



PhD Candidature Experience Survey

*1. What is your age?

*2. What do you expect your registration status to be in Semester 1, 2015?

Full-time PhD student

Part-time PhD student

Completed

Suspended

Withdrawn

3. How many hours per week do you typically study for your PhD?

0-30 hours

31-60 hours

61-90 hours

91-120 hours

121+ hours

*4. If USP offered it: which courses might be most relevant to you?

Getting started with PhD

Completing the PhD

Efficient literature searches and use of sources

Communication, written/oral

Academic writing

<input type="checkbox"/> Language skills, including English for academics
<input type="checkbox"/> Basic statistics/Data analysis
<input type="checkbox"/> Publication skills
<input type="checkbox"/> Project management
<input type="checkbox"/> Time management planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Research management

***5. How many internal and external supervisors do you have?**

	Number
Internal	<input type="checkbox"/>
External	<input type="checkbox"/>

***6. How often do you receive academic supervision?**

	Less than 10 mins	11-30 mins	31-60 mins	More than an hour
Weekly or more frequently				
1-3 times a month				
2-5 times every 6 months				
Once every 6 months or less				

***7. Are you satisfied with the supervision?**

- Yes, to a large extent
- Yes, to some extent
- Satisfactory
- Not satisfied

***8. Have you had any substantial disagreement with your supervisor?**

- No
- Yes, regarding theory/scientific methods, the dissertation

Yes, regarding required training/workshop

Yes, regarding co-authorship of academic publication

Yes, personally

Other (please specify)

***9. Are you satisfied with the research facilities provided by the university?**

Yes, to a large extent

Yes, to some extent

Neither

To a limited extent

No

10. How likely is it that you will complete your dissertation within the minimum candidature period (3 years full-time/4 years part-time)?

Very likely

Relatively likely

Unsure

Relatively unlikely

Do not know/Too early to tell

Have passed the prescribed timeframe

Have submitted

11. How likely is it that you will complete your dissertation within the maximum candidature period (7 years full-time/10 years part-time)?

Very likely

Relatively likely

Unsure

Relatively unlikely

Do not know/Too early to tell

Have passed the prescribed timeframe

Have submitted

***12. What are the most important reasons why you have not submitted/will not submit your dissertation within the candidature period?**

My own health

Family issues

Problems with the dissertation

Problem with infrastructure/facility

Problems with supervision

Workload

Delay in equipment/material order

Financial problems

Lost interest in research

Have had to combine dissertation work with other jobs

Received another job offer

Other (please specify)

***13. What are the key areas which need to improve in order to improve postgraduate research experience at USP?**

Admission/Enrollment process

Administrative support

Scholarship opportunities/Financial support

Supervision/Feedback

Peer support

Infrastructure/Facilities

Research skills and professional development

Outline of roles/responsibilities

Working space and resources

Other (please specify)

14. Any other comment(s) regarding your PhD candidature experience at USP:

Done

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