GRADUATE SCHOOL OF ARTS & SCIENCES
EXIT SURVEY OF POSTGRADUATE PLANS (2012-13)

Please Print

Name____________________________________________ ID #________________________________________

GSAS Department________________________________ Month and Year of Graduation_______________________
(if additional or joint degree with professional school, please specify_________________________________________________

CONTACT INFORMATION

For purposes of tracking PhD career trajectories over time, please indicate:

e-mail address you will be using after Harvard________________________________________

cell phone and/or other current telephone numbers_______________________________________

permanent address______________________________________________________________

I. As you reached the end of your doctoral program, what was your primary goal? (Check one of the items below.)

1 ☐ Teaching/Research in Academe

2 ☐ Academic Administration

3 ☐ Nonacademic, in the Business, Government or Nonprofit Sector

4 ☐ Uncertain, planned to explore among the above options

5 ☐ Other (Specify) _______________________________

II. WHAT IS YOUR EMPLOYMENT STATUS FOR NEXT YEAR? (Check one of the items below. If more than one applies, check both and circle the one that is primary, commanding the most time and effort; answer the rest of the questionnaire in terms of primary position.)

1 ☐ Employed (Go to question III)

2 ☐ Post-doctoral fellowship

( Go to question III)

3 ☐ Further study (Go to question VII)

4 ☐ Unemployed and looking for work (Go to question VIII)

5 ☐ Not employed and not looking (Go to question IX)

III. FOR THOSE THAT ARE EMPLOYED OR HAVE POST-DOCS:

III A. In what type of institution or work situation is the employment or post-doc?

( Check one of the items below. If more than one applies, check both and circle your primary position, commanding the most time and effort; answer the rest of the questionnaire in terms of primary position.)

1 ☐ Academic, post-secondary level

( Go to question IV)

2 ☐ Nonacademic or education at the pre-college level

( Go to question V)
IV. FOR THOSE EMPLOYED OR HAVE RECEIVED A POST-DOC IN A POST-SECONDARY ACADEMIC INSTITUTION:

IV A. What is the nature of the academic institution where you are employed or have a post-doc? (Check one of the items below. If more than one, check all that apply, and circle that which applies to your primary position, commanding the most time and effort.)

1 □ PhD granting university 3 □ Professional school 5 □ Two-year college
2 □ Four-year college or non PhD granting university 4 □ University hospital or clinic 6 □ Other (Specify) ____________

IV B. What is the nature of your primary position? (If more than one activity in your primary position, check all that apply, and circle that which commands the most time and effort.)

1 □ Regular Faculty 3 □ Post-doc
2 □ Adjunct faculty 4 □ Administration
5 □ Other non-faculty

IV C. If faculty appointment (regular or adjunct), what rank do you have?

1 □ Instructor or Lecturer 3 □ Associate Professor 5 □ Unranked
2 □ Assistant Professor 4 □ Professor

IV D. If faculty appointment, is it:

1 □ Tenured 2 □ Tenure track 3 □ Not tenure track

IV E. If faculty appointment is not tenure track, or if you have a post-doc, is your appointment:

1 □ 2 years or less, renewable  2 □ 2 years or less, non renewable

IV F. If your primary position is not faculty or post-doc, what is your job title? Specify__________________________

IV G. Name and location of academic institution where you are employed or have a post-doc:
(If you have checked more than one under IVA, place the primary or circled institution first, then the secondary institution second.)

1 ____________________________________________________________________________ Full-time □  Part-time □
2 ____________________________________________________________________________ Full-time □  Part-time □

OPTIONAL:  Salary for position 1: ________________
Salary for position 2: ________________

If your only employment is in an academic institution, you can now go to question VI.
V. FOR THOSE EMPLOYED OR HAVE RECEIVED A POST-DOC IN A NONACADEMIC INSTITUTION:

V A. In what kind of an institution is your employment or post-doc? (Check one of the items below. If more than one, check all that apply, and circle that which applies to your primary position, item commanding the most time and effort.)

1  □  State or local government (US or equivalent)  
7  □  Nonprofit: Foundation, museum, or service organization

2  □  Federal government (US or equivalent)  
8  □  Elementary or secondary school (public or private)

3  □  International agency  
9  □  Self-employed, freelance

4  □  For profit: Business or industry  
10 □  Publishing

5  □  National lab (US or equivalent)  
11 □  Other (Specify) ______________________________

6  □  Non-university hospital or clinic

V B. What is the nature of your work activity in your primary position? (If more than one activity in your primary position, check all that apply, and circle that which applies to your primary position, item commanding the most time and effort.)

1  □  Research, development  
7  □  Teaching  
13 □  Consulting

2  □  Administration, management  
8  □  Clinical services  
14 □  Other (Specify) ______________________________

3  □  Finance, budgeting  
9  □  Human resources, personnel

4  □  Marketing, sales  
10 □  Public relations, communication

5  □  Curator  
11 □  Information systems (programmer, analyst, etc.)

6  □  Legal services  
12 □  Editing

V C. Name and location (give state, US; country, if non US) of nonacademic institution where you are employed or have a post-doc; job title--use “post-doc” as title if that is the case: (If you have checked more than one under VA, then place the primary or circled institution first, and the secondary position second.)

1 ____________________________
Job title ___________________________ Full-time □  Part-time □

2 ____________________________
Job title ___________________________ Full-time □  Part-time □

OPTIONAL:  Salary for position 1: __________________
Salary for position 2: __________________

VI. FOR ALL WHO ARE EMPLOYED (IN ANY CAPACITY) OR IN A POST-DOC: (STUDENT OR UNEMPLOYED skip to question VII, VIII, or IX, as appropriate.)

VI A. How relevant is your PhD training to your work in your primary position?

1  □  Necessary: I could not do the work without it. (Note: this will probably be used by all teachers and researchers in academic institutions, but also by a chemist working in a commercial firm or an academic administrator running a laboratory or program close to the PhD).
2 □ The PhD skills are useful but not directly related to my work. (Example: an English PhD writing brochures, a chemistry PhD selling drugs, a PhD in any field teaching high school.)

3 □ PhD skills and training not relevant

VI B. How satisfied are you with your primary position?

1 □ It fulfills my hopes and expectation. It is where I want to be.

2 □ It is not exactly where I want to be, but I am satisfied with the results of my search.

3 □ I am disappointed in the results of my search.

4 □ I am sufficiently disappointed that I not only wish to change positions, but to change career paths as well.

*Those who are employed or who have post-docs may now go to question X.*

VII. FOR STUDENTS

VII A. Is the studying you are doing a continuation or enhancement of your PhD studies, or is it a new field?

1 □ Continuation or enhancement of PhD studies.

2 □ A new field (Specify): __________________

3 □ A bit of each

VII B. Do you consider your present circumstance (doing further study) freely chosen, or the result of the job market or some other constraint?

1 □ It is what I have freely chosen.

2 □ It is not what I would have chosen; it is the result of the job market.

3 □ It is not what I would have chosen; it is the result of some other constraint (for instance, need to train for a more lucrative field) (Specify) ________________

VIII. FOR THOSE NOT WORKING AND LOOKING FOR A JOB:

VIII A. What is the type of employment or post-doc you are seeking? (Check one that is your first preference.)

1 □ Teaching/Research in Academe

2 □ Academic Administration

3 □ Plan to explore among the above options

4 □ Other (Specify) ______________________________

5 □ Nonacademic, in the Business, Government, or Nonprofit Sector

*You may now go to question X.*

IX. FOR THOSE NOT WORKING AND NOT LOOKING FOR A JOB:

IX A. Do you consider your present circumstance freely chosen, or the result of the job market or some other constraint?

1 □ It is what I have chosen.

2 □ It is not what I would have chosen; it is the result of the job market.

3 □ It is not what I would have chosen; it is the result of some other constraint. (Specify) __________________________
X. FOR ALL RESPONDENTS: LEVEL OF PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY DURING GRADUATE SCHOOL

X A. Scholarly Publishing: If you published anything at all as sole author, what kind of publication? (Check all that apply.)

1 □ Book Review
2 □ Journal Article
3 □ Book Chapter
4 □ Book
5 □ Other (Specify) _________________________
6 □ One or more publications are dissertation related
7 □ Not dissertation related

X B. Scholarly Publishing: If you co-authored anything with peer, what kind of publication? (Check all that apply.)

1 □ Book Review
2 □ Journal Article
3 □ Book Chapter
4 □ Book
5 □ Other (Specify) _________________________
6 □ One or more publications are dissertation related
7 □ Not dissertation related

X C. Scholarly Publishing: If you co-authored anything with a senior scholar, what kind of publication (Check all that apply.)

1 □ Book Review
2 □ Journal Article
3 □ Book Chapter
4 □ Book
5 □ Other (Specify) _________________________
6 □ One or more publications are dissertation related
7 □ Not dissertation related

X D. Fellowships: Have you received an award or awards in fellowship competitions, over and above the standard financial aid package; if so, what kind? (Check all that apply.)

1 □ Summer
2 □ Semester
3 □ Academic-year, research award
4 □ Academic year, external dissertation completion award
5 □ Multiple-year
6 □ No award received

X E. Teaching Experience: Have you served as Teaching Fellow, and if so, how much did you teach?

1 □ One or two sections for one year
2 □ One or two sections for two or more year(s)
3 □ No courses taught

X F. Teaching Evaluations:

1 □ Evaluations never went above medium or lower
2 □ In at least one course, received highest evaluations and/or teaching prize
X G. **Developing Mentoring Relationships**: Did any of your contact with faculty lead to mentoring relationships, defined as providing opportunities for discussing career and personal options in a more integrated fashion than simple academic advising?

1 □ Had at least one faculty as mentor
2 □ Had multiple mentors, but at different stages
3 □ Had multiple mentors at same time
4 □ Never got to know any faculty in mentor fashion

XI. FOR ALL RESPONDENTS: LOOKING BACK ON YOUR PHD TRAINING, HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT IT?

1 □ Would do the PhD over again, same field, same institution.
2 □ Would do the PhD again, same field, different institution.
3 □ Would do the PhD again, different field.
4 □ Am ambivalent about whether I made the right choice to pursue a PhD.
5 □ Am sorry I made the choice to get a PhD.

XII. FOR ALL RESPONDENTS: IF YOUR EMPLOYMENT STATUS CHANGES, PLEASE LET US KNOW OF YOUR NEW STATUS BY E-MAIL:

XIII. CAREER ADVISING REQUEST:

Would you be willing to serve as a career adviser or mentor for GSAS students in your field? We are looking for volunteers in both academic and nonacademic careers. If so, please give your employer, title, address (W&H), work phone number(s), fax, and work e-mail address, and how you prefer to be contacted:

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XII. CAREER ADVISING SERVICES:

Office of Career Services: Please rate each item with one of the following numbers:

☐ Counselors ☐ Dossier Service ☐ Video Interview Training ☐ Career Panels ☐ Site Visits
☐ Workshops ☐ GSAS Internships ☐ BMSG ☐ Library ☐ Career Options Day
☐ Alumni Career Advisers ☐ Recruiting Program

Comments:
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We thank you for responding to this survey. Should there be a change in your employment status, please notify us of this change at: empsurv@fas.harvard.edu

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