

Georgia Tech Doctoral Exit Survey

[url: <https://surveys.assessment.gatech.edu/phd-exit>]

Congratulations on earning your doctoral degree from Georgia Tech!

Your experience as a graduate student while at Georgia Tech and your plans after graduation provide vital information for improving our programs and for preparing the students who may follow you. We invite you to complete two surveys: The Georgia Tech Doctoral Exit Survey and the National Science Foundation's (NSF) Survey of Earned Doctorates.

The Georgia Tech Doctoral Exit Survey asks about your experiences with your doctoral program, while the NSF Survey of Earned Doctorates is a national survey of doctoral recipients, designed to gather background data about the path to your doctorate and your subsequent career plans. Any and all information you provide will be held in strict professional confidence and will only be reported in a format where your individual responses cannot be identified.

If you have any questions about the Georgia Tech Doctoral Exit Survey, please call or e-mail the Georgia Tech Office of Assessment (ph: 404-385-1420; e-mail: survey@oars.gatech.edu). More information about the NSF Survey of Earned Doctorates can be found here: <http://www.nsf.gov/statistics/srvydoctorates/>

Thank you for your assistance and best wishes as you begin your career.

Sincerely,

G. P. "Bud" Peterson

President

Background Information

Degree Program

*[Dropdown list of doctoral programs]

If you are in a multidisciplinary program, which school do you consider your home program?

[Dropdown list of doctoral programs]

Specialty Area or Focus : _____

Section I

In the items below, please rate your experiences within the following areas during your time at Georgia Tech.

Overall, how would you rate the quality of:

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor
Your academic experience at Georgia Tech	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Your student life experience at Georgia Tech	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Your overall experience at Georgia Tech	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The intellectual quality of the faculty	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The intellectual quality of your fellow graduate students	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The relationship between faculty & graduate students	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Overall quality of graduate-level teaching by faculty	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Quality of academic advising and guidance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Overall program quality	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

How satisfied are you with how fairly you have been treated by:

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

	Extremely Satisfied	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Not Satisfied
Academic administrators	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Faculty within your degree program	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Faculty outside your degree program	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Staff within your degree program	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Staff outside your degree program	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fellow students	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please use this space to briefly explain any of your responses, especially if there were areas that you were less than satisfied with.

Overall Evaluation of Georgia Tech and your Program

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

	Definitely Yes	Probably Yes	Uncertain	Probably No	Definitely No
If you had to choose a graduate school all over again, would you still choose Georgia Tech?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Would you recommend your program to someone who wanted to pursue graduate study in your field?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Did any of the following happen during your graduate program at Georgia Tech?

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

	Yes	No
I took a course, workshop, or orientation on teaching.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I received advice on preparing for candidacy examinations.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I received advice on the process required to select a thesis advisor.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I received feedback on my research.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I received advice on the standards for academic writing in my field.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I received advice on writing grant proposals.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I received advice on publishing my work.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I received advice about research positions.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I taught a course as Instructor of Record	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Only answer these questions if the following conditions are met:

° Answer was 'Yes' at question (Did any of the following happen during your graduate program at Georgia Tech? (I took a course, workshop, or orientation on teaching.))

What sort of training for teaching did you receive? _____

How helpful was this training?

- Very helpful Not very helpful
 Somewhat helpful Not at all helpful

Section II: Advising and Support

When you first enrolled as a doctoral student, did your program provide an orientation to explain the process of completing your doctoral degree?

- Yes, and I attended
 Yes, but I did not attend
 No
 I don't remember

How effective was this orientation in helping you to understand the process of completing your doctoral degree?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

° Answer was 'Yes, and I attended' at question (When you first enrolled as a doctoral student, did your program provide an orientation to explain the process of completing your doctoral degree?)

- Very effective
 Fairly effective
 Neither effective nor ineffective
 Somewhat ineffective
 Very ineffective

If the orientation was less than effective, please explain:

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

° Answer was 'Somewhat ineffective' or 'Very ineffective' at question (How effective was this orientation in helping you to understand the process of completing your doctoral degree?)

Please write your answer here:

How helpful was the advice you received from your thesis advisor in each of these areas?

	Very Helpful	Somewhat Helpful	Not Very Helpful	Not At All Helpful	N/A - I did not receive advice on this
Preparing for written qualifying exams	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Preparing for the oral qualifying exam	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Selection of a thesis topic	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Writing a thesis prospectus or proposal	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Your thesis research	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Writing and revising your thesis	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Academic career options	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Nonacademic career options	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Search for employment or training	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

How timely was the advice you received from your thesis advisor in each of these areas?

	Very Helpful	Somewhat Helpful	Not Very Helpful	Not At All Helpful	N/A - I did not receive advice on this
Preparing for written qualifying exams	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Preparing for the oral qualifying exam	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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Search for employment or training	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please share any thoughts regarding your advising, particularly if you felt advice or help that you needed was inadequate:

Section III: Professional Development

Were you a Teaching Assistant (TA) at any time during your graduate studies?

- Yes
 No

How helpful was this experience with respect to your professional development?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

° Answer was 'Yes' at question (Were you a Teaching Assistant (TA) at any time during your graduate studies?)

- Very helpful
 Somewhat helpful
 Not very helpful
 Not at all helpful

Were you a Research Assistant (RA) at any time during your graduate studies?

- Yes
 No

How helpful was this experience with respect to your professional development?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

° Answer was 'Yes' at question (Were you a Research Assistant (RA) at any time during your graduate studies?)

- Very helpful
 Somewhat helpful
 Not very helpful
 Not at all helpful

How many research or scholarly presentations (including poster presentations) did you make on your campus during your graduate studies (not including presentations given in class or in regularly-scheduled not-for-credit lab meetings)?

['None' to '10 or more']

How many research or scholarly presentations (including poster presentations) did you make at meetings away from your campus (regional, national, or international)?

['None' to '10 or more']

If you made a presentation away from campus, did you receive funds for travel from any of the following sources:

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

° Answer was greater than or equal to '1' at question (How many research or scholarly presentations (including poster presentations) did you make at meetings away from your campus (regional, national, or international)?)

Please choose **all** that apply:

- Your program
 A research grant
 Other grant
 Other institutional funds
 Other:

Which conferences did you present at?

Please write your answer here:

Based on research conducted while you were a graduate student, how many scholarly works that have been published or accepted for publication (e.g., peer-reviewed articles, books, book chapters, conference proceedings) have you authored or co-authored?

['None' to '10 or more']

How many others are currently under review?

['None' to '10 or more']

Which journals?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was greater than or equal to '1' in the either of the previous two questions

Please write your answer here:

Please use this space to explain any of your responses

(program questions are here)

Final Comments

Please list up to three areas for improvement in your graduate program or other aspects of Georgia Tech

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)

Please list up to three major strengths of your graduate education or other experience at Georgia Tech.

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)

Do you have any other comments or suggestions regarding your graduate education in your degree field or other experiences at Georgia Tech?