

Canadian University Survey Consortium Consortium canadien de recherche sur les étudiants universitaires

# **2021 Survey of Graduating Students**

This survey is being completed by undergraduates in their last year of study at approximately 30 Canadian universities. We want to learn more about how university contributed to the development of our students and what our students think about their university experience.

If you cannot finish the survey in one sitting, you can close it and return to it using the link in the email we sent you. You will be returned to the page you were on when you closed.

All of your responses are confidential.

description
Question only in the Graduating survey
Question in all 3 surveys
Question in the First Year Survey and the Middle Years Survey
Question in the Middle Years Survey and the Graduating Survey

- grad1 Do you expect to graduate in 2021?
  □ Yes, in the Spring
  □ Yes, in the Fall
  □ Expect to graduate after 2021
  - $\Box$  Do not expect to graduate

Academic history

 hist1
 In what year did you begin your post-secondary studies? Year: \_\_\_\_\_\_

 hist2
 In what year did you first enrol at <university name>? Year: \_\_\_\_\_\_

 hist3
 Have you transferred to <university name> from another post-secondary institution? Yes □ No □

 hist4
 Please choose the letter grade that best reflects your overall average grade: □ A (includes A+, A and A-) □ B (includes B+, B and B-) □ C (includes C+, C and C-) □ D □ F



	Since starting your post-secondary education, have you e studies for one or more terms (not including inter-sessior work terms)? Check all that apply.	• •
hist5	No	
hist6	Yes, due to illness	
hist7	Yes, for financial reasons	
hist8	Yes, to have/raise children	
hist9	Yes, required to withdraw by the university	
hist10	Yes, for employment	
hist11	Yes, for other family reasons	
hist12	Yes, to travel	
hist13	Yes, for other reasons (please specify):	
hist13tx	t	

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

- hist14 🗆 Co-op
- hist15 🛛 Work experience
- hist16 🛛 Practicum

- hist19 Gervice learning (community service or activities recognized by the university)
- hist20  $\Box$  None of the above

Did any of the following delay the completion of your program at <university name>? Please select all that apply.

- hist22 🛛 Elective courses not available
- hist23 🗆 Grades
- hist25  $\Box$  Other (please specify):

hist25txt



Activit	ties				Mara	
Since la	ast September how often have you	Never	Occasionally	Often	Very often	
act1	attended campus social events					
act2	attended public lectures and guest speakers on campus					
act3 act4	attended campus cultural events (theatre, concerts, art exhibits, etc.) participated in student government					
act5	(excluding voting in student elections) participated in student clubs					
act6	participated in on-campus student recreational and sports programs					
act7	attended home games of university athletic teams	П	П	П		
act8	participated in on-campus community service/volunteer activities					
act9	participated in off-campus community service/volunteer activities					
act11	service/volunteer activities? Hours: During an average week in the current to on the following academic activities? In scheduled classes, labs, seminars and		-	-	ou spend	
act12       Academic work outside of class time       (hours per week):         Employment						
work2	[If work1= "Yes" branch to work2, oth On average, how many hours per week a				ection.]	
work3	<ul> <li>What impact has this employment had o</li> <li>Very negative</li> <li>Somewhat negative</li> <li>No impact</li> <li>Somewhat positive</li> <li>Very positive</li> </ul>	n your ac	ademic perfori	mance?		



Please indicate your level of agreement or disagreement with the following statements about your professors.

	Most of my professors	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
prof1	are reasonably accessible				
	outside of class				
prof2	take a personal interest in	_	_	_	_
prof4	my academic progress encourage students to				
p1014	participate in class				
	discussions				
prof5	are well organized in their				
	teaching				
prof6	seem knowledgeable in	_	_	_	_
	their fields				
prof7	communicate well in their teaching				
prof8	are intellectually				
	stimulating in their				
	teaching				
prof9	provide useful feedback on	_	_	_	_
prof10	my academic work				
prof10	provide prompt feedback on my academic work				П
prof12	are consistent in their				
	grading				

	Most of my professors	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	No basis for opinion
prof13	treat students the same	_	_	_	_	_
prof14	regardless of gender treat students the same					
prorite	regardless of race					
prof15	look out for students'	_		_		_
	interests					
	Regardless of how well you th	nink your pr	ofessors did	, which the	ree stateme	ents do
	you think are the most impor	tant? prof1	8 pr	rof19	prof20 _	
				Yes,		
		Yes, all	Yes, most	some	No	
		courses	courses	courses	courses	
prof16	Were you given the chance to evaluate the quality of teaching in your courses?					



	ing all of your professors and co ment with the following stateme	-	e indicate y Disagree	our level Agree	of agreement or Strongly agree
	Generally, I am satisfied with the quality of teaching I have received				
Covid1	Since September 2020, which of have you used to take academ apply. In a seminar room, classroom In a lab or studio Online with live/synchronou Online without live/asynchroloctures) Other (specify):	ic courses f m or lecture 1s instructic	rom this un e hall on (e.g. real	iversity? S	Select all that
Covid2	Has the method of instruction, university changed from what Yes [BRANCH TO COVID2B]	you were a			
Covid2b	How satisfied are you with how component of your courses? Very satisfied Satisfied Dissatisfied Very dissatisfied	v your unive	ersity has a	dapted th	e instructional
Covid3	Are you enrolled in a course of <u>external</u> experiential learning ops)? Yes [BRANCH TO COVID3A] No Don't know	component		•	
Covid3a	Has the method of providing the course/program changed from Yes [BRANCH TO COVID3B] No Don't know	what you a			
Covid3b	How satisfied are you with how experiential learning compone Very satisfied Satisfied Dissatisfied Very dissatisfied				e <u>external</u>



Covid4	Are you enrolled in a course or program that includes an <u>internal</u> experiential learning component (e.g. lab, studio or applied project)?
Covid4A	<ul> <li>Don't know</li> <li>Has the method of providing the <u>internal</u> experiential learning component in your course/program changed from what you would anticipated due to COVID-19?</li> <li>Yes [BRANCH TO COVID4B]</li> </ul>
	Don't know
Covid4B	How satisfied are you with how your university has adapted the <u>internal</u> experiential learning component of your course/program?
	□ Satisfied
	□ Dissatisfied
	□ Very dissatisfied
Covid5	Since the COVID-19 pandemic, how satisfied are you with the efforts your university has taken to administer final exams in your courses?
	Very satisfied
	□ Satisfied
	Dissatisfied
	Very dissatisfied
_	□ Not applicable
Covid6	Have your plans to complete your program been delayed because of the COVID-19 pandemic?
c · 17	
Covid7	Generally speaking, since the COVID-19 pandemic began, would you say that being able to access the services you used at your university is:
	More difficult [BRANCH TO COVID7A]
	The same
CovidZo	Less difficult
Covid7a	university because of COVID-19.
<b>C</b> 10	□ Specify:
Covid8	How satisfied are you with the safety measures taken by your university to limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus?
	Very satisfied
	□ Satisfied
	Dissatisfied [BRANCH TO COVID8A]
	Very dissatisfied [BRANCH TO COVID8A]
Covid8a	Please comment on how the safety measures taken by your university to limit the spread of COVID-19 could be improved.
	Specify:



Staff

Please indicate your level of agreement or disagreement with the following statements.

		Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	No basis for opinion
staff1 staff2	Most teaching assistants in my academic program are helpful Most university support staff					
	(e.g., clerks, secretaries, etc.) are helpful					

# Growth and development

How much has your experience at <university name> contributed to your growth and development in the following areas?

		None	Very little	Some	Much	Very much
dvl1	Thinking logically and analytically					
dvl2	Mathematical skills					
dvl3	Dealing successfully with obstacles to					
	achieve an objective					
dvl4	Thinking creatively to find ways to	_	_	_	_	_
4.45	achieve an objective					
dvl5	Understanding abstract concepts					
dvl6	Speaking to small groups					
dvl7	Speaking to a class or audience					
dvl8	Writing clearly and correctly					
dvl9	Reading to absorb information	_	_	_	_	_
dvl10	accurately Listening to others to absorb					
uvitu	information accurately					
dvl11	Ability to find and use information					П
dvl12	Second or third language skills					
dvl13	Skills for planning and completing					
	projects					
dvl14	Effective study and learning skills					
dvl15	Working independently					
dvl16	Cooperative interaction in groups					
dvl17	Computer literacy skills					
dvl18	Persistence with difficult tasks					
dvl19	Entrepreneurial skills					
dvl20	Skills and knowledge for employment					
dvl21	Ability to lead a group to achieve an	_	_	_	_	_
	objective					
dvl22	Knowledge of career options					
dvl23	Self-confidence					
dvl24	Ability to evaluate your own strengths					
	and weaknesses					
dvl25	Ability to interact with people from backgrounds different from your own					



dvl26	Appreciation of the arts			
uv(20	Appreciation of the arts			
dvl27	Spirituality			
dvl28	Time management skills			
dvl29	Moral and ethical judgment			
dvl30	Understanding Indigenous worldviews,			
	experiences, issues, and peoples of			
	Canada			

Regardless of how well you think your university did, which <u>three</u> areas do you think are the most important? <u>dvl1st</u> <u>dvl2nd</u> <u>dvl3rd</u> <u>dv</u> <u>dv</u> <u>dv</u> <u>dv</u>

Expectations and experience						
	Exceeded	Met	Fallen short			
exp18 Has <university name=""> exceeded, met or fallen short of your expectations?</university>						

#### **Overall evaluation**

Please indicate your level of satisfaction or dissatisfaction with <university name> in the following areas.

101101		Very dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Satisfied	Very satisfied
eval1	opportunities to develop lasting friendships				
eval2	availability of information about career options in your area of study				
eval3	concern shown by the university for you as an individual				
eval4 eval5	the overall quality of the education you have received at this university opportunities to enhance your				
eval13	education through activities beyond the classroom (e.g., undergraduate research, service learning) Opportunities to participate in				
eval6	international study or student exchanges opportunities to become involved				
evalo eval7	in campus life personal safety on campus				
eval8	your university's commitment to environmental sustainability				



Please indicate your level of agreement or disagreement with the following statements.

			ongly agree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
eval10	I have received good value for money at this university					
eval11	I feel as if I belong at this university					
idg1 idg2	Indigenous course content has enriched my university experience Participation in Indigenous activities or events has enriched	Strongly disagree	Disagre	ee Agree	Strongly agree	Not applicable/ did not participate
	my university experience					
eval14 [If eval14 eval14tx	How likely is it that you would member? □ 0 Not at all likely through to 4 =< 6 branch to eval14txt, otherwi Please explain why you gave a university. t	□ 10 Extre se branch t	emely lik o the Go	ely al developn	nent secti	on.]
Goal de	evelopment					
goal2	Have you changed your major or secondary studies? Yes □ No □ After you have completed your u	Indergradua	ate studi	es do you ir		oost-
goal3	apply to a professional program etc.)	(e.g., mean	cine, Lav	v, Yes ⊔	No 🗆	Unsure 🗆
goal4 goal5 goal6	apply to graduate school Which of the following best desc I have a specific career in min I have several possible careers I have some general ideas but I am unsure, but I want to dev I am not thinking about a care How well do you know the caree open for you?	nd s in mind I need to c velop a care eer at this s	larify the er plan tage of r	em ny studies	No 🗆	Unsure 🗆
	<ul> <li>Very well</li> <li>Fairly well</li> <li>Only a little</li> <li>Not at all</li> </ul>					
	Please indicate what steps if any		takan ta	proporo for		

Please indicate what steps if any you have taken to prepare for employment/your career after graduation. Please choose all that apply.



goal7	Talked with professors about employment/career
goal8	Talked with parents/family about employment/career
goal9	Talked with friends about employment/career
goal10	□ Created resume, CV, e-portfolio, or online profile (e.g.
	LinkedIn)
goal12	Attended an employment fair
goal13	$\Box$ Met with a career counsellor
goal14	Worked in my chosen field of employment
goal15	Volunteered in my chosen field of employment
goal16	$\Box$ I have a career mentor
goal17	$\Box$ None of the above

# Services

Since September 2020, please indicate which of the following services you have used and how satisfied you are with the ones you have used.

bacibin	ta you are with the ones you h			Satisfaction if service used			
		Used		Very dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Satisfied	Very Satisfied
srv1	Services for Indigenous students		srv1sat				
srv2	Services for international students		srv2sat				
srv3	Services for students with disabilities		srv3sat				
srv4	University libraries: physical books, magazines,		srv4sat				
srv5	stacks University libraries: electronic resources		srv5sat				
srv6	Employment services		srv6sat				
srv7	Career counselling		srv7sat				
srv8	Personal counselling		srv8sat				
srv9	Academic advising		srv9sat				
srv10	Tutoring		srv10sa t				
srv11	Study skills and learning supports		srv11sa t				
srv12	Writing skills		srv12sa t				
srv13	University residences		srv13sa t				
srv14	Advising for students who need financial aid		srv14sa t				



srv15	Financial aid		srv15sa t				
srv16	Athletic facilities		srv16sa				
srv17	Other recreational facilities		srv17sa				
srv18	University bookstores: physical stores		srv18sa t				
srv19	University bookstores: online inventory check, ordering, etc.		srv19sa t				
srv20	•		srv20sa t				
srv21	Co-op offices and supports		srv21sa t				
srv22	Facilities for university- based social activities		srv22sa t				
srv23	Facilities for student associations		srv23sa t				
srv24	Computing services help desk		srv24sa t				
srv25	Food services		srv25at				
srv26	Parking		srv26at				
	Finances         fin1       How many credit cards do you have?         Options 0 through 10, 11 or more         [If fin1 = 0 branch to debt, otherwise fin2.]         fin2       Do you usually pay off the whole balance every month? Yes □       No □         fin3       What is the total unpaid balance on all of your cards? \$ □         Don't know						
	Debt						
	<ul> <li>debt Have you acquired repayable debt to finance your university education? Yes</li> <li>No</li> <li>By repayable debt, we mean money you owe and have to pay back. We are interested in repayable debt that is directly helping to finance your university education, such as tuition, fees, books, but also might include basic living expenses that are incurred while attending university.</li> <li>[If debt = "Yes" branch to debt1, otherwise branch to the Income section.]</li> </ul>						
	Please enter the approximate a dollars. Repayable debt from governme	mount	of debt fror	n each sou			
	loans:	ent stu	d	ebt1 🗆 💲			
	CUSC						

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Repayable debt from loans from financial institutions:	debt2 🗆	debt2amt \$
Repayable debt from loans from parents/family:	debt3 🗆	debt3amt \$
Repayable debt from other sources:	debt4 🗆	debt4amt \$



# Income

Thinking about the current academic year, please indicate which of the following sources of income you are using to help pay for your university education. For each source please provide the approximate amount in Canadian dollars you expect to receive for the current academic year.

Government loan or bursary	inc1 🗆	inc1amt S
University scholarship, financial award, or bursary	inc2 □	inc2amt \$
Parents, family, or spouse	inc3 □	inc3amt \$
Loans from financial institution(s)	inc4 □	inc4amt S
Co-op program, internship, etc. related to your program	inc5 □	inc5amt \$
Earnings from current employment on campus	inc6 🗆	inc6amt S
Earnings from current employment off campus	inc7 □	inc7amt \$
Earnings from summer work	inc8 🗆	inc8amt \$
Investment income (bonds, dividends, interest, etc.)	inc9 🗆	inc9amt \$
Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP)	inc10 □	inc10amt \$
Other (please specify)	inc11 □	inc11amt \$
	inctxt	1

#### Post-graduation education plans

edplan Do you expect to take further education in the first year or in 2 to 5 years after

eoptan	you graduate? Yes $\square$ No $\square$					
[If edplan ec	"Yes" branch to edplan1-1, otherw	vise branch to edplan1-1	edplan7.] edplan1-2			
		to edplan6- 1	to edplan6- 2	edpla	in1-3 to 3	o edplan3-
		1 <sup>st</sup> year after graduation	2 to 5 years after graduation	any o	•	_
	Please select all that apply:			Yes	No	Not sure
	Further undergraduate study					
	Graduate school					
	A professional program (e.g., law) Community college/cegep					
	Technical/vocational school					



 Other formal education
 □

 edplan1txt
 [If Further undergraduate study selected and At current university <> Yes]

 What other university is your preferred choice for further undergraduate study?

 edplan1txt
 [If Graduate school selected and At current university <> Yes]

 What other university is your preferred choice for graduate school?

 edplan2txt
 [If Professional program selected and At current university <> Yes]

 What other university is your preferred choice for a professional program?

 edplan3txt
 [If any of edplan1-1 through edplan6-1 are checked branch to edplan7, otherwise branch to emplan1]

- edplan7 Does the debt you may have accumulated to help finance your university education affect your decision whether or not to take further education in the first year after you graduate?
  - $\Box$  I have no debt
  - $\Box$  It does not affect my decision
  - $\hfill\square$  It discourages me from taking further education
  - □ It prevents me from taking further education
  - $\hfill\square$  I need more education to earn enough to repay it

Post-graduation	on employmen	t					
emplan1	Do you have employment arranged for after you graduate later this year?						
	🗆 No, I am lookir	ng for work					
	□ No, I am not lo	ooking for wor	k				
	Arrangements.]		emplan2, otherwise	e branch to Livi	ing		
emplan2	Does your job red						
	□ it requires my specific degree						
	$\Box$ it requires a degree but isn't specific						
	<ul> <li>a degree is a help but is not required</li> <li>a degree doesn't matter</li> </ul>						
		i c matter					
emplan3	Is your job relate <university name<="" td=""><td></td><td>ledge and skills yo</td><td>u learned in yo</td><td>ur studies at</td></university>		ledge and skills yo	u learned in yo	ur studies at		
	Not at all	Slightly	Moderately	Strongly	Not sure		
-							
emplan4	Is your employme	ent					
	$\Box$ a full-time job						
	$\Box$ a part-time job						
	🗆 several part-ti	me jobs					
emplan5	Will you have an	employer 🗆 o	r be self-employed	□?			



#### emplan6

ls your job

 $\Box$  permanent, as far as you know

- $\hfill\square$  temporary, with a definite end date
- $\Box$  temporary, without a definite end date



emplan7	ls your job □ new to you
	$\Box$ continuation of a job you found while in your program
	□ continuation of a job you had before you started your program
emplan8	What is the main way you found your job?
	workplace experience in your program (co-op, internship, practicum, etc.)
	$\Box$ other employer contact through your program
	□ job fair or recruiters at your university
	<ul> <li>university career or employment centre</li> <li>external career or employment centre/agency</li> </ul>
	□ a jobs web site (e.g., CareerBeacon.com, Workopolis.com, etc.)
	□ professor(s)
	family
	□ friends
	□ direct contact with the employer □ other way (please specify:)
emplan8txt	
	What are your anticipated gross <b>monthly</b> earnings from your job, before deductions for taxes and other things? If you have several jobs arranged include the total for all of them.
emplan9	Monthly gross earnings: $\qquad \qquad$ Unsure $\square$
emplan10	Is your job in Canada? Yes $\Box$ No $\Box$ [If emplan10 eq "Yes" branch to emplan11, otherwise branch to emplan12]
emplan11	In which province? <u>[pull down list of provinces]</u> [Branch to emplan12]
emplan11txt	In which country:
emplan12	How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with your post-graduation employment? Very dissatisfied Dissatisfied Satisfied Very satisfied



Living arrangements live1 Where are you currently living? □ In on-campus housing (university residence, dorm, etc.) □ With parents, guardians or relatives □ In rented off-campus housing shared with others □ In rented off-campus housing on your own  $\Box$  In a home you own livetxt  $\Box$  Other (please specify): [If live1 <> "In on-campus housing" branch to live2, otherwise branch to live3] live2 Would you prefer to live in on-campus housing if you had the choice? Yes  $\Box$ No 🗆 live3 What is your marital status? □ Single □ Married or common-law □ In a relationship other than married or common-law live4 Do you have children? Yes  $\Box$  No  $\Box$ [If live4 eq "Yes" branch to live5, otherwise branch to Commuting section.] live5 How many up to age 5? \_\_\_\_\_ live6 How many age 5 to 11? \_\_\_\_\_ live7 How many 12 or older?

# Commuting

comm1 At present, what method of transportation do you use most often to get to campus?

- □ Vehicle (alone)
- $\Box$  Vehicle (with others or in a car pool)
- □ Public transportation
- □ Walk
- □ Bicycle
- □ Other (please specify below):

#### commtxt

 $\Box$  Don't attend the campus



Disab <sup>-</sup>	Disabilities/Impairments					
Do you	Do you have any of the following disabilities/ impairments? Select all that apply.					
dis11		I do not have a disability/ im	npairment	t		
				How often a limited by thi	are your daily s disability/	
			-	Sometimes	Often	Always
dis1		Mobility/ Dexterity	disf1			
dis2		Hearing	disf2			
dis3		Speech	disf3			
dis4		Vision (e.g. blindness, low vision)	disf4			
dis5		Learning/ Memory (e.g. dyslexia)	disf5			
dis7		Other physical disability	disf7			
dis8		Attention deficit disorder	disf8			
dis9		Mental health condition	disf9			
dis12		Chronic conditions (e.g.	disf1			
		Multiple Sclerosis, Crohn's, Autoimmune)	2			
dis10 distx t		Other (please specify)				

Parental educational attainment		
What is the highest level of education your parent(s	s)/guardian(s) hav	e completed?
	meduc Parent/Guardian1	peduc Parent/Guardian2
Less than high school		
High school graduate		
Some college, CEGEP or technical school (no certificate or diploma)		
College, CEGEP or technical school graduate		
Some university (no degree or diploma)		
Undergraduate university degree (e.g., BA, BSc, etc.)		
Professional degree (e.g., law, medicine, etc.)		
Graduate degree (e.g., Master's, PhD)		
Other Parent/Guardian 1 (please specify) meductxt		
Other Parent/Guardian 2 (please specify) peductxt		
Don't know/Not applicable		



Ethnicity	y
Are you	. (check all that apply)
eth1	🗆 Indigenous person of Canada (e.g., status, non-status, Métis,
	lnuit)
eth2	🗆 Arab (e.g., Saudi, Egyptian, etc.)
eth3	Black
eth4	Chinese
eth5	🗆 Filipino
eth6	□ Japanese
eth7	🗆 Korean
eth8	🗆 Latin American
eth9	🗆 South Asian (e.g., East Indian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan, etc.)
eth10	🗆 Southeast Asian (e.g., Cambodian, Indonesian, Laotian,
	Vietnamese, etc.)
eth11	🗆 West Asian (e.g., Afghan, Iranian, etc.)
eth12	White/ Caucasian
eth13	$\Box$ Other (please specify)
ethtxt	

[If eth1 is checked branch to ab1, otherwise branch to the Comments section.]

Which of the following describes your Indigenous background? (check all that apply)

- ab1 🛛 First Nations status
- ab2 🗆 First Nations non-status
- ab3 🗆 Métis
- ab4 🗆 Inuit
- ab5 🛛 Other

## Comments

Please take this opportunity to comment fully about your overall university experience. Your remarks will provide valuable information to the institution.

negativ		back on your experiences as a student, what aspects of your ce at <university name=""> have been most negative? How could we bed or done a better job?</university>	
positiv	Comments (specify) Looking back on your experiences as a student, w experience at <university name=""> have been most Comments (specify)</university>		



Appendix A - Data Licensing & Membership Agreement



# Data Licensing & Membership Agreement

#### WHEREAS:

#### PREAMBLE

A. The mission of the Canadian University Survey Consortium - Consortium canadien de recherche sur les étudiants universitaires (the Corporation, or CUSC-CCREU) is to assess the Canadian university experience by surveying representative student populations enrolled in participating universities.

The Consortium is a membership not-for-profit corporation. It supports the annual collection, management, analysis and dissemination of survey data. Results provide measures of student characteristics, activities, and perceptions of the quality of their educational experience at their universities as well as a broad base of comparative information for the benefit of participating institutions.

- B. The purpose of the Consortium is to:
  - Offer students an opportunity to assess their university experience.
  - Provide access to a broad base of comparative and collective data on the Canadian university experience, including measures of student characteristics, experiences, participation, expectations and satisfaction.
  - Manage and provide reliable, consistent data to track over time the quality of the post-secondary experience as perceived by students, in order to assess institutional strengths and educational outcomes, and to inform decisions about needed improvements.
  - Contribute to accountability reports to institutional governing bodies, governments and the public.
- C. The exchange of confidential data among member institutions requires goodwill and trust among the members. This Agreement shall be guided by the principle that members of CUSC-CCREU will act in the best interests of all members of the Corporation. The primary consideration in issues of disclosure of research results shall be the avoidance of public comparisons that could damage the reputation of a member institution;
- D. Statistical measures and analysis of survey data may be of interest to wider audiences than the members of the Corporation for policy formulation, advocacy or publication of research. Members are encouraged to make best use of the survey data, including publication of research results, observing confidentiality requirements;
- E. The Corporation and the Member wish to define their respective obligations in relation to the use of the Data that is shared between the Corporation and the Members;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the mutual promises herein made, and in consideration of the representations, warranties, undertakings and covenants herein contained, of the Corporation and the Member, the parties hereby agree as follows:

# DEFINITIONS

- 1. In this Agreement, unless the context otherwise specifies or requires:
  - a) "Data" means an electronic record of the answers to the questions on the survey instrument given by each respondent at the universities which participated in the survey.
  - b) "Aggregate Data" means all of the data or data for groups of universities. Generally, aggregate data is expressed as statistics and research findings across data drawn from all universities or groups of universities.
  - c) "Member Institution" and "Member" mean a university which is a member of CUSC-CCREU.
  - d) "Publish" means dissemination of research findings beyond the senior administration of a member institution.
  - e) "Senior Administration" means the officers of a member institution with overall responsibility for academic programs and student services.

#### OWNERSHIP OF SURVEY DATA

2. The data collected in surveys of students attending a member institution is the property of that institution.

#### EXCHANGE OF SURVEY DATA AMONG MEMBERS

3. Each member will make its survey data available to the other members for the general purposes as outlined in the Preamble herein. Each member is bound by restrictions on the use and disclosure of data belonging to other members.

## COMPARISONS LIMITED TO AGGREGATE DATA

- 4. The only interuniversity comparisons permitted for publication or circulation beyond a member's senior administrators are those that are based on the aggregate data for all members or the aggregate data for the groups of members identified by CUSC-CCREU.
- 5. A member may prepare and circulate reports based on aggregated data from selected groups of member institutions for internal use only to senior administrators of its institution.

#### LIMITATIONS ON THE USE OF DATA

6. A member may not publish statistical measures or analysis of its own data for purposes of institutional promotion in a manner that would harm the reputation of another member institution.

- 7. Members may not publish statistical measures or analysis of data collected at another member institution with the name of the institution disclosed. Members may publish statistical measures and analysis of their own data.
- 8. A member may not publish statistical measures or analysis of data collected at another member institution that would allow an informed reader to identify the institution by reference to location, uncommon programs or other information contained in the published material.

### REQUIREMENTS FOR CONFIDENTIALITY

- 9. A member may make available to its senior administrators statistical measures and analysis of data from another member, with the identity of the member disclosed, for the purposes outlined in the Preamble above. The member disclosing the identity of another member in these circumstances must ensure that those to whom the information is made available are aware of its confidential nature and restricted audience.
- 10. A member institution may be requested to disclose data or statistical measures under freedom of information legislation or other requirements for accountability. In these circumstances members may disclose their own data in order to fulfill the request. Members shall not disclose data that belongs to other member institutions unless the request explicitly demands it and legal counsel advises that the request must be fulfilled. If it must be fulfilled the member institution shall notify immediately the other member institution(s). If it does not have to be fulfilled the requester should be referred to the other member institution(s) which should be notified immediately.

#### EXCLUSIVE USE OF INSTRUMENTS AND METHODOLOGY

11. The survey instruments and methodology are for the exclusive use of the members and are not to be shared with organizations outside the Corporation.

#### INDEMNITY

12. The Member indemnifies and holds the Corporation, its directors, officers, employees or agents harmless in respect of any claim which may be brought against the Corporation, or which may be suffered or incurred directly or indirectly as a result of a breach of the Member's obligations under this Agreement or as a result of the negligent or willful act of the Member, its directors, officers, employees or agents.

#### **SEVERABILITY**

13. Should any portion of this Agreement be declared invalid or unenforceable, then such portion shall be deemed to be severable from this Agreement and shall not affect the remainder hereof.