Purpose of this Survey
The purpose of this survey is to assess the quality of graduate education at U.Va. By completing the questionnaire, you will provide important information that will help your program and the University identify ways in which it is succeeding and areas in which it might improve.

Confidentiality of Responses
You may be assured of complete confidentiality. Your name will never be placed on the questionnaire, nor will it be used in any reports or publications that result from this study. Records of your responses will be maintained by the security key shown below. Moreover, the results of the survey will be reported in a summary format, so again no one will link you to your responses. Copies of written comments will be provided in typed formats.

Completing and Returning the paper questionnaire
Completing the questionnaire should take about 30 minutes. Completion times will vary depending on the length of your additional comments. When you have finished, please place the survey in the enclosed postage-paid, addressed envelope, and return it by U.S. mail or messenger mail to Institutional Assessment and Studies. When we receive your questionnaire, we will use the security key number to remove your name from our mailing list.

If you have questions, please feel free to call us at 804/924-3417.

Web address: http://www.virginia.edu/~iaas/surveyhome.htm

Security key:
I. EDUCATION BEFORE AND AFTER THE UNIVERSITY

This first section asks about your educational background before arriving at U.Va. for your graduate study and your educational experience since receiving your graduate degree.

In what year did you receive your undergraduate degree? __________

Did you receive your undergraduate degree from U.Va.?  
1  Yes  
2  No  

In what year did you begin your graduate education at U.Va?__________

Have you entered any degree programs since receiving your graduate degree from the University?

1  Yes
2  No
3  I am still working on a degree

If not, please skip to Section II on page 5.

Please go to the next page.
The following questions ask about the degree(s) you have earned since your graduate degree at U.Va. If you are still working on the degree answer all applicable questions. If you have not earned another degree and are not working on one, please skip to the next page.

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## II. Your Satisfaction with Academic Life

This section asks about your academic life while a graduate student at the University. Please indicate how satisfied you were with each item while a graduate student. If you cannot remember, or do not feel the item is applicable, click on "Not Sure/Not Applicable."

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III. **SELF-ASSESSMENT OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

For each of the statements that follow, please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree.

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If you agreed that your program’s learning goals were made clear to you, to what extent do you feel you achieved those goals while in graduate school?

1. A lot
2. Some
3. A little
4. Not at all
5. Not sure/not applicable

Please use the space below to elaborate on any of your answers to the questions in this section. If you need more space, please include a separate sheet of paper.
IV. EMPLOYMENT SINCE GRADUATION

This section asks about your employment situation since you graduated. If you are not currently employed, please answer the questions as they pertain to your most recent job.

How many full-time positions have you held since you received your graduate degree from U.Va.? ________

When you received your graduate degree from U.Va., how clear were you about your career direction?

1 Extremely clear
2 Somewhat clear
3 Neither clear nor unclear
4 Somewhat unclear
5 Extremely unclear
6 Not sure/Not applicable

After receiving your graduate degree from U.Va., how long did you look for work before obtaining work? (Consider only the time you were actually looking for work after graduation.)

1 I obtained my first job before graduation.
2 Less than three months after graduation
3 Four to six months after graduation
4 Seven months to a year after graduation
5 More than one year after graduation
6 Not sure/Not applicable

Please review the list of occupations on the enclosed blue sheet. Fill in the number **AND** description that most closely matches your FIRST job after receiving your graduate degree. If you cannot find a category that matches your FIRST job, select the last category in the list, (656) “Other,” then describe the job below.

**Code:** ___________  **Description:** _______________________________________________________

Please rate the following factors according to how important you think each was to your employer’s decision to hire you for your FIRST job after receiving your graduate degree from U.Va.

| Grade point average | Area of emphasis within your academic field | Your work as a research assistant in your department | Faculty contacts at U.Va. | Personal or family contacts | Overall reputation of U.Va. | Work experience | Your personal qualities | Your work as a research assistant outside your department | Publications in a scholarly journal or book | Your thesis/dissertation | Awards/fellowships | Your work as a teaching assistant | Teaching a course as an instructor | Your experience in presenting at professional conferences | Personal interview |
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Very Important  Important  Neutral  Not Very Important  Not Important or All  Not Sure/Not Applicable
How closely related was your FIRST job after receiving your graduate degree to your graduate program at U.Va.?

1. Very closely related  
2. Closely related  
3. Somewhat related  
4. Not at all related  
5. Not sure/Not applicable

How well did your graduate program prepare you for the work you did in your FIRST job after receiving your graduate degree?

1. Very well  
2. Well  
3. Somewhat well  
4. Not well at all  
5. Not sure/Not applicable

Was your FIRST job after receiving your graduate degree with a college or university?

1. Yes  
2. No  
3. Not sure/Not applicable

What type of position was it?

1. Post-doctorate  
2. Administrative  
3. Faculty (research)  
4. Faculty (teaching)  
5. Faculty (combination of research and teaching)  
6. Other (please specify): ________________________________

What type of college or university was your first position?

1. Community college  
2. Four-year teaching college  
3. University  
4. Other (please specify): ________________________________

Was it a public or private school?

1. Public  
2. Private  
3. Other (please specify): ________________________________

Was it a tenure track position?

1. Yes  
2. No  
3. Not sure/Not applicable

Please write the name of the college or university at which you first worked:

________________________________________________________________________
Please indicate your satisfaction with each of the following items as it pertains to your FIRST job after receiving your graduate degree.

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Please review the list of occupations on the enclosed blue sheet. Fill in the number and description that most closely matches your CURRENT (or most recent) job. If you cannot find a category that matches your CURRENT (or most recent) job, select the last category in the list, (656) “Other,” then describe the job below.

Code: ___________ Description: ______________________________________________________

How closely related is your CURRENT (or most recent) job to your graduate program at U.Va.?

1. Very closely related
2. Closely related
3. Somewhat related
4. Not at all related
5. Not sure/Not applicable

How well did your graduate program prepare you for the work you do in your CURRENT (or most recent) job?

1. Very well
2. Well
3. Somewhat well
4. Not well at all
5. Not sure
Is your current job with a college or university?
1  Yes
2  No
3  Not sure/Not applicable

What type of position is it?
1  Post-doctorate
2  Administrative
3  Faculty (research)
4  Faculty (teaching)
5  Faculty (combination of research and teaching)
6  Other (please specify): __________________________________

At what type of college or university are you currently working?
1  Community college
2  Four-year teaching college
3  University
4  Other (please specify): __________________________________

Is it a public or private school?
1  Public
2  Private
3  Other (please specify): __________________________________

Is it a tenure track position?
1  Yes
2  No
3  Not sure/Not applicable

Please write the name of the college or university at which you are currently working:
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Please indicate your satisfaction with each of the following items as it pertains to your CURRENT (or most recent) job.

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V. Community and Civic Life

What is the approximate population of the area in which you live?

1. Less than 5,000
2. 5,000 to 25,000
3. 25,000 to 100,000
4. 100,000 to 250,000
5. 250,000 to 500,000
6. 500,000 to 1,000,000
7. More than 1,000,000

How would you describe the area in which you now live?

1. Rural
2. Small town
3. Small city
4. Medium-size city
5. Large city
6. Suburb
7. Exurb (an area beyond the suburbs of a metropolitan area)
8. Other ________________________________

How long have you lived in your community? __________ Years (Decimal places are permitted.)

How long have you lived at your current residence? __________ Years (Decimal places are permitted.)

Do you own or rent your home?

1. Own
2. Rent

The next several questions concern your involvement in political affairs. For each activity, indicate whether you have participated in the past year or so.

Voted in an election 1 2
Attended an official government board or council meeting 1 2
Tried to convince your friends or neighbors to change their political views 1 2
Worked for a political party or candidate in an election campaign 1 2
Spoken or written to a government official about a public issue 1 2
Participated in an organized effort to solve a neighborhood or community problem 1 2
Attended a political meeting, rally, or speech 1 2
Below is a list of different types of organizations to which people belong. Review the list and check off any organizations in which you consider yourself a member. Membership does not have to be official or formal. You may check as many as apply. If you are not a member of any of these organizations, check the first box.

- None  **(Please skip to the last question on this page.)**
- School organization (e.g., PTO)
- Youth organization (e.g., Scouts or Little League)
- Church, synagogue, or other religious organization
- Ethnic organization (e.g., NAACP or Polish American Congress)
- Business, labor, or professional association in your field
- Non-partisan political issue group (e.g., NRA, NOW, Sierra Club)
- Service clubs or fraternal organizations (e.g., Lion's, Kiwanis)
- Neighborhood or community association
- Arts/cultural organization (e.g., museum, symphony, public radio)
- Sports teams or clubs
- Other (please describe):  

Of the organizations in which you consider yourself a member, for which have you been active in the past year or two? Active is defined as having been in charge of a committee, given time for a special project, or helped organize meetings.

- None
- School organization (e.g., PTO)
- Youth organization (e.g., Scouts or Little League)
- Church, synagogue, or other religious organization
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- Business, labor, or professional association in your field
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- Neighborhood or community association
- Arts/cultural organization (e.g., museum, symphony, public radio)
- Sports teams or clubs
- Other (please specify):  

Over the past year or two, approximately how many hours per week, on average, have you spent working or attending meetings for the organizations you identified above?  

In your opinion, does U.Va. have a responsibility to encourage its students to be involved in their local communities and civic life?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Not Sure/Not Applicable

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In your view, how much better prepared were you for your role in civic life as a result of your experiences at U.Va.?

1 Much better prepared
2 Somewhat better prepared
3 Not better prepared at all
4 Not sure/Not applicable

VI. **General Evaluations**

If you had it to do over again, would you choose the same graduate program?

1 Yes
2 No
3 Not sure

Why or why not? (If you need more space, please write your comments on a separate sheet of paper and return it with your questionnaire.)

On a scale of 1 to 10, where 1 represents the lowest possible satisfaction, and 10 represents the highest possible satisfaction, how would you rate your satisfaction with the following:

**Your overall experience at U.Va.**

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**Your overall experience in your program**

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**Your life in general**

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**Your community as a place to live**

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VII. **INDIVIDUAL AND HOUSEHOLD DEMOGRAPHICS**

Finally, we have a few questions about your household. These questions are for statistical purposes only. These answers, like all your other answers, will be reported in aggregate form only and are strictly confidential.

What is your marital status?

1. Married 4. Divorced
2. Single 5. Other (please specify): _________________________
3. Separated

How many children do you have? _________

Are any of your children currently living with you?

1. Yes
2. No

What is your current employment status? (Please circle all that apply.)

1. Employed full-time (30 or more hours a week) 6. Between jobs
2. Employed part-time (less than 30 hours a week) 7. Retired
3. Self-employed 8. Other (please describe):
4. Full-time student  
5. Full-time homemaker

Please check the box that best describes your INDIVIDUAL employment income, before taxes and deductions, for 1999.

1. Less than $5,000 7. $50,000 to $74,999
2. $5,000 to $9,999 8. $75,000 to $99,999
3. $10,000 to $19,999 9. $100,000 to $249,999
4. $20,000 to $29,999 10. $250,000 to $499,999
5. $30,000 to $39,999 11. $500,000 and above
6. $40,000 to $49,999

Please check the box that best describes your total HOUSEHOLD income, before taxes and deductions, for 1999.

1. Less than $5,000 7. $50,000 to $74,999
2. $5,000 to $9,999 8. $75,000 to $99,999
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VIII. **Final Comments**

If you have any additional comments about the topics covered in this survey, please make them here.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

PLEASE RETURN YOUR COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRE IN THE ENVELOPE PROVIDED.