

DOCTORAL PROGRAM

EVALUATION SURVEY

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I a. What were you doing prior to entering this program? *Please circle one answer only.*

- 1 Student (Undergraduate)
- 2 Student (Graduate)
- 3 Employed in a field **related** to that of current study
- 4 Employed in a field **unrelated** to that of current study
- 5 Other: _____

Please Specify

b. INCLUDING RUTGERS, to how many programs at ALL schools were you admitted this year?

c. Was the program you are entering at Rutgers your first, second, or third choice?
Please circle one answer only.

- 1 First or only choice
- 2 Second choice
- 3 Third or lower choice

d. What is the ultimate degree you are preparing for in this program?
(e.g., Ph.D, Ed.D, etc.)

e. How long do you think it will take you to complete your degree?
Please indicate the number of years you think it will take.

f. How confident are you that you will complete your degree in this time period?
Please circle one answer only.

- 1 Very confident
- 2 Somewhat confident
- 3 Not Very confident

g. How confident are you that you are well prepared for graduate studies?
Please circle one answer only.

- 1 Very Confident
- 2 Somewhat Confident
- 3 Not Very Confident

h. INCLUDING RUTGERS, how many programs offered you financial support?

Go to " i " if none.

Please list the universities below and the number of years of guaranteed funding.

UNIVERSITIES	Go to "i" if none.	Years
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i. What best describes your expectation for professional employment when you complete your doctorate? *Please circle one only.*

- 1 Postdoctoral researcher, fellow, or associate
- 2 Researcher, academic setting
- 3 Researcher, nonacademic setting (e.g., national lab/industry/medical center)
- 4 Tenure track faculty position
- 5 Non-tenure track faculty position
- 6 Management or administration
- 7 Other nonacademic position

_____ *Please describe*

j. How would you categorize the type of employer you expect to work for?

Please circle one only.

- 1 U.S. federal government
- 2 State or local government
- 3 Industry or business
- 4 Nonprofit organization or foundation
- 5 College or university (not medical school)
- 6 Community or junior college
- 7 Self-employed
- 8 Other type of employer

_____ *Please describe*

II How important were each of the following factors in your decision to begin a graduate program now?

- a. Primary career choice requires doctorate
- b. Advanced degree required for career advancement.
- c. Change of career.
- d. Increased income-earning potential.
- e. Life stage (children in school, grown, etc.)
- f. Personal intellectual enrichment.
- g. Other: _____

Extremely Important	Somewhat Important	Not Very Important	Not at All Important
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1	2	3	4
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_____ *Please Specify*

III How important were each of the following INFORMATION SOURCES in your decision to APPLY?

	Extremely Important	Somewhat Important	Not Very Important	Not at All Important
On the Web:				
a. Rutgers' internet website	1	2	3	4
b. Program's or department's internet website	1	2	3	4
c. Other internet guides	1	2	3	4
Publications:				
d. Information in a graduate school guide	1	2	3	4
e. Program's brochure or course catalogue	1	2	3	4
f. Professional Organizations (newsletter, journals, etc.)	1	2	3	4
Campus Events:				
g. Campus visit	1	2	3	4
h. Graduate fairs	1	2	3	
i. Summer internship or research programs	1	2	3	4
People:				
j. Undergraduate advisor	1	2	3	4
k. Faculty in previous school or university	1	2	3	4
l. Family and friends	1	2	3	4
m. Rutgers students, faculty, or staff	1	2	3	4
n. Rutgers alumni (other than yourself)	1	2	3	4
o. Your own experience at Rutgers	1	2	3	4
p. Other: _____	1	2	3	4

Please Explain

From this list of information sources, please select the three that were most influential in your decision to apply and enter the corresponding letter below.

For example if your "campus visit" was most influential, enter " g " in the first box.

Most Important Second Most Important Third Most Important

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ONLY:

(Please continue with section IV if you are not an international student)

Why did you choose to come to the United States for your graduate education?

IV How important were each of the following factors in your decision to ENROLL IN YOUR PROGRAM at Rutgers? Please circle one answer for each statement.

<i>Leave blank if not applicable.</i>	Extremely Important	Somewhat Important	Not Very Important	Not at All Important
a. Opportunity to work with particular faculty member(s)	1	2	3	4
b. Graduate program's reputation	1	2	3	4
c. Program's better reputation than other choices	1	2	3	4
d. Areas of specialization in the program match my interests	1	2	3	4
e. Financial support package was the best of all offers	1	2	3	4
f. Received fellowship, assistantship, or scholarship	1	2	3	4
g. Received workstudy, loan, or grant support	1	2	3	4
h. Recommendation of friend, acquaintance, or colleague	1	2	3	4
i. Recommendation of undergraduate advisor or faculty member in your field	1	2	3	4
j. Job opportunities are good for graduates of this program	1	2	3	4
k. Encouragement of program faculty while deciding	1	2	3	4
l. Rutgers' better reputation than other choices	1	2	3	4
m. Campus visit	1	2	3	4
n. Location of campus	1	2	3	4
o. Availability of housing in the area	1	2	3	4
p. Quality of on -campus activities	1	2	3	4
q. Quality of off -campus activities	1	2	3	4
r. Proximity of family members	1	2	3	4
s. Availability of child care	1	2	3	4
t. The ability to attend part-time	1	2	3	4
u. Health insurance	1	2	3	4
v. Other: _____	1	2	3	4

Please Specify

From this list, please select the three that were most influential in your decision to enroll in this doctoral program and enter the corresponding letter below.

For example if "location of campus" was most influential, enter " n " in the first box.

Most Important <input style="width: 40px; height: 25px; border: 1px solid black;" type="text"/>	Second Most Important <input style="width: 40px; height: 25px; border: 1px solid black;" type="text"/>	Third Most Important <input style="width: 40px; height: 25px; border: 1px solid black;" type="text"/>
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V Evaluation of the Enrollment Process

This part of the questionnaire is concerned with your evaluation of the enrollment process. Consider the timing, quality of materials, and any contact you may have had with the faculty or staff of the graduate school or program you have just entered, then circle the number that indicates the level of your satisfaction with each part of the process.

*Please circle one answer for each item.
Leave blank if not applicable.*

Extremely Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Not Very Satisfied	Not at All Satisfied
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How satisfied are you with . . .

a. the graduate student application process	1	2	3	4
b. the timeliness of notification of admission to your program	1	2	3	4
c. financial support offers	1	2	3	4
d. the financial aid (loan) process	1	2	3	4
e. the process of registering for classes	1	2	3	4

VI How helpful were each of the following as you began your program?

Very Helpful	Somewhat Helpful	Not Very Helpful	Not at all Helpful
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a. The orientation session offered by your department or program	1	2	3	4
b. The Graduate School's orientation for incoming graduate students	1	2	3	4
c. Staff in your program	1	2	3	4
d. Program faculty	1	2	3	4
e. Students in your program	1	2	3	4

VII How could your experience as a new graduate student be improved?

VIII Do you have any other comments about your program?

Please write additional comments about Rutgers University on the back cover.

