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. BACKGROUND: EDUCATION AND WORK

1. In what year did you receive your undergraduate degree? _____________________

2. Did you receive your undergraduate degree from U.Va.?  
   1 YES  
   2 NO  
   3 NOT SURE/NO ANSWER

3. Do you have a post-baccalaureate (graduate) degree?  
   1 YES  
   2 NO  
   3 NOT SURE/NOT APPLICABLE

   If you answered “NO,” please go to question 4 at the bottom of this page.

   For those with post-baccalaureate (graduate) degrees only:

   What degree(s) have you earned?  
   1 Second bachelor’s  
   2 Master’s  
   3 Doctorate  
   4 Law (LLB or JD)  
   5 Business (MBA)  
   6 Medicine (MD, DDS, or DVM)  
   7 Other (please specify):  

   In what year(s) did you receive your degree(s)?  
   _____________________  
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   Did you receive this degree from U.Va.?  
   Yes No  
   Yes No  
   Yes No  
   Yes No  
   Yes No  
   Yes No

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

   19__________

5. Are you planning to pursue a Ph.D. in your department?  

   1 YES  
   2 NO  
   3 NOT SURE/NO ANSWER

6. In what year do you expect to receive a Ph.D.?  

   ______________
7. What was your employment status prior to entering graduate department?

1. NOT WORKING; WENT STRAIGHT TO GRADUATE SCHOOL AFTER COLLEGE
2. WORKING FULL-TIME (MORE THAN 30 HOURS A WEEK)
3. WORKING PART-TIME (LESS THAN 30 HOURS A WEEK)
4. FULL-TIME HOMEMAKER
5. NOT EMPLOYED BUT LOOKING FOR A JOB
6. NOT EMPLOYED AND NOT LOOKING FOR A JOB
7. OTHER (please specify): ___________________________

For those who were working before graduate school only:
How closely related is the work you were doing before graduate school to the work you are now doing as a graduate student?

1. VERY CLOSELY RELATED
2. CLOSELY RELATED
3. SOMEWHAT RELATED
4. NOT AT ALL RELATED
5. NOT SURE/NOT APPLICABLE

What was your approximate income from working full-time or part-time before entering graduate school?

1. LESS THAN $10,000
2. BETWEEN $10,000 AND $19,999
3. $20,000 TO $29,999
4. $30,000 TO $39,999
5. $40,000 TO $49,999
6. $50,000 TO $74,999
7. $75,000 TO $99,999
8. MORE THAN $100,000
9. DON'T KNOW/NOT APPLICABLE

In general, how satisfied were you with the job you held prior to entering graduate school?

1. VERY SATISFIED
2. SATISFIED
3. NEUTRAL
4. DISSATISFIED
5. VERY DISSATISFIED
6. NOT SURE/NOT APPLICABLE

8. Are your parents helping to pay expenses while you are in graduate school?

1. YES
2. NO
3. NOT SURE/NO ANSWER
II. SATISFACTION WITH YOUR DEPARTMENT AND THE UNIVERSITY

1. The most important objective of this survey is to find out how satisfied students have been with the academic experience in their program. For each of the following items, please indicate whether you are satisfied, dissatisfied, or neither satisfied nor dissatisfied as it pertains to your experience in your program.

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III. SELF-ASSESSMENT OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. Please indicate the extent to which you agree with the following statements.

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IV. Teaching and Research Experiences

1. Have you worked as a research assistant in your department? (Please note that if you work as a research assistant outside of your department, you should answer "no.")
   
   1. YES
   2. NO
   3. NOT SURE/NOT APPLICABLE

For those who worked as research assistants in their department only:

   Approximately how many hours do you work each week, on average, as a research assistant in your department? ____________

   To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements:

   The compensation I receive as a research assistant in my department is adequate.
   
   1. STRONGLY AGREE
   2. AGREE
   3. NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE
   4. DISAGREE
   5. STRONGLY DISAGREE
   6. NOT SURE/NOT APPLICABLE

   The work that I do as a research assistant in my department is a burden on my progress towards a degree.
   
   1. STRONGLY AGREE
   2. AGREE
   3. NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE
   4. DISAGREE
   5. STRONGLY DISAGREE
   6. NOT SURE/NOT APPLICABLE

   How well do you think that you will be able to apply the work you did as a research assistant in your department toward a career of your choice?
   
   1. VERY WELL
   2. SOMewhat WELL
   3. NOT VERY WELL
   4. NOT AT ALL
   5. NOT SURE/NOT APPLICABLE

If you answered “No” or “Not Sure,” please skip to question 2 on the next page.
2. Have you worked as a research assistant outside your department? 

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If you answered “No” or “Not Sure,” please skip to question 3 on the next page.
3. Have you presented a paper or given a talk at a conference or association meeting?

   1. YES
   2. NO
   3. NOT SURE/NOT APPLICABLE

**For those who answered “Yes” only:**

How many papers have you presented? __________

Have you ever presented a paper jointly with a professor in your department?

   1. YES
   2. NO
   3. NOT SURE/NOT APPLICABLE

4. Have you been awarded a fellowship for graduate school?

   1. YES
   2. NO
   3. NOT SURE/NOT APPLICABLE

**For those who answered “Yes” only:**

Have you been awarded a fellowship for more than one year?

   1. YES
   2. NO
   3. NOT SURE/NOT APPLICABLE

What was the source of your most recent fellowship?

   1. FROM YOUR DEPARTMENT
   2. FROM THE UNIVERSITY, OUTSIDE YOUR DEPARTMENT
   3. FROM OUTSIDE THE UNIVERSITY
   4. OTHER: _________________________________________

Were any of your fellowship awards in excess of $5,000?

   1. YES
   2. NO
   3. NOT SURE/NOT APPLICABLE

   If so, for how many years have you been awarded a fellowship in excess of $5,000?
   ____________________________
5. Have you published an article in a scholarly journal or chapter in a book?

1  YES
2  NO
3  NOT SURE/NOT APPLICABLE

For those who answered “Yes” only:
How many works have you published? __________

Were any of these works written jointly with a professor?
1  YES
2  NO
3  NOT SURE/NOT APPLICABLE

6. Have you worked as a teaching assistant in your department?

1  YES
2  NO
3  NOT SURE/NOT APPLICABLE

For those who have worked as teaching assistants only:
For how many different courses have you worked as teaching assistant? __________

Since entering graduate school at the university, in how many semesters have you worked as a teaching assistant? __________

Approximately how many hours, on average, would you say you work each week as a teaching assistant in your department? __________

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements:

The compensation I receive as a teaching assistant is adequate.

1  STRONGLY AGREE
2  AGREE
3  NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE
4  DISAGREE
5  STRONGLY DISAGREE
6  NOT SURE/NOT APPLICABLE

The work that I do as a teaching assistant is a burden on my progress towards a degree.

1  STRONGLY AGREE
2  AGREE
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4  DISAGREE
5  STRONGLY DISAGREE
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For those who have worked as teaching assistants only:

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<td>Has your experience as a teaching assistant made you more likely or less likely to pursue a career teaching at a college or university?</td>
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V. **GENERAL SATISFACTION**

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

1. Your progress toward a degree?

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2. The adequacy of your funding from all sources?

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3. Your overall life as a student?

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4. Your overall experience in your department?

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5. Your overall experience at U.Va.?

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VI. POST GRADUATION PLANS

1. Will you be graduating this May or August?
   1. YES
   2. NO
   3. NOT SURE/NOT APPLICABLE

   For those who are graduating only:
   Do you have a job lined up after graduation?
   1. YES
   2. NO
   3. NOT SURE/NOT APPLICABLE

   If you answered “No,” please skip to question 2 on the next page.

For those who have a job lined up and are graduating in May or August:

   From the list below, please select the category that best fits the type of job you will be doing when you graduate. Please review the list carefully before making your selection.

   1. Administrative support and clerical occupations
   2. Engineer or scientist (including computer scientist)
   3. Engineering or science technician or computer programmer
   4. Executive, administrative, or managerial occupations
   5. Farming, forest, or fishing occupations
   6. Health technologist or technician
   7. Lawyer
   8. Legal assistant/paralegal
   9. Musician, writer, artist, or photographer
   10. Professor or other post-secondary teacher
   11. Registered nurse or other health care practitioners
   12. Sales (including supervisors and proprietary)
   13. Service occupation
   14. Elementary or secondary school teacher or librarian
   15. Member of the armed forces
   16. Other (please specify): ____________________________

   What type of teaching appointment do you have?
   1. Tenure track
   2. Term appointment
   3. Not sure
   4. Other (please specify): ____________________________

   Where will you be teaching?
   1. Public university
   2. Private university
   3. Public college
   4. Private college
   5. Other (please specify): ____________________________

   Is the organization for which you will be working a local, state, federal, government, or other public agency?
   1. YES
   2. NO
   3. NOT SURE/NOT APPLICABLE

   Is the organization for which you will be working a college or university?
   1. YES
   2. NO
   3. NOT SURE/NOT APPLICABLE

Please go to Section VII, Demographics, on page 14.
2. Are you planning to work full-time when you graduate?

1. YES
2. NO
3. NOT SURE/NOT APPLICABLE

For those who are not planning to work full-time after graduation:

What are your post-graduation plans?
1. I WILL BE A FULL-TIME HOMEMAKER
2. I WILL BE WORKING OR LOOKING FOR A PART-TIME JOB
3. I WILL BE DOING A COMBINATION OF THE ABOVE
4. NOT SURE/NOT APPLICABLE
5. OTHER: ____________________________________________

Please skip to Section VII, Demographics, on the next page.

For those who do not have a job lined up and are planning to work full-time:

From the list below, please select the category that best fits the type of job you hope to be doing when you graduate. Please review the list carefully before making your selection.

1. Executive, administrative, or managerial occupations
2. Farming, forest, or fishing occupations
3. Health technologist or technician
4. Lawyer
5. Legal assistant/paralegal
6. Musician, writer, artist, or photographer
7. Professor or other post-secondary teacher
8. Registered nurse or other health care practitioners
9. Sales (including supervisors and proprietary)
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11. Elementary or secondary school teacher or librarian
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13. Other (please specify): __________________________________________
14. Administrative support and clerical occupations
15. Engineer or scientist (including computer scientist)
16. Engineering or science technician or computer programmer

Is the organization for which you would like to work a local, state, federal, government, or other public agency?

1. YES 2. NO 3. NOT SURE/NOT APPLICABLE

Is the organization for which you would like to work a college or university?

1. YES 2. NO 3. NOT SURE/NOT APPLICABLE

How confident are you that you will be working in the occupation you have described above?

1. VERY CONFIDENT
2. SOMEWHAT CONFIDENT
3. NOT AT ALL CONFIDENT
4. NOT SURE/NOT APPLICABLE
3. If you would like to elaborate on your answers in this section, please do so here. If you need more space, please attach a separate sheet of paper.

VII. DEMOGRAPHICS

Finally, we have a few general and demographic questions. Some of the questions might be considered personal in nature and understandably may cause you some concern. Please remember that all of the responses you give to these questions are strictly confidential. No information will be released which can link individual graduate students to their answers. Results will be published in summary fashion only. If you do not feel comfortable answering any of the questions, you may simply skip the question. However, we consider all of the questions to be important in helping the University determine how to improve the graduate student experience and hope you will help us in this effort.

1. Are you currently employed, other than as a teaching or research assistant?

   1  YES
   2  NO
   3  NOT SURE/NOT APPLICABLE

   If you answered “No,” please skip to question 2, below.

For those who are currently employed only:
Approximately how many hours per week do you work at this job?

Approximately what is the annual income you receive from this job?

   1  LESS THAN $10,000
   2  BETWEEN $10,000 AND $19,999
   3  $20,000 TO $29,999
   4  $30,000 TO $39,999
   5  $40,000 to $49,999
   6  $50,000 TO $74,999
   7  $75,000 TO $99,999
   8  MORE THAN $100,000

2. What is your parents’ income, approximately, from all sources?

   1  LESS THAN $10,000
   2  BETWEEN $10,000 AND $19,999
   3  $20,000 TO $29,999
   4  $30,000 TO $39,999
   5  $40,000 to $49,999
   6  $50,000 TO $74,999
   7  $75,000 TO $99,999
   8  MORE THAN $100,000
   9  $250,000 TO $499,999
   10 $500,000 TO $1,000,000

   6  $50,000 TO $74,999
   7  $75,000 TO $99,999
   8  $100,000 TO $249,999
   9  $250,000 TO $499,999
   10 MORE THAN $500,000
5. What is your marital status?

1. MARRIED
2. SINGLE
3. SEPARATED
4. DIVORCED
5. OTHER: _______________________________

If you are not married, please skip to question 6.

For those who are married only:

Does your spouse work part-time or full-time?

1. YES
2. NO

Has this income helped to support you while you have been in graduate school?

1. YES
2. NO

6. Do you have children under the age of 18 living at home with you?

1. YES
2. NO

What is the age of your youngest child?

1. LESS THAN A YEAR OLD
2. MORE THAN A YEAR BUT LESS THAN FIVE YEARS OLD
3. BETWEEN FIVE AND 12 YEARS
4. MORE THAN 12 YEARS OLD
VIII. Final Comments

If you would like to elaborate on any of the topics covered in this questionnaire, please use the space below. If you need more space for your comments, please continue on a separate sheet of paper and return it with your questionnaire. Please do not place your name or any other identifying marks on the additional paper.

Thank you!

Please return the questionnaire in the postage-paid, addressed envelope we provided.