

2017 Graduate Student Support Survey Administration Report

The Graduate Student Support Survey is administered every three years at the University of California. The results from the study are used to inform UC policy makers about the competitiveness of financial award packages offered by UC campuses and by UC's top competitor institutions. The 2017 Graduate Student Support Survey is conducted by the Office of Institutional Research and Academic Planning in collaboration with Student Affairs Office.

RESPONSE RATE

The survey was administered to all admitted academic doctoral students for fall 2017. About 59% (5,363) of invited participants completed the survey and submitted it. Another 15% completed at least one item, but did not submit the survey (Table 1). For the completion and response rates calculation, students who failed to receive an email invitation and who opted out of the survey are excluded from the population.

Table 1: Completion and Response Rates by Gender and Ethnicity

	# Population	# Completes	Completion Rate	# Partials	Response Rate
Gender					
Male	4,888	2,815	58%	683	72%
Female	3,977	2,464	62%	611	77%
Unknown	170	84	49%	22	63%
Ethnicity					
African American	229	130	57%	32	71%
American Indian	22	17	77%	3	94%
Asian/Pacific Islander	962	557	58%	139	72%
Hispanic/Latino(a)	361	215	60%	47	73%
International	3,047	1,748	57%	484	73%
Multi Ethnicity	688	430	63%	87	75%
White	2,986	1,841	62%	412	75%
Other/Unknown	740	425	57%	112	73%
Total	9,035	5,363	59%	1,316	74%

Note: Response rate includes all students who answered the survey, both completers and partial completers.

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SAMPLE REPRESENTATIVENESS

The total respondents who completed or partially completed the survey represent 73% of the total doctoral students admitted to fall 2017. The respondents generally represent the population by ethnicity. There is a slight overrepresentation of female respondents than male respondents compared to the population (Table 2). Weights will be calculated to adjust this difference for analysis and data reports.

Table 2. Sample Representativeness of Survey Respondents

Characteristics	Population		Respondents	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Gender				
Male	4,976	54%	3,498	52%
Female	4,024	44%	3,075	46%
Unknown	173	2%	106	2%
Ethnicity				
African American	234	3%	162	2%
American Indian	22	0%	20	0%
Asian/Pacific Islander	972	11%	696	10%
Hispanic/Latino(a)	369	4%	262	4%
International	3,091	34%	2,232	33%
Multi Ethnicity	702	8%	517	8%
White	3,025	33%	2,253	34%
Other/Unknown	758	8%	537	8%
Total	9,173	100%	6,679	100%

OTHER ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION

One survey invitation and nine reminders were sent via email through Qualtrics, between May 2, 2017 and July 3, 2017. Office of Student Affairs provided twenty \$75 Amazon gift cards and one grand prize of \$1,000 as the incentives to increase student participation.