

Example Graduate Outcomes Survey Questionnaire

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Thank you for your interest in taking part in the Graduate Outcomes survey, where we explore what graduates are doing 15 months after leaving higher education. Your contribution to this research will help current and future students gain an insight into career destinations and development. We are interested in finding out about the wide range of stages and various different career paths, circumstances and activities of graduates at this stage.

A core objective of the Graduate Outcomes Survey is to take a census of all the activities that graduates from the UK Higher Education sector are now engaged in. By activities we mean working, not working, studying, travelling or caring for someone. For this survey we are going to focus on what you were doing in [census week], which is around 15 months after you graduated from University of the West of England.

A Your activities in the [census week]

A1. What activities were you doing in [census week]?

1. Paid work for an employer
2. Self-employment/freelancing
3. Running my own business
4. Developing a creative, artistic or professional portfolio
5. Voluntary/unpaid work for an employer
6. Engaged in a course of study, training or research
7. Taking time out to travel – this does not include short-term holidays
8. Caring for someone (*unpaid*)
9. Retired
10. Unemployed and looking for work
11. Doing something else (*tooltip to be added: 'If you are on maternity or paternity leave but still under contract with an employer, please also select 'Paid work for an employer'*)

A2. And which of these activities do you consider to be your most important activity in the [census week]?

1. Paid work for an employer
2. Self-employment/freelancing
3. Running my own business
4. Developing a creative, artistic or professional portfolio
5. Voluntary/unpaid work for an employer
6. Engaged in a course of study, training or research
7. Taking time out to travel – this does not include short-term holidays
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11. Doing something else

A3. (Self employment/freelancing) And just to check, was the work you were engaged in during [CENSUS WEEK] separate from the business that you were engaged in running?

A4. And just to check, was the work you were engaged in during [CENSUS WEEK] separate from the portfolio that you were developing?

A5. And just to check, was the work you were engaged in during [CENSUS WEEK] separate from your self-employment?

A6. In which country are you living?

B Your employment in the [census week]

B1. Were you working in one or more than one job during [census week]?

B2. For the following questions, if you have more than one job, please provide details of what you consider to be your MAIN job during the [census week]. Your main job might be the one which is most related to your future plans, the one which pays you the most money or the one that you spend the most time doing.

B3. Were you in work during [census week] or are you due to start work within the next month?

B4. Were you working full time or part time?

B5. What was your job title during [census week]?

B6. What did you mainly do in your job?

B7. Were you responsible for formally supervising any staff?

B8. Which of the following best describes the basis on which you were employed?

1. On a permanent / open ended contract
2. On a fixed-term contract lasting 12 months or longer
3. On a fixed-term contract lasting less than 12 months
4. Temping (including supply teaching)
5. On a zero hours contract
6. Volunteering
7. On an internship
8. Other
9. Not known

B9. What was your annual pay for your main employment to the nearest thousand before tax?

B10. What currency were you paid in?

B11. What is the name of the company/organisation that you were working for?

B12. What does the company/organisation you were working for mainly do?

B13. Is this organisation part of the NHS?

B14. In which country were you working?

B15. What was the postcode for your place of work?

B16. What was the town, city or area in which you worked?

B17. In which country is your place of work?

B18. Did you need the qualification that you completed 15 months ago to get the job?

1. Yes: both the level and subject of qualification was a formal requirement
2. Yes: the level of qualification was a formal requirement
3. Yes: the subject of the qualification was a formal requirement
4. Yes: while the qualification was not a formal requirement it did give me an advantage
5. No: the qualification was not required
6. Don't know

B19. Why did you decide to take up the job you were doing in the [census week]?

1. It fitted into my career plan / it was exactly the type of work I wanted
2. It was the best job offer I received
3. It was an opportunity to progress in the organisation
4. To see if I would like the type of work it involved
5. To gain and broaden my experience in order to get the type of job I really want
6. It was in the right location
7. The job was well-paid
8. In order to earn a living
9. In order to pay off debts
10. To work in my family business

B20. What was the main reason for you deciding to take up the job you were doing in the [census week]?

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2. It was the best job offer I received
3. It was an opportunity to progress in the organisation
4. To see if I would like the type of work it involved
5. To gain and broaden my experience in order to get the type of job I really want
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B21. Have you been in your form of employment for 12 months or more?

B22. Approximately how many years and months have you been in your form of employment?

B23. Is this your first job since you graduated 15 months ago?

C Running your own business/self-employed/developing a creative portfolio in the [census week]

We would now like to ask you a few questions about your self-employment, business, or portfolio you were engaged in [census week].

- C1. Were you full time or part time in the work or activity you were undertaking?
- C2. What was your job title during [census week]?
- C3. What tasks did you undertake during [census week] in your work or activity?
- C4. What is the name of your business or the main business you were working for on census week]?
- C5. What does your business or the main business you were working for on the [census week] mainly do?
- C6. Were you working on your own or did you have employees during the [census week]?
- C7. Were you responsible for formally supervising any staff?
- C8. Where was your business or the main business you were working for based during the [census week]?
- C9. What was the postcode of your business or the main business you were working for during the [census week]?
- C10. What was the town, city or area in which your business or the main business you were working for was based during the [census week]?
- C11. Why did you decide to undertake your work or activity?
1. It fitted into my career plan / it was exactly the type of work I wanted
 2. I did not receive any job offers
 3. It was an opportunity to progress in the industry I am interested in
 4. To see if I would like the type of work it involved
 5. To gain and broaden my experience in order to get the type of job I really want
 6. It allowed me to work in the right location
 7. It was well-paid
 8. In order to earn a living
 9. In order to pay off debts
 10. To work in my family business
- C12. What was the main reason that you decided to undertake your work or activity?
1. It fitted into my career plan / it was exactly the type of work I wanted
 2. I did not receive any job offers
 3. It was an opportunity to progress in the industry I am interested in
 4. To see if I would like the type of work it involved
 5. To gain and broaden my experience in order to get the type of job I really want
 6. It was in the right location
 7. It was well-paid
 8. In order to earn a living

9. In order to pay off debts
10. To work in my family business

C13. How was your business or company funded before or during the [census week]?

1. Self / family
2. Crowdfunding
3. Loan
4. Venture capital
5. University business incubation
6. Other

D Your study, training or research during the [census week]

D1. Were you studying full time or part time?

D2. Which of the following best describes the type of qualification you were aiming for on [census week]?

1. Higher degree, mainly by research (e.g. PhD, DPhil, MPhil, MRes)
2. Higher degree, mainly by taught course (e.g. MA, MSc, MBA)
3. Postgraduate diploma or certificate (including PGCE / PGDE)
4. Professional qualification
5. Undergraduate degree (including integrated master's degrees) (e.g. BA, BSc, MBChB, MEng)
6. Other undergraduate diploma or certificate not specified above
7. Other qualification
8. Not aiming for a formal qualification

D3. What is the name of the university or college at which you were registered on [census week]?

D4. In which country were you studying?

E Your previous employment since graduating

We would now like to find out a bit more about any employment you have had since completing your [title of course] at the University of the West of England.

E1. Were you employed at any point since completing your [title of course] at the University of the West of England

E2. How many jobs have you had since completing your [title of course] at the University of the West of England?

F Further study, training or research since graduating

The next set of questions are about any additional study, training, or research you have undertaken since completing your [title of course] at the University of the West of England, even if it is still ongoing or not complete. Please do not include the study, training or

research you were doing in the [census week] or any you are intending to take in the future.

F1. Have you undertaken further study, training or research since completing your [title of course] at University of the West of England? Please do not include any undertaken during the census week

F2. How many courses have you undertaken since completing your [title of course] at University of the West of England?

F3. Were you studying full time or part time in your previous study?

F4. Which of the following best describes the type of qualification you were aiming for in your previous study?

1. Higher degree, mainly by research (e.g. PhD, DPhil, MPhil, MRes)
2. Higher degree, mainly by taught course (e.g. MA, MSc, MBA)
3. Postgraduate diploma or certificate (including PGCE / PGDE)
4. Professional qualification
5. Undergraduate degree (including integrated master's degrees) (e.g. BA, BSc, MBChB, MEng)
6. Other undergraduate diploma or certificate not specified above
7. Other qualification
8. Not aiming for a formal qualification

F5. What is the name of the university or college at which you were registered for your previous study?

G Reflection on activity to date

G1. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement: My current work/study fits with my future plans?

1. Strongly agree
2. Agree
3. Neither agree nor disagree
4. Disagree
5. Strongly disagree

G2. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement: my current work/study is meaningful?

1. Strongly agree
2. Agree
3. Neither agree nor disagree
4. Disagree
5. Strongly disagree

G3. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement: I am utilising what I learnt during my studies in my current work/study?

1. Strongly agree
2. Agree
3. Neither agree nor disagree
4. Disagree

5. Strongly disagree

H Subjective well-being

The following four questions ask you about your feelings on aspects of your life. There are no right or wrong answers. Each of these questions are on a scale of zero to ten.

H1. On a scale of zero (extremely dissatisfied) to ten (extremely satisfied) how satisfied are you with your life nowadays?

H2. On a scale of zero (not at all worthwhile) to ten (extremely worthwhile), to what extent do you feel the things you do in your life are worthwhile?

H3. On a scale of zero (extremely unhappy) to ten (extremely happy), how happy did you feel yesterday?

H4. On a scale of zero (not at all anxious) to ten (extremely anxious), how anxious did you feel yesterday?

M Opt-in question bank: Newly qualified teachers

M1. Were you employed as a teacher during the census week?

M2. Were you employed as a teacher through the GTC Scotland Teacher Induction Scheme?

M3. Were you teaching in a state-funded or non-state-funded school or college?

M4. Were you teaching at the primary or secondary phase, or in a college or other establishment?

M5. If you were not employed as a teacher in during the census week or were on a temporary teaching contract, were you seeking a teaching post in the census week?

O Follow-up preferences

O1. Are you happy to be contacted by University of the West of England in relation to any of the information you have given in this survey?