2012 Graduating Student Survey

As a student who may be graduating this Spring, please take a few minutes to complete this survey and tell us how well your university has helped you reach your educational goals. This survey is being completed by graduating students at a number of Canadian universities so that we may learn more about our students and their experience at university. If you cannot finish the survey in one sitting, you can close the survey and return to it using the link in the email we sent you. It will return you to the last page that you were on. Even if you are not planning to graduate this spring, please take the time to complete this survey. All of your responses are confidential.

[AT BOTTOM OF EACH PAGE: If you are having problems with the survey, please contact Nicholas Borodenko of PRA Inc. at <u>cusc@pra.ca</u>]

Your current university program

1. Are you intending to graduate in 2012?

Yes, in the spring	. 1
Yes, in the Fall	
Intend on graduating after 2012	. 3
Do not intend on graduating	
5 5	

2. Are you currently enrolled at <UNIVERSITY NAME> as a:

Part-time student	1
Full-time student	2
Not currently registered	

3. In what year did you first begin your post-secondary education? (e.g., 2007) Year _

4. In what year did you first begin your studies at <UNIVERSITY NAME>? (e.g., 2008) Year _____

5. If pursued full-time, what is the length of your current degree program as stated in your university's calendar?

One year	. 1
Two years	. 2
Three years	. 3
Four years	
Five or more years	

7. Since starting university, have you ever interrupted your studies for one or more terms (not including inter-sessions, summer sessions, or a work term)? Please select all that apply.

No	0
Yes, due to illness	1
Yes, for financial reasons	2
Yes, required to withdraw by the university	4
Yes, for employment	5
Yes, to have/raise children	6
Yes, to travel	7
Yes, for other family reasons	3
Yes, other reasons (specify)	66

8. As part of your current program, did you participate in any of the following? Please select all that apply.

Со-ор	1
Work experience	2
Practicum	3
Internship	4
Service learning (community service or voluntee	r activities recognized by the university)5
None	0

64. Did any of the following delay the completion of your program at <UNIVERSITY NAME>? Please select all that apply

Required courses not available	1
Elective courses not available	2
Grades	3
Financial issues	4
Other (specify)	66
Did not have a delay	0

9. What was your primary language of instruction?

English	1
French	0
Other	6

10. What is your average grade so far in the courses you have completed at this university?

If your university uses a grade-point system, please select the letter grade equivalent that best reflects your grade point average.

If your university uses percentage grades, please use this guide to select the approximate letter grade equivalent.

Percentage	Equivalent for survey response
85% - 100%	A or A+
80% - 84.99%	A-
76% - 79.99%	B+
70% - 75.99%	B
66% - 69.99%	C+
60% - 65.99%	C
50% - 59.99%	D

A or A+7
A6
B+5
B4
C+
C2
D1

Growth and development

11. Please consider your experience at <UNIVERSITY NAME>. How much has each of the following contributed to your <u>growth and</u> <u>development</u>? Use "Not applicable" if you have not used a resource or if you have not participated in an activity.

	None	Very little	Some	Very much	Not applicable
a. Classroom instruction	1	2	3	4	7
b. Participation in classroom discussions	1	2	3	4	7
c. Laboratory experiences	1	2	3	4	7
d. Examinations	1	2	3	4	7
e. Required reading	1	2	3	4	7
f. Recommended reading	1	2	3	4	7
g. Undergraduate thesis, self-directed study, or senior project	1	2	3	4	7
h. Use of library resources	1	2	3	4	7
i. Interactions with teaching assistants	1	2	3	4	7
j. Personal interactions with faculty in class	1	2	3	4	7
r. Personal interactions with faculty outside of class	1	2	3	4	7
k. Faculty feedback on assignments or projects	1	2	3	4	7
I. Written assignments and essays	1	2	3	4	7
o. Involvement in faculty research activities	1	2	3	4	7
p. Online instruction	1	2	3	4	7
q. [RECALL THOSE CHOSEN IN Q8] related to your program	1	2	3	4	7

12. Please indicate whether you have had experience at <UNIVERSITY NAME> with each of the following.

	Yes	No
a. Using study skills/ learning support services	1	2
b. Serving as a peer or residence advisor	1	2
c. Being a teaching assistant	1	2
d. Having other on-campus employment	1	2
e. Attending campus lectures (in addition to regular classes)	1	2
f. Attending campus cultural events (theatre, concerts, art exhibits, etc.)	1	2
g. Being exposed to students from different cultures	1	2
h. Participating in international study or exchanges	1	2
i. Living on-campus	1	2
j. Interacting with other students	1	2
k. Participating in student clubs and organizations	1	2
m. Participating in student government	1	2
o. Attending campus social events	1	2
p. Attending home games of university athletic teams	1	2
q. Participating in on-campus student recreational and sports programs	1	2
r. Participating in on-campus community service/ volunteer activities	1	2
s. Participating in off-campus community service/ volunteer activities	1	2

12bb. How much did each of the following contribute to your growth and development? [RECALL THOSE SELECTED YES IN Q12]

	None	Very little	Some	Very much
a. Using study skills/ learning support services	1	2	3	4
b. Serving as a peer or residence advisor	1	2	3	4
c. Being a teaching assistant	1	2	3	4
d. Having other on-campus employment	1	2	3	4
e. Attending campus lectures (in addition to regular classes)	1	2	3	4
f. Attending campus cultural events (theatre, concerts, art exhibits, etc.)	1	2	3	4
g. Being exposed to students from different cultures	1	2	3	4
h. Participating in international study or exchanges	1	2	3	4
i. Living on-campus	1	2	3	4
j. Interacting with other students	1	2	3	4
k. Participating in student clubs and organizations	1	2	3	4
m. Participating in student government	1	2	3	4
o. Attending campus social events	1	2	3	4
p. Attending home games of university athletic teams	1	2	3	4
q. Participating in on-campus student recreational and sports programs	1	2	3	4
r. Participating in on-campus community service or volunteer activities	1	2	3	4
s. Participating in off-campus community service or volunteer activities	1	2	3	4

13. [IF YES TO Q12r or Q12s] How many hours per week do you normally engage in community service or volunteer activities?

14. How much has <UNIVERSITY NAME> contributed to your development in each of the following?

	None	Very little	Some	Much	Very much
a. Written communication skills	1	2	3	4	5
b. Oral communication skills	1	2	3	4	5
c. Effective study and learning skills	1	2	3	4	5
d. Ability to understand abstract reasoning	1	2	3	4	5
e. Thinking logically and analytically	1	2	3	4	5
f. Working independently	1	2	3	4	5
g. Cooperative interaction in groups	1	2	3	4	5
h. Ability to address issues in personal life	1	2	3	4	5
i. Mathematical skills	1	2	3	4	5
j. Analyzing quantitative problems	1	2	3	4	5
k. Computer literacy skills	1	2	3	4	5
I. Ability to access information	1	2	3	4	5
m. Skills for planning and completing projects	1	2	3	4	5

15. How much has <UNIVERSITY NAME> contributed to your development in each of the following?

	None	Very little	Some	Much	Very much
a. Second or third language skills	1	2	3	4	5
b. Understanding and applying scientific principles and methods	1	2	3	4	5
c. Identifying and solving problems	1	2	3	4	5
d. Time management skills	1	2	3	4	5
e. Persistence with difficult tasks	1	2	3	4	5
f. Leadership skills	1	2	3	4	5
g. Self-confidence	1	2	3	4	5
h. Interpersonal skills	1	2	3	4	5
i. Moral and ethical development	1	2	3	4	5
j. Appreciation of the arts	1	2	3	4	5
k. Accepting people from different cultures	1	2	3	4	5
I. Understanding national and global issues	1	2	3	4	5
m. Living in an international world	1	2	3	4	5
n. Spiritual development	1	2	3	4	5
o. Broad knowledge of my major field of study	1	2	3	4	5
p. Commitment to lifelong learning	1	2	3	4	5
q. Preparation for post-graduate study or professional school	1	2	3	4	5
r. General skills and knowledge relevant for employment	1	2	3	4	5
s. Specific employment-related skills and knowledge	1	2	3	4	5
t. Entrepreneurial skills	1	2	3	4	5

15_2. Regardless of how well you thought your university did, which **three** are the most important in terms of a student's development?

	Most important	Second most important	Third most important
a. Second or third language skills	1	2	3
b. Understanding and applying scientific principles and methods	1	2	3
c. Identifying and solving problems	1	2	3
d. Time management skills	1	2	3
e. Persistence with difficult tasks	1	2	3
f. Leadership skills	1	2	3
g. Self-confidence	1	2	3
h. Interpersonal skills	1	2	3
i. Moral and ethical development	1	2	3
j. Appreciation of the arts	1	2	3
k. Accepting people from different cultures	1	2	3
I. Understanding national and global issues	1	2	3
m. Living in an international world	1	2	3
n. Spiritual development	1	2	3
o. Broad knowledge of my major field of study	1	2	3
p. Commitment to lifelong learning	1	2	3
q. Preparation for post-graduate study or professional school	1	2	3
r. General skills and knowledge relevant for employment	1	2	3
s. Specific employment-related skills and knowledge	1	2	3
t. Entrepreneurial skills	1	2	3

Satisfaction with university experience

16a. Please indicate whether you have used each of the following services at <UNIVERSITY NAME>.

	Yes	No
a. Academic advising	1	2
b. Study skills or learning support services	1	2
c. Personal counselling services	1	2
r. University residences	1	2
e. Career counselling services	1	2
g. Campus bookstores	1	2
h. Library facilities	1	2
j. Athletic facilities	1	2
 Services for co-op program, internship, and other practical experiences related to your program 	1	2
I. Campus medical services	1	2
m. Employment services	1	2
n. Services for students with disabilities	1	2
o. International student services	1	2
p. Services for students needing financial aid	1	2
q. Services for First Nations students	1	2
s. On-campus wi-fi	1	2
t. Online course management systems (e.g., Blackboard, Saki, Moodle, webCT, etc.)	1	2
u. University email	1	2
v. Computer support services (e.g., help desk)	1	2

16b. You indicated you used the following services at your university. Please rate your level of satisfaction with each service. [RECALL THOSE SELECETED YES FROM Q16A]

	Very dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Satisfied	Very satisfied
a. Academic advising	1	2	3	4
b. Study skills or learning support services	1	2	3	4
c. Personal counselling services	1	2	3	4
r. University residences	1	2	3	4
e. Career counselling services	1	2	3	4
g. Campus bookstores	1	2	3	4
h. Library facilities	1	2	3	4
j. Athletic facilities	1	2	3	4
 K. Services for co-op program, internship, and other practical experiences related to your program 	1	2	3	4
I. Campus medical services	1	2	3	4
m. Employment services	1	2	3	4
n. Services for students with disabilities	1	2	3	4
o. International student services	1	2	3	4
p. Services for students needing financial aid	1	2	3	4
q. Services for First Nations students	1	2	3	4
s. On-campus wi-fi	1	2	3	4
t. Online course management systems (e.g., Blackboard, Saki, Moodle, webCT, etc.)	1	2	3	4
u. University email	1	2	3	4
v. Computer support services (e.g., help desk)	1	2	3	4

17. Please indicate your level of agreement with each item in the following list.

	Disagree strongly	Disagree	Agree	Agree strongly	Don't know
a. Most of my professors seemed knowledgeable in their field	1	2	3	4	8
b. Most of my professors were well organized in their teaching	1	2	3	4	8
c. Most of my professors communicated well in their teaching	1	2	3	4	8
d. Most professors' teaching was intellectually stimulating	1	2	3	4	8
e. Most of my professors encouraged students to participate in class discussions	1	2	3	4	8
 Most of my professors provided useful feedback on my academic performance 	1	2	3	4	8
g. Most of my professors were reasonably accessible outside of class to help students	1	2	3	4	8
 Most of my professors were knowledgeable of career opportunities in my field 	1	2	3	4	8
 Some professors at this university have had a major positive influence on my academic career 	1	2	3	4	8
 K. Generally, I am satisfied with my experience with teaching assistants 	1	2	3	4	8
j. Generally, I am satisfied with the quality of teaching I have received	1	2	3	4	8
 Most university administration and support staff (e.g., clerks, secretaries, etc.) are helpful 	1	2	3	4	8
n. I sometimes feel I get the run-around at this university	1	2	3	4	8
o I feel as if I am part of this university	1	2	3	4	8
p. I have received good value for my money at this university	1	2	3	4	8

18. How satisfied are you with each of the following aspects of <UNIVERSITY NAME>?

	Very dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Satisfied	Very satisfied
a. Opportunity to develop lasting friendships	1	2	3	4
b. Availability of information about career options in your area of study	1	2	3	4
c. Concern shown by the university for you as an individual	1	2	3	4
d. The overall quality of the education you have received at this university	1	2	3	4
h. Opportunities to enhance your education through activities beyond the classroom (e.g., undergraduate research, service-learning, students exchange)	1	2	3	4
i. Opportunities to become involved in campus life	1	2	3	4
f. Personal safety on campus	1	2	3	4
g. Your university's commitment to environmental sustainability	1	2	3	4
e. Your decision to attend this university	1	2	3	4

19. Has your experience at <UNIVERSITY NAME> exceeded, met, or fallen short of your expectations?

Exceeded	3
Met	0
Fallen short	1

20. How has your experience at <UNIVERSITY NAME> [Q19 response] of your expectations?

21. Would you recommend <UNIVERSITY NAME> to others?

Yes1	
No2	

22. Why would you [IF Q21=NO] <not> recommend <UNIVERSITY NAME> to others? Please select all applicable reasons.

The program	.1
The professors	
Student services	
Relevance of my program for job opportunities	
Quality of student/campus life	
Other reason(s) (specify)	

Financing your education

23. To date, about how much repayable debt (if any) have you acquired to help finance your university education from the following sources? By repayable debt, we mean money you owe and have to pay back. Please enter the approximate amount of debt for each in Canadian dollars.

Please enter whole numbers only and do not include commas, dollar signs or decimal places. For example, enter 2000 rather than \$2,000.

	Amount	No debt from this source	Prefer not to answer
Debt from government student loans	\$ [\$0 to \$150,000]	0	888888
Debt from loans from financial institutions	\$ [\$0 to \$150,000]	0	888888
Debt from loans from parents/family	\$ [\$0 to \$150,000]	0	888888
Debt from other sources	\$ [\$0 to \$150,000]	0	888888
Total	\$		

28. Have you ever received an academic scholarship from <UNIVERSITY NAME>?

Yes	1
No	2
Not sure	8

66. [IF Q28=1] Was your scholarship, financial award or bursary from <UNIVERSITY NAME> for: Select all that apply.

Academic merit	1
Athletics	2
Financial need	3
Other (specify)	66

24. Thinking about the <u>current academic year</u>, please indicate which of the following sources you are using to help pay for your university education.

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a. Government loan or bursary	1
b. University scholarship, financial award, or bursary	1
c. Parents, family, or spouse	1
d. Personal savings	1
e. Loans from financial institution	1
f. Co-op program, internship, and other practical experiences related to your program	1
g. Work-study program	1
h. Earnings from current employment	1
i. Earnings from summer work	1
j. Investment income (bonds, dividends, interest, etc.)	1
k. RESP	1
I. Other (specify)	1

24a. Please provide the approximate amount you have or will receive from each for the current academic year to help pay for your university education. Please enter the approximate amount for each in Canadian dollars. Please enter whole numbers only and do not include commas, dollar signs or decimal places. For example, enter 2000 rather than \$2,000.

[SHOW THOSE SELECTED IN Q24]

	Amount (Canadian)	Prefer not to answer
a. Government loan or bursary	\$ [\$0 to \$99,999]	888888
b. University scholarship, financial award, or bursary	\$ [\$0 to \$99,999]	888888
c. Parents, family, or spouse	\$ [\$0 to \$99,999]	888888
d. Personal savings	\$ [\$0 to \$99,999]	888888
e. Loans from financial institution	\$ [\$0 to \$99,999]	888888
f. Co-op program, internship, and other practical experiences related to your program	\$ [\$0 to \$99,999]	888888
g. Work-study program	\$ [\$0 to \$99,999]	888888
h. Earnings from current employment	\$ [\$0 to \$99,999]	888888
i. Earnings from summer work	\$ [\$0 to \$99,999]	888888
j. Investment income (bonds, dividends, interest, etc.)	\$ [\$0 to \$99,999]	888888
k. RESP	\$ [\$0 to \$99,999]	888888
I. Other (specify)	\$ [\$0 to \$99,999]	888888

25. Excluding work related to a co-op program, internship, and other practical experiences, are you employed during the current academic term?

Yes, both on and off campus	5
Yes, off campus	4
Yes, on campus	3
No, but I am seeking work	
No, and I am not seeking work	

26. Excluding work related to a co-op program, internship, and other practical experiences, on average how many hours are you employed per week?

[.5 to 99.5. ALLOW FOR 1 DECIMAL PLACE]

27. What impact has your current non-co-op related employment had on your academic performance?

Very positive	4
Somewhat positive	3
No impact	2
Somewhat negative	
Very negative	0

29. How many credit cards do you have?

 Number of cards:
 [ALLOW 0 TO 99. SKIP TO Q32 IF = 0]

 None......00 => SKIP TO Q32

30. Do you regularly pay off the balance on your credit cards each month?

Yes1	=> SKIP TO Q32
No2	
Not sure	=> SKIP TO Q32

31. What is your most recent unpaid balance on all your credit cards? Please enter whole numbers only and do not include commas, dollar signs or decimal places. For example, enter 2000 rather than \$2,000.

Plans after graduation

32. Do you expect to be involved in any of the following educational activities during the first year after you graduate, or in the next 2 to 5 years? Select all that apply.

	Q32a. First year after graduation	Q32b. 2 to 5 years after graduation
Further undergraduate studies	1	1
Graduate school	2	2
Professional school (e.g., Law, Medicine)	3	3
Technical/vocational school	4	4
Community college or CEGEP	5	5
Other education	6	6
None	0	0

33. [IF Q32A = 1, 2 OR 3] Which educational institution do you plan to attend in your first year after graduating?

Name:		
City:		

67. Thinking about the repayable debt you have acquired to finance your university education, how much of an impact does this debt have on your decision whether or not to take further education in your first year after graduation?

No impact	1
Some impact	2
Great impact	3

35. Do you expect to be involved in any of the following activities for a significant amount of time (for example, several months) during the first year after you graduate? Please select all that apply.

Unpaid volunteer activities	1
Travel	2
Take time off	3
None of the above	4

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68. Please indicate what steps (if any) you have taken to prepare for employment or your career after graduation?

	Yes	No	Not sure
a. Talked with professors about employment/career	1	2	8
b. Created resume or curriculum vitae (CV)	1	2	8
c. Created an e-portfolio	1	2	8
d. Attended an employment fair	1	2	8
e. Met with a career counsellor	1	2	8
f. Worked in my chosen field of employment	1	2	8
g. Volunteered in my chosen field of employment	1	2	8
h. Have a career mentor	1	2	8
i. Decided on a career field or specific occupation	1	2	8

39. Do you have employment arranged after you graduate other than a summer job? Please select all that apply.

Yes, self-employment or contract work	6
Yes, two or more part-time jobs	5
Yes, one part-time job	
Yes, a full-time job	
No, but I am seeking work	
No, and I am not seeking work	

40. Is your job new or a continuation of a job you had previously?

New job	1
Continuation	2

41. [IF Q39 = 3] Is this full-time job permanent or temporary?

Permanent	1
Temporary	2
Not sure	8

42. Does your arranged employment require a degree?

Yes1
No2

43. Did your degree help get you your job?

Yes	1
No	2

44. Is your job related to knowledge and skills acquired from your studies at <UNIVERSITY NAME>?

Not at all	.1
Slightly	
Moderately	
Significantly	
Not sure	

45. Where is your job?

In Canada (specify province or territory):
Outside Canada (specify country):

[PULL DOWN LIST OF PROVINCES AND TERRITORIES]

46. How did you find your job?

Campus career or employment centre1	
Employment agency2	
Answered a job ad	
Referred by family or friends4	
Professors	
Contacted employer directly6	
Contracted previous employer7	
Internet	
From co-op program, internship, and other practical experiences related to your program	9
Other (specify)	66

47. How satisfied are you with the employment you have been able to secure?

Very dissatisfied	1
Dissatisfied	2
Satisfied	3
Very satisfied	4

48. What are your anticipated gross monthly earnings from employment after graduation? Please specify expected monthly gross earnings before taxes and other deductions for all jobs. Please enter whole numbers only and do not include commas, dollar signs or decimal places. For example, enter 2000 rather than \$2,000.

Total gross monthly earnings in Canadian dollars \$ _____ [1 to 99,999. NO DECIMALS]

49. What is your perception of the job market in Canada for your major area of study? Would you say there are ...

Very few jobs	1
Few jobs	2
Some jobs	3
Many jobs	4
Don't know	8

Background

50. Are you...

Female	1
Male	2
Other	3

- 51. How old were you on September 1, 2011? _____ [14 to 99]
- 52. Where was your permanent home before you came to <UNIVERSITY NAME>?

British Columbia	1
Alberta	
Saskatchewan	
Manitoba	
Ontario	5
Quebec	6
Nova Scotia	7
Prince Edward Island	8
New Brunswick	9
Newfoundland and Labrador	
Nunavut	11
Northwest Territories	
Yukon	-
Other (please specify)	66

Lived on a farm/ranch Less than 5,000	
5,000 to 9,999	
10,000 to 49,999	
50,000 to 99,999	5
100,000 to 299,999	6
300,000 to 499,999	7
500,000 or more	8

54. Where are you currently living?

With parents, guardians, or relatives	1
In on-campus housing (residence, dormitory, etc.)	2
In housing rented off-campus, sharing at least some of the costs with others	3
In housing rented off-campus, paying all costs yourself	4
In a home that you personally own	5
Other (please specify)	66

55. Do you have a disability? Please select all that apply.

None	0
Mobility	1
Hearing	2
Speech	
Partial sight or blind	4
Learning	5
Head injury	6
Other physical disability	7
Mental health	
Other (please specify)	

56. Are you...

Married or common-law	1
In a relationship (other than married or common-law)	
Single	

58.Are you... Click all that apply.

Aboriginal (e.g., status, non-status, Métis, Inuit)	
Arab (e.g., Saudi, Egyptian, etc.)	
Black	3
Chinese	4
Filipino	5
Japanese	
Korean	
Latin American	9
South Asian (e.g., East Indian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan, etc.)	11
Southeast Asian (e.g., Cambodian, Indonesian, Laotian, Vietnamese, etc.)	12
West Asian (e.g., Afghan, Iranian, etc.)	13
White	
Other (please specify)	66

60. Do you have any children?

Yes	1
No	2 => SKIP TO Q61

69. How many children do you have in each of the following age groups?

5 years old or younger	[0 TO 10]
6 to 11 years old	[0 TO 10]
12 years or older	[0 TO 10]

61. Are you a(n)...?

Canadian citizen	1
Permanent resident	2
International student	

70. What is the highest level of education your mother and father completed?

	Mother	Father
Less than high school	1	1
High school graduate	2	2
Some college, CEGEP or technical school (no certificate or diploma)	3	3
College, CEGEP or technical school graduate	4	4
Some university (no degree or diploma)	5	5
University graduate (e.g., B.A., B.Sc.)	6	6
Professional degree (e.g., Medicine, Law)	7	7
Graduate degree (e.g., Master's, Ph.D.)	8	8
Other Mother (please specify)	66	66
Other Father (please specify)	66	66
Don't know	88	88

62. Looking back on your experience at <UNIVERSITY NAME>, what do you think the university did particularly well?

63. What is the **single** most important change that <UNIVESRITY NAME> could make to enhance the education experience of its students?

That is the end of the survey. Thank you very much for your help.

If your university is offering a prize for participating, you have been automatically entered in the draw by completing the survey.