
Introduction

*The UK Graduate Student Congress conducts periodic surveys in order to understand the needs and concerns of graduate students. **This survey will take only 10-15 minutes of your time** and will be of immense help in understanding the graduate student experience at UK. The data from this year's survey will not only allow us to represent our concerns to the university, it will also support our effort to create an independent graduate student organization (right now, as you might know, we are financially dependent on the undergraduate-led Student Government Association).*

This survey is completely anonymous. Your identity will not be linked to the information you provide.

*If you complete the survey by **Sat. Dec. 16th**, you will be entered in a raffle to **win one of three VISA prepaid cards (\$50 each)**. The survey will remain open until December 31 (23:59 EST), 2017.*

Thank you!

Default Question Block

Which graduate degree are you pursuing?

Ph.D.

Master's

Other (Please Specify)

What year in the program are you in?

First

Second

Third

Fourth

Fifth

Sixth or above

Which graduate program are you associated with for your degree?

Which graduate program are you associated with for your degree? **(Please skip this repeat question)**

Please specify the department/program

Are you affiliated with another graduate program for either your degree or stipend?

Yes

No

Please specify the program

What is your association with this program?

What is your residency status

In-State

Out-of-State

International

What is your current student status?

Full Time Master's

Full Time Pre-Qualifying Exam

Full Time Post-Qualifying Exam

Part Time (either Master's or Ph.D.)

Graduate Student Organization

Would you support the creation of an independent governing organization on campus for graduate students, separate from undergraduate students? This organization would represent graduate students at university administrative levels, have access to student fees paid for by graduate students, and would allocate this fee according to the needs of graduate students.

Yes

No

No Opinion

Position and Assignments

How many work positions/assignments do you currently hold at UK? An external (non-UK funded) fellowships is not considered a UK work position.

1

2

3

4 or more

Other (Please explain)

Position 1 Details

Please answer the following questions about each of your UK assignments

What type of position is this?

Research (including external fellowships)

Teaching

Administrative

Work Study

Other (Please Specify)

How are you compensated for this responsibility? Select all that apply.

Paid (e.g. hourly wage)

Stipend from assistantship

Stipend from fellowship

Tuition remission

Fellowship award(s) supplementing main stipend/pay

Other (Please Specify)

How many weekly hours are you actually working for this position?

1-5

6-10

11-15

16-20

Over 20

If work exceeds 20 hours, list tasks below that account for your hours (exclude classwork and personal academic activities). Otherwise, put N/A.

What is the duration of your assignment or work?

A semester

An academic year excluding summer

An academic year including summer

Less than a semester

Is your assignment or work position within your department?

Yes

No

Shared between multiple departments

Other (Please Specify)

How often are you compensated for your job/assignment?

Weekly

Biweekly

Per semester

Per academic year

Is this assignment/position renewable per academic year or at the end of the proposed duration?

Yes

No

Unsure

Other (Please Explain)

How relevant is this assignment to your field of study?

Highly relevant

Moderately relevant

Somewhat relevant

Not relevant at all

Teaching

For the purpose of this survey, we define “**instructor of record**” as the individual responsible for designing a course (syllabus, textbook, readings, name listed for registration purposes, etc.). We define “**primary teacher**” as an individual responsible for delivering content with primary contact with students. Some individuals may be both; please answer questions accordingly.

Are you the primary teacher for a course?

Yes

No

Are you the instructor of record for the course(s) that you teach?

Yes

No

Do you have a course reduction this semester (special circumstances that exempt you from teaching a course section)?

Yes

No

If your program has caps on students or sections (for instance, some departments assign TA's a maximum of two sections, each capped at 32 students.), please answer the following questions accordingly. If there are no caps, please indicate with a numerical zero.

What is the cap on the number of students total

What is the cap on number of students per section

What is the cap on number of sections

If you share primary teaching responsibilities with another instructor ("co-teaching" or "co-TA"), how many sections do you share? If you don't share, please enter numerical zero.

Please answer the following questions regarding the total number of students and sections for which you are responsible this semester

How many students total

How many sections

Approximately how many students per section

Please explain any special circumstances here (for instance, if you teach two completely different courses with different class sizes)

Additional Positions

Do you have another position to report? (If you receive separate funding for summer, please indicate "no". There is a separate section in this survey for summer support.)

Yes

No

Position 2 Details

Please answer the following questions about each of your UK assignments

What type of position is this?

Research (including external fellowships)

Teaching

Administrative

Work Study

Other (Please Specify)

How are you compensated for this responsibility? Select all that apply.

Paid (e.g. hourly wage)

Stipend from assistantship

Stipend from fellowship

Tuition remission

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Other (Please Specify)

How many weekly hours are you actually working for this position?

1-5

6-10

11-15

16-20

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Briefly describe tasks

I do not work beyond 20 hours

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An academic year excluding summer

An academic year including summer

Less than a semester

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Please answer the following questions regarding the total number of students and sections for which you are responsible this semester

How many students total

Approximately how many students per section

How many sections

Additional Positions 2

Do you have a third position to report? (If you receive separate funding for summer, please indicate "no". There is a separate section in this survey for summer support.)

Yes

No

Position 3 Details

Please answer the following questions about each of your UK assignments

What type of position is this?

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Teaching

Administrative

Work Study

Other (Please Specify)

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Per semester

Per academic year

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Funding

Do you have a graduate assistantship (GA, RA, TA, etc.)?

Yes

No

If Assistantship

What is the length of the year covered by your assistantship stipend?

9 months (i.e. stipend excludes summers)

12 months

Other (Please Specify)

What is the total amount of assistantship stipend you receive during this time, before taxes?

Under \$9,000

\$9,000-\$10,999

\$11,000-\$12,999

\$13,000-\$14,999

\$15,000-\$16,999

\$17,000-\$18,999

\$19,000-\$20,999

\$21,000-\$22,999

\$23,000-\$24,999

\$25,000 or over

Did you also receive additional funding not indicated above (for instance, from fellowships)?

Yes

No

What is the total amount of additional funding you received this year?

What is the average amount funded for students in your department (excluding tuition waivers and health insurance coverage)?

What accounts for differences in funding amounts in your department/program (if known) (examples may include merit-based awards, pre/post-quals status, years teaching, tiered teaching systems, etc.)? If your compensation is average, please enter "none."

Do you receive summer support in addition to what you've described above? This would mean being an RA, TA, GA, or receiving any kind of fellowship specifically for summer.

Yes

No

Please describe your summer funding opportunities.

Approximately what amount of funding do you (or expect to) receive for summer?

Personal Finances

Which of the following statements best applies to you?

I am currently taking out student loans, and repayment is being deferred (don't have to pay back now)

I am currently taking out student loans, and repayment is NOT being deferred (have to pay back now)

I have taken out loans in the past, and repayment is being deferred (don't have to pay back now)

I have taken out loans in the past, and repayment is NOT being deferred (have to pay back now)

I have no student loan debt

Prefers not to answer

Please estimate the dollar amount of **debt** you have acquired **AFTER** coming to the University of Kentucky? (**including** student loans and credit cards; **excluding** car and mortgage payments)?

Amount:

Prefer not to answer

What percentage of your monthly stipend is dedicated to making payments on debt (**including** student loans and credit cards; **excluding** car and mortgage payments)?

No debt payments.

Less than 10%.

10-20 %.

More than 20%.

Prefer not to answer

What is your current health insurance status? (You can select more than one option.)

Not insured

Insured - UK Student Health Plan (SHP) provided by the university

Insured - UK Student Health Plan (SHP) paid for by student

Insured - Other Health Insurance Options

Prefer not to answer

The following question is intended for graduate student insured through the **UK Student Health Plan (SHP)**.

Which of these options is closest to the yearly average of your medical expenses while on the SHP plan? (this includes: copays, urgent care visits, cost of medication, fees, etc.)

\$0-\$249

\$250-\$499

\$500-\$749

\$750-\$999

\$1,000 or more

Not on SHP Plan

Housing

Where do you live?

On Campus

Off Campus

Do you live in graduate housing?

Yes

No

Why don't you live on campus? Select all that apply.

Did not know about graduate student housing options

It was not available when I applied

Rent not affordable

Associated parking fee not affordable

Inconvenient application process

Generally poor or unacceptable apartment condition

Did not want to live on campus (personal preference)

Other reason (Please Specify)

Have you ever lived in campus (official UK) housing?

Yes

No

In your apartment/house, do you live:

By yourself

With your family

With a significant other

Share with others (non family/relationships)

Other (Please Specify)

What is your average monthly rent, including utilities (and Internet)? Please round to the nearest \$20.

Family and Living Situation

How many dependents do you have (indicate numerical zero for none)?

Do you have children for whom you are a primary caregiver?

Yes

No

Don't have children

Do you use child care services (not public school) for your children?

Yes

No

If Using Child Care Services

Which child care service(s) do you use?

How would you rate these child care services?

	Excellent	Good	Barely Adequate	Poor
I find the child care service	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

How much do you spend on child care services per month (including daycare, nanny, babysitting, etc.) per child?

Do you receive or have you received funding from the University of Kentucky specifically to cover child care costs?

Yes

No

Please tell us more about this funding

How much funding do/did you receive

How often

From what organization(s)

Opinion on Student-Parent

In your opinion, how could UK better meet your needs as a student-parent?

Transportation

How often do you come to campus (days per week)?

Which modes of transportation do you most often use to commute? Select all that apply.

Personal vehicle

Carpooling

LexTran buses

Motorcycle or scooter

Bicycle

Walk

Other (Please Specify)

How much do you spend on transportation to campus per month (excluding parking)? Please round to the nearest \$20.

How much do you spend on campus parking annually?

Which routes of the LexTran system do you use regularly? Select all that apply.

Blue/White (Route 14)

Green (Route 26)

Red (Route 15)

Nicholasville (Route 5)

I do not use LexTran

 Other (Please Specify)

Do you use the UK shuttle system (health care route)?

Yes

No

If you have any suggestions/recommendations/complaints about the LexTran or UK (health care) shuttle systems, please add them below.

Mentoring and Professional Development

In the semesters before starting dissertation (Ph.D.) or thesis (Master's) work, who do graduate students in your department rely on for academic and professional advice and guidance?

DGS

Assigned mentor/advisor

Other: [specify]

Such mentorship is not available

How would you rate your access to this person and their helpfulness?

Strongly Agree	Agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
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	Strongly Agree	Agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
This person is accessible	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
This person is helpful	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

How would you rate your dissertation supervisor's accessibility and helpfulness on matters related to your dissertation?

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
This person is accessible	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
This person is helpful	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

How would you rate your dissertation supervisor's guidance/mentorship on (academic and professional) issues **not** related to your dissertation?

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
I am satisfied with the guidance/mentorship I receive	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

In your opinion, what can be done to improve the mentorship options available to graduate students before they start their dissertation work?

In your opinion, what can be done to improve the student-dissertation advisor relationship?

Have you used or tried using the Stuckert Career Center for your professional development needs recently (last one year)?

- Yes
- No

Why haven't you used this resource?

Not needed this resource yet

Did not know about this resource

Did not consider it relevant to the career advice needs you have

Department/college does an adequate job of providing help in this area

Other reason (Please Explain)

Please rate your experience at Stuckert Center (if you have used the Center more than once, rate the most recent experience)

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
I received the help I was seeking	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I was satisfied with the overall service	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I will use it again in the future	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please describe your experience using the Stuckert Career Center. Feel free to add comments and complaints about the service you received.

What opportunities to develop professionally do you wish you had access to but do not at UK?



SGA

Which of the following campus programs or events have you participated in? Select all that apply.

- “It’s On Us” Week (Safety Week)
- “Life After Graduate School” Conference
- 3MT: Three-Minute Thesis Competition
- Anthropology Conference
- Beyond the Blue
- Big Blue Pantry
- Campus Improvement Fund
- Childcare grants
- Commonwealth Leadership Reception
- DanceBlue
- Dinner with the President
- FUSION (For Unity and Service In Our Neighborhoods)
- Graduate Student Leaders Conference
- Graduate Student Research Travel Awards
- Graduate Student Welcome: Ice Cream Social
- Homecoming
- Homecoming Trivia Night
- Internship Support (Financially support students doing internships in Frankfort and Washington DC)
- LiveSafe (Safety Application)
- LiveSafe Guest Speaker
- Martin Luther King Jr. Wildcats for Service
- MLK Center Campus Diversity Spring Event
- Multicultural Student Thanksgiving Dinner (Alumni Association)
- NHHAW (National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week)
- PAWS (Promoting Animal Welfare and Services)
- Police escort around campus after hours
- Programmatic events/speakers related to civic engagement
- SafeRide Home
- SGA Public Relations Events and Advertisements
- Student Conduct Advisors

- UK Alternative Service Breaks (ASB)
- UK Mountain Cats
- UK Service Corps
- UK Student Legal Services
- UKSGA Answers (open forum about SGA)
- VIP Center
- Wildcab
- Wildcat Wardrobe (Provides professional clothing for job interviews and networking events)
- Young at Heart

I have not participated in any of the above

Which of the following campus programs or events meets your needs as a graduate student? Select all that apply.

- “It’s On Us” Week (Safety Week)
- “Life After Graduate School” Conference
- 3MT: Three-Minute Thesis Competition
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 - Wildcab
 - Wildcat Wardrobe (Provides professional clothing for job interviews and networking events)
 - Young at Heart
- None of the above meet my need as a graduate student

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