are currently enrolled at [INSTITUTION] ? <input style="width: 350px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
3	FINAID	Which of the following is the <u>primary</u> source of financial support for your PhD education for this academic year? <input type="radio"/> Fellowship, scholarship <input type="radio"/> Grant <input type="radio"/> Teaching assistantship <input type="radio"/> Research assistantship <input type="radio"/> Other assistantship <input type="radio"/> Traineeship <input type="radio"/> Internship, clinical residency <input type="radio"/> Loans (from any source) <input type="radio"/> Personal savings <input type="radio"/> Personal earnings during graduate school <input type="radio"/> Spouse's, partner's, family earnings or savings <input type="radio"/> Employer reimbursement assistance <input type="radio"/> Support from your home country (non-US) <input type="radio"/> Other (please specify) <input style="width: 350px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>

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Section 2. Career Aspirations

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Section 3. Professional Development

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7	INSTPD	<p>Now we have a few questions about professional development opportunities that you might be taking advantage of at [INSTITUTION].</p> <p>In what types of professional development opportunities did you participate in the past twelve months? (Select all that apply.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership <input type="checkbox"/> Grant Writing <input type="checkbox"/> Project Management <input type="checkbox"/> Teaching Preparation <input type="checkbox"/> Quantitative Literacy/Data Analytics <input type="checkbox"/> Research Ethics/Scholarly Integrity <input type="checkbox"/> Entrepreneurship <input type="checkbox"/> Communication <input type="checkbox"/> Public Speaking <input type="checkbox"/> Networking <input type="checkbox"/> Digital Literacy <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 350px; height: 20px; margin-left: 20px;"></div> 																																																																	
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Section 4. Demographic Information

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10	CITIZEN	<p>What is your citizenship status?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> US citizen</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Permanent US resident ("Green Card")</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Temporary resident (non-US citizen) [SKIP TO ITEM 13]</p>																					
11	HISPANIC	<p>Are you Hispanic or Latino?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> No</p>																					
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		Professional degree (MD, DDS, JD, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Doctoral degree (PhD, EdD, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Not applicable/unknown	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	

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Section 5. Release of Student ID Number

Item #	Item Name	Question Wording
15	IDPERM	<p>Would you be willing to share your student ID number at [INSTITUTION]? <i>By sharing your student ID, you will allow the project team at [INSTITUTION] to match your survey responses with administrative records, such as courses taken, grades, and financial aid awards. This will allow [INSTITUTION] to conduct more detailed analysis and program evaluations. Your records will not be used any other purpose other than for this project, and no personally identifiable data will be shared outside of the project team at [INSTITUTION].</i></p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes (there is no obligation) <input type="radio"/> No [SKIP TO ITEM 17]</p>
16	SID	<p>What is your student ID number at [INSTITUTION]?</p> <input data-bbox="381 724 954 756" type="text"/>

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