#### **Notes for CGPSS-2013**

In 2010, two versions of the instrument were used:

- 1. REGULAR, aimed at students in research-based programs, and
- 2. PROFESSIONAL, aimed at students in course-based programs

In 2013, a single instrument will be used, but with three different streams built in: LONG, MEDIUM and SHORT

- 1. The LONG stream consists of 127 questions, formulated for students responding that their program is "Mostly research-based, and I already have a research director/advisor".
- 2. In the SHORT stream, the wording of seven questions has been adapted to be more specific to **professional programs ("Mainly course-based")**, and a number of questions are skipped. This brings their questionnaire down to 100 questions.
- 3. The MEDIUM stream is the stream offered to students that report being in a program "Mostly research-based, but I still do not have a research director/advisor". Essentially, the MEDIUM stream is very similar to the SHORT stream in term of length. This brings their questionnaire down to 108 questions. Except for the wording of a few questions, the only difference with the SHORT stream is the inclusion of two questions about Research Experience, and the inclusion of twelve Professional Skills questions. (SHORT includes six Professional Skills questions.)

## **SURVEY LOGIC for Assignment of Streams**

There are two options for assigning the stream – a new "Thesis" question which the student responds to (required question, at the beginning of the survey), and an uploaded field which can force an override on the stream.

#### OPTION 1: Use only the newly formulated "Thesis" question.

Streams will be applied based on the response that the student provides to the first question in the survey. Student response is applied if NO override data has been uploaded.

#### **NEW THESIS QUESTION:**

Is your program research-based, under the supervision of a research director/advisor, or is it more course-based with no supervisor formally assigned to you?

- 1 = Mostly research-based, and I already have a research director/advisor << LONG Stream
- 2 = Mostly research-based, but I still do not have a research director/advisor << MEDIUM Stream
- 3 = Mainly course-based << SHORT Stream

#### OPTION 2: Override the Thesis response with an optional flag, uploaded with the population file

In the population file, universities have the option to include the field Flag for "IMPOSE\_STREAM" field (uploaded field, university-provided) - see accompanying file "CGPSS\_2013\_Population\_File\_Template\_v2.xlxs"

The IMPOSE\_STREAM data will override the student response to the THESIS question. There are 3 options for the IMPOSE\_STREAM field:

**IMPOSE\_STREAM = 1** - Impose SHORT STREAM — force the respondent through the SHORT STREAM questions ... ignore the student response to the THESIS question.

**IMPOSE\_STREAM = 0** - Impose LONG or MEDIUM – force the respondent through the LONG or MEDIUM questions ...

If THESIS=1 (Mostly research-based, and I already have a research director / advisor) THEN Stream = LONG, ELSE Stream = MEDIUM

**IMPOSE\_STREAM = NUL** (not provided) – NO stream imposed - Use only the student's response to the THESIS question to select proper stream.

**GREEN HIGHLIGHTS = PROGRAMMING NOTES** 

YELLOW HIGHLIGHT = VARIABLES / STREAM SELECTIONS

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You are being invited to participate in a survey that asks graduate students about their activities and what they feel they are gaining from their university experiences overall. This survey is being conducted across Canada at many major universities. We hope that this study will result in providing improved educational opportunities for you and future students.

If you agree to participate we ask that you complete a web-based survey that will take about 20 minutes (details below). Responses will be logged, such that reminder notices are not sent to those of you who have responded. Your answers will be kept confidential and once the data are returned to your school by the organization running the study, all identifying information such as your name and email address will be removed before any analyses are done.

Participation in this study is voluntary. You may refuse to participate, refuse to answer any questions or withdraw at any time with no effect on your academic status. If you do not wish to respond to particular questions, please skip over them. If you do not wish to participate, and do not wish to receive a reminder, please respond to your email invitation with 'Do Not Wish to Participate' in the subject line. Completion of the survey indicates your consent to participate in this research. There are no known risks to participating in this research.

If you would like more information about the survey or how the data will be used, please contact [university contact email]. If you need technical support, please contact [Univ]-CGPSS@mosaichosting.ca

This survey will be available for your input until [survey close date]. The survey has multiple pages, and you do not have to complete the survey in one sitting.

Please enter	your access code to begin the survey:	

(Your personal access code was sent to you in the email invitation for this survey. To reduce the risk of typing errors, we suggest that you copy your access code from your invitation email and paste it into the login space above.)

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THESIS QUESTION – for all respondents – and it will be used to help determine the stream (LONG, MEDIUM, or SHORT) – the STREAM logic also looks at the university-uploaded IMPOSE\_STREAM field – see details on previous page

Is your program research-based, under the supervision of a research director/advisor, or is it more course-based with no supervisor formally assigned to you?\* << Required

1 = Mostly research-based, and I already have a research director/advisor << LONG (unless override has been uploaded)

2 = Mostly research-based, but I still do not have a research director/advisor << MEDIUM (unless override)

3 = Mainly course-based << SHORT STREAM

## **Section 1. Educational Status**

All questions for ALL STREAMS – but Question 2 - display EITHER 2a OR 2b, depending on STREAM

1.	At whic	h degree level are you currently enrolled? (student-provided)
	•	Master's
	Ö	Doctoral
FO	RLONG	AND MEDIUM STREAMS
		disciplinary area are you pursuing your degree? (Select One)
	O	Humanities
	_	Fine and Applied Arts
	O	Social Sciences
		Business/Management
		Education
		Engineering
		Physical and Mathematical Sciences
		Environmental Science
	0	Biological Science
	9	Health Science
Note	the spec	rific scoring for the choice items for 2b (SHORT) the numbers for 2a and 2b will be combined for reporting
<b>FOR</b>	SHORT	STREAM ONLY
2b. I	In what o	disciplinary area are you pursuing your degree? (Select One)
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	O	Business/Management = score as 4
	O	Education = 5
		Engineering = 6
		Environmental Science = 8
	O	Health Science = 10
	$\mathbf{O}$	Library & Information Sciences = 11
	O	Architecture/Landscape Architecture/Urban Design/Planning =12
	0	Journalism <mark>=13</mark>
	O	Public Administration/Public Policy/International Relations = 14
	$\mathbf{O}$	Social Work <mark>= 15</mark>
	O	Law <mark>= 16</mark>
	$\mathbf{O}$	Arts & Culture = 17
	0	Finance/Mathematics/Computing <mark>= 18</mark>
	O	Other = 19 (please specify)
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3.	wnatis	your current year of study? (student-provided)
	•	1st year
	O	2nd year
		3rd year
	O	4th year
	O	5th year
	O	6th year or above

ŧ.	wnatis	s your current status in your graduate program?
	O O	Still taking courses I have completed coursework
5.	Do you	expect to graduate by the end of the current academic year?
	<b>O</b>	Yes No

## **Section 2. General Satisfaction**

#### **ALL STREAMS**

**6.** Please select your response to the following statements.

		Definitely	Probably	Maybe	Probably not	Definitely not
1.	If you were to start your graduate/professional career again, would you select this same university?	0	0	0	•	0
2.	If you were to start your graduate/professional career again, would you select the same field of study?	0	0	0	0	O
3.	Would you recommend this university to someone considering your program?	0	0	O	0	0
4.	Would you recommend this university to someone in another field?	0	O	0	0	O

#### **LONG STREAM ONLY**

**7.** Please select your response to the following statement.

		Definitely	Probably	Maybe	Probably not	Definitely not
5.	If you were to start your graduate career again, would you select the same faculty supervisor?	0	O	O	0	0

# Section 3. Satisfaction with Program, Quality of Interactions, and Coursework

# **ALL STREAMS**

**8.** Please rate the following dimensions of your program.

	Excellent	Very good	Good	Fair	Poor
The intellectual quality of the faculty	0	0	0	0	0
2. The intellectual quality of my fellow students	0	0	0	0	0
3. The relationship between faculty and graduate students	0	0	0	0	0
4. Overall quality of graduate level teaching by faculty	0	0	0	0	0
5. Advice on the availability of financial support	0	0	0	0	O
6. Quality of academic advising and guidance	0	0	0	0	0
7. Helpfulness of staff members in my program	0	0	0	0	0
8. Availability of area courses I needed to complete my program	0	0	0	0	0
9. Quality of instruction in my courses	0	0	0	0	0
10. Relationship of program content to my research/professional goals	0	0	0	0	0
11. Opportunities for student collaboration or teamwork	0	O	0	O	0
12. Opportunities to take coursework outside my own department	0	0	0	0	0
13. Opportunities to engage in interdisciplinary work	0	0	0	O	O
14. Amount of coursework	0	0	0	O	0

## **Section 4. Professional Skills Development**

#### LONG and MEDIUM STREAMS ONLY

9. How would you rate the quality of the support and training you received in these areas?

		Excellent	Very good	Good	Fair	Poor	Did not participate	Not applicable
1.	Courses, workshops, or orientation on teaching	0	O	0	O	•	0	0
2.	Advice/workshops on preparing for candidacy examinations	0	0	0	0	0	•	0
3.	Feedback on your research	O	O	0	O	•	O	O
4.	Advice/workshops on the standards for academic writing in your field	0	0	O	O	0	0	0
5.	Advice/workshops on writing grant proposals	O	O	0	O	0	0	0
6.	Advice/workshops on publishing your work	0	O	0	0	0	0	•

#### **LONG and MEDIUM STREAMS ONLY**

10. How would you rate the quality of the support and training you received in these areas?

		Excellent	Very good	Good	Fair	Poor	Did not participate	Not applicable
1.	Advice/workshops on career options within academia	0	O	0	O	0	0	0
2.	Advice/workshops on career options outside academia	0	0	0	0	0	0	•
3.	Advice/workshops about research positions	0	0	0	0	•	0	·
4.	Advice/workshops about research ethics in human subject research	O	0	O	O	0	0	0
5.	Advice/workshops about research ethics in the use of animals	0	0	O	O	0	0	0
6.	Advice on intellectual property issues	0	•	0	0	0	O	0

## **SHORT STREAM ONLY**

11. How would you rate the quality of the support and training you received in these areas?

		Excellent	Very good	Good	Fair	Poor	Did not participate	Not applicable
1.	Advice/workshops on the standards for writing in your profession	0	O	0	0	•	0	O
2.	Advice/workshops on career options	0	0	0	0	•	0	0
3.	Advice/workshops on professional ethics	0	O	0	0	•	0	O
4.	Advice/workshops on job preparation and professional practice	0	O	0	0	•	0	O
5.	Opportunities for internships, practicum, and experiential learning as part of the program	0	O	0	0	0	0	O
6.	Opportunities for contact (lectures, seminars, discussion) with practicing professionals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

# **Section 5. Research Experience**

## **ALL STREAMS**

12. How would you rate the quality of the support and opportunities you received in these areas?

		Excellent	Very good	Good	Fair	Poor	Did not participate	Not applicable
1.	Conducting independent research since starting your graduate program	•	•	•	O	•	•	0
2.	Training in research methods before beginning your own research	0	0	0	0	•	0	0
3.	Faculty guidance in formulating a research topic	0	O	0	0	0	0	O

#### **LONG and MEDIUM STREAMS ONLY**

13. How would you rate the quality of the support and opportunities you received in these areas?

	Excellent	Very good	Good	Fair	Poor	Did not participate	Not applicable
Research collaboration with one or more members	faculty	<b>O</b>	O	0	•	<b>O</b>	0
5. Collaboration with faculty in writing a gra	nt proposal O	O	0	0	0	O	0

#### **Section 6. Presentations and Publications**

Custom coding – IF OCCURRED = "Yes" THEN activate 'NUMBER OF TIMES' options; ELSE deactivate 'NUMBER OF TIMES' options (grey'd out.)

#### **ALL STREAMS**

**14.** Please select if the following occurs in your department, and the number of times you were involved.

	Occu	Occurred? [If Yes] Number of times you were involved				ved	
	Yes	No	0	1	2	3	4+
Seminars/colloquia at which students present their research	0	O	•	•	•	0	0
Departmental funding for students to attend national or regional meetings	0	O	0	0	0	0	0
3. Attend national scholarly meetings	0	O	0	0	0	0	O

#### **LONG STREAM ONLY**

15. Please select if the following occurs in your department, and the number of times you were involved.

		Occu	rred?	[If Yes] Number of times you were involved					
		Yes	No	0	1	2	3	4+	
4.	Deliver any papers or present a poster at national scholarly meetings	0	O	O	0	0	0	O	
5.	Co-authored in refereed journals with your program faculty	O	0	0	0	0	0	O	
6.	Published as sole or first author in a refereed journal	0	O	O	O	O	O	0	

# Section 7. Advisor and Thesis/Dissertation/Research Paper

#### THIS ENTIRE SECTION IS LONG STREAM ONLY

**16.** Thesis/Dissertation advisors engage in a variety of mentoring activities. For each of the following statements, indicate the extent that it DESCRIBES THE BEHAVIOR of your advisor.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
My advisor was knowledgeable about formal degree requirements	0	0	0	O
2. My advisor served as my advocate when necessary	0	0	0	O
My advisor gave me constructive feedback on my work	0	0	0	O
4. My advisor returned my work promptly	0	0	0	O
5. My advisor promoted my professional development	0	0	0	O
6. My advisor overall, performed the role well	0	0	0	O
7. My advisor was available for regular meetings	0	0	0	O
8. My advisor was very helpful to me in preparing for written qualifying exams	0	0	0	0
9. My advisor was very helpful to me in preparing for the oral qualifying exam	0	0	0	•
10. My advisor was very helpful to me in selecting a dissertation topic	0	0	0	0
11. My advisor was very helpful to me in writing a dissertation prospectus or proposal	0	•	0	•
12. My advisor was very helpful to me in writing the dissertation	0	0	0	0
13. My advisor was very helpful to me in selecting the dissertation committee	O	0	O	0

17. On average, how often per month do you meet or communicate with your dissertation advisor about:

	Four or more times (at least once a week)	One to three times (at least once a month)	Less than once a month
Your ongoing research and results	0	•	0
2. Your writing of the dissertation draft	0	0	0

# Section 8. Financial Support – ALL STREAMS

**O** \$80,000 or more

18.	Please your pr	check all of the following forms of support you received while you have been enrolled in ogram.
		Federal Granting Council Scholarship/Fellowship Provincial Government Scholarship/Fellowship Support from a Foreign Government External (to university) non-government fellowship University funded fellowships Graduate research assistantship Graduate teaching assistantship Other part-time research employment Other part-time teaching employment Residence Donship Full tuition scholarships or waivers Partial tuition scholarships or waivers Other campus employment Off campus employment Employee benefit or employer funding Loans, savings, or family assistance University funded bursary
19.		estimate the amount of <b>undergraduate</b> educational debt, if any, you will have to repay when you ompleted your graduate degree here.
20.	O O O O O O Please	\$0 \$1 - \$9,999 \$10,000 - \$19,999 \$20,000 - \$29,999 \$30,000 - \$39,999 \$40,000 - \$49,999 \$50,000 - \$59,999 \$60,000 - \$69,999 \$70,000 - \$79,999 \$80,000 or more estimate the amount of <b>graduate</b> educational debt, if any, you will have to repay when you have
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# Section 9. University Resources and Student Life - ALL STREAMS

**21.** Please rate the following university resources based on the quality you have experienced while using them. Please answer regarding your most recent year's experience in the graduate school at this university.

	Excellent	Very good	Good	Fair	Poor	Did not participate	Not applicable
Library facilities	0	0	0	O	O	0	0
2. Graduate student office space	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3. Research laboratories	0	0	0	0	0	0	O
4. Health care services	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5. Child care services	O	O	O	0	O	0	0
6. Financial aid office	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7. Career services	O	O	O	0	0	0	0
8. Student counseling & resource centre	0	0	0	0	0	•	0
9. Athletic facilities	0	0	0	0	<b>O</b>	•	•
10. Services to international students attending this university	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11. Services to students from this university studying abroad (or preparing to)	0	0	0	O	O	•	•
12. Housing assistance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13. Ombudsperson's office	0	0	0	0	0	•	0
14. Campus transportation service	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15. Food services	0	O	O	0	•	•	O
16. University bookstore	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17. Student government office	0	0	0	O	O	•	0
18. Registrarial processes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19. Information technology services	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Pull items from previous table and ONLY display the items that were selected on the previous page. Do NOT display the item if they skipped (did not select anything), and do NOT display if they selected "DID NOT PARTICIPATE" or "NOT APPLICABLE"

**22.** In some universities, resources are offered in multiple locations. To distinguish between resources or services that are offered by a "local office", for example based in a school, department or faculty, as opposed to a "central office" location offering their services <u>campus-wide</u>, please indicate if your rating applies to services received from a "local office" or from a "central office", or applies to both.

Please answer regarding your most recent year's experience in the graduate school at this university.

	Local office	Central office	Both
Library facilities	0	0	0
2. Graduate student office space	0	0	0
3. Research laboratories	O	0	O
4. Health care services	0	0	0
5. Child care services	0	0	0
6. Financial aid office	0	0	0
7. Career services	0	0	0
8. Student counseling & resource centre	0	0	O
9. Athletic facilities	O	0	O
10. Services to international students attending this university	0	0	0
Services to students from this university studying abroad (or preparing to)	0	0	•
12. Housing assistance	0	0	0
13. Ombudsperson's office	0	0	0
14. Campus transportation service	0	0	0
15. Food services	0	0	0
16. University bookstore	0	0	0
17. Student government office	0	0	0
18. Registrarial processes	0	0	0
19. Information technology services	O	0	0

## Section 10. Social Life – ALL STREAMS

Custom coding – IF FREQUENCY OF OCCURRENCE = "Frequent" or "Occasionally" THEN display ATTENDANCE options; ELSE deactivate ATTENDANCE options (grey'd out).

23. How often do the following social activities occur on campus, and how often do you attend them?

		Frequency of occurrence of activities?			Frequency of your attendance?		
		Frequent	Occasionally	Never	Frequent	Occasionally	Never
1.	Organized university-wide social activities	0	0	O	O	0	0
2.	Organized social activities within your department	0	0	0	O	0	0
3.	Organized social activities within your advisor/research group	0	0	O	O	0	0
4.	Organized social activities within your residence	0	0	0	0	0	0

# Section 11. General Assessment – ALL STREAMS

**24.** Overall, how would you rate the quality of:

		Excellent	Very good	Good	Fair	Poor
1.	Your academic experience at this university?	O	O	•	O	0
2.	Your student life experience at this university?	O	O	•	O	0
3.	Your graduate/professional program at this university?	O	O	0	O	0
4.	Your overall experience at this university?	O	O	0	O	0

**25.** Rate the extent to which the following factors are an obstacle to your academic progress.

		Not an obstacle	A minor obstacle	A major obstacle
1.	Work/financial commitments	•	•	0
2.	Family obligations	0	0	0
3.	Availability of faculty	0	0	0
4.	Program structure or requirements	0	0	0
5.	Course scheduling	0	0	0
6.	Immigration laws or regulations	0	0	0
7.	Other	•	0	0

# Section 12. Personal Demographics – ALL STREAMS 26. Gender (student-provided)

	0	Female
<b>27.</b> Age		
_		
	O	21 or younger
	O	21-25
	O	26-30
	O	31-35
	$\mathbf{O}$	36-40

41-45over 45

O Male

28. Which of the following housing situations best describes your CURRENT residence?

O	On-campus student housing (no resident assistant/dorm responsibilities)
$\mathbf{O}$	On-campus student housing (with resident assistant/dorm responsibilities)
$\mathbf{O}$	Off-campus housing owned by this university
O	Off-campus housing not owned by this university

29. What is your marital status?

O	Not married
O	Married
O	Divorced
O	Separated
$\mathbf{O}$	Widowed
$\mathbf{O}$	With domestic partner

**30.** How many, if any, children do you have? NOTE THE SCORING.

O	None/Not applicable = (
$\mathbf{O}$	1 child = 1
$\mathbf{O}$	2 children <mark>= 2</mark>
0	3 children <mark>= 3</mark>
O	4 or more = 4

**31.** What is your present citizenship status?

•	
O	Canadian Citizen
$\mathbf{O}$	Canadian Permanent Resident
O	Citizen of another country with a student visa or other nonimmigrant visa
	Please specify country:

<b>32.</b> Please indicate whether you consider yourself to be a member of one or more of the following visible minority groups:		
<ul> <li>□ Black (e.g. African, African American, African Canadian, Caribbean)</li> <li>□ East Asian (e.g. Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Polynesian)</li> <li>□ South Asian (e.g. Indian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan, Bangladeshi)</li> <li>□ Southeast Asian (e.g. Burmese, Cambodian, Filipino, Laotian, Malaysian, Thai, Vietnamese)</li> <li>□ West Asian (e.g. Arabian, Armenian, Iranian, Israeli, Lebanese, Palestinian, Syrian, Turkish)</li> <li>□ Latin American (e.g. Mexican, indigenous Central and South American)</li> <li>□ Mixed origin, please specify:</li> <li>□ None</li> </ul>		
<b>33.</b> Do you self-identify with, or have ancestry as an Aboriginal person (status or non-status Indian, Métis or Inuit)?		
O Yes O No		
<b>34.</b> Are there any additional comments you would like to add about your graduate student experience at this university?		
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Thank you for your participation in this important research.		
All your answers will remain confidential, and any information that identifies you will not be shared with anyone. The responses you provide will be used to help improve your alma mater and the university sector overall, and when survey results are reported, your answers will be combined with the answers of others so that you cannot be identified.		
Please click the "Survey completed, I submit my responses" button (below) to complete your survey.		
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