Georgia Tech Graduate Alumni Survey

Educational Preparation

For each of the following skills, abilities, and attributes generally expected of a Georgia Tech graduate, please indicate the degree to which you agree that Georgia Tech adequately prepared you. If you had no experience with a particular area, please select “Not Applicable.” If you think that your preparation in any area was less than adequate, please use the space provided to explain your concerns.

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3. Optional Comments:
Please use this space to briefly explain any of your responses, especially if you feel your preparation was less than adequate in any area.

Please write your answer here:

4. Please list up to three attributes of a professional in your discipline that you believe are important or will become important in the future.

Please write your answer(s) here:

1. ____________________________________________________________

2. ____________________________________________________________

3. ____________________________________________________________

5. Did you complete a Thesis as part of your MS Degree (Thesis Option)?

{MS degrees only}

○Yes ○No
Satisfaction

Georgia Tech aims to prepare graduates to practice their discipline in a variety of career settings. Please indicate the degree to which you agree or disagree with the following statements in regard to your satisfaction with your preparation to practice your discipline in each of the following professional settings. Feel free to use the space after the list to briefly explain any of your responses.

6. My education at Georgia Tech prepared me to practice my discipline:

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7. My faculty mentor / advisor served as an advocate for me

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<td>My faculty advisor was supportive of the career path I chose</td>
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<td>I would recommend my graduate degree program to a friend or relative</td>
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9. Please use the space below for any comments regarding faculty advisors or your general preparation:

Please write your answer here:
Continuing Education and Professional Development

10. Have you obtained or are you pursuing additional graduate degrees since graduating from Georgia Tech with your {degree}?
   ☐ Yes *
   ☐ No

{IF 10 = Yes}

11. Please indicate any graduate degrees that you are pursuing or have obtained since graduating from Georgia Tech with a {degree}.

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12. Did your degree from Georgia Tech provide the foundation needed to pursue PhD research? {MS Alumni only}
   ☐ Yes *
   ☐ No

13. Please indicate the number of times you have participated in the following activities since graduation:

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<td>Conducted a workshop, seminar, or other training</td>
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<td>Published in a professional publication (paper, article, or book)</td>
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<td>Traveled internationally for work, to attend conferences, etc.</td>
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14. Please describe any professional recognition or awards you have received since graduation:

   Please write your answer here:

15. Are you a Licensed Professional (Engineer, Architect, or Other)?
   ☐ Yes *  ☐ No
16. Please Specify

Please write your answer here:

17. How well did Georgia Tech prepare you to become licensed?
   ○ Satisfied
   ○ Somewhat Satisfied
   ○ Somewhat Dissatisfied
   ○ Dissatisfied
   ○ No Opinion

18. What could your program do to better prepare students to achieve licensure?

Please write your answer here:

Employment

19. How long did it take you to get your first full-time job after completing your graduate degree?
   ○ Had same job before completing degree
   ○ Accepted position upon graduation
   ○ 1-3 months
   ○ 4-6 months
   ○ 7-12 months
   ○ Over 1 year
   ○ Have not yet obtained a full-time permanent job
   ○ Not applicable

20. How satisfied are you with your overall preparation to obtain employment after graduation?
    ○ Satisfied
    ○ Somewhat Satisfied
    ○ Somewhat Dissatisfied
    ○ Dissatisfied
    ○ No Opinion

Please characterize your satisfaction with your career choice since graduation:
    ○ Satisfied
    ○ Somewhat Satisfied
    ○ Somewhat Dissatisfied
    ○ Dissatisfied
    ○ No Opinion
21. If you are not satisfied with your career choice, please use this space to explain:

Please write your answer here:

22. What is your current employment status?

- Employed full-time (35+ hours per week) *
- Employed part-time (34 hours per week or less) *
- Unemployed, but seeking employment
- Unemployed; not seeking employment
- Not applicable; currently enrolled full-time student
- Other: __________________________

{Questions 23 - 39 are only for those currently employed}

23. Employer Information

Please write your answer(s) here:

Employer Name:

City:

State:

Country:

24. What is your employer's primary business activity?

- Education *
- Manufacturing
- Construction
- Research and Development
- Financial Services
- Medical
- Design *
- The Arts
- Legal
- Communication
- Government *
- Military
- Consulting
- Self-employed
- Other Services
- Other Not-for-Profit
- Other: __________________________
25. Education: Specify

- 4 year college/university
- Medical School/College
- University-affiliated research institute
- Community/2-year college
- U.S. Primary/Secondary school/system
- Other: __________

26. Highest degree offered by your school/department:

- Bachelor's
- Master's (including MBA)
- Doctorate/Terminal Professional Degree

27. Government: Specify

- Foreign
- U.S. Federal – Defense
- U.S. Federal – Other Security
- U.S. Federal – National Lab
- U.S. Federal – Other Federal Agency
- State
- Local

28. Design: Specify

- Architectural
- Engineering
- Industrial
- Other: _______________
29. What is your primary job function?

- Firm Partner/Principal
- General Management
- Project Manager / Supervisor
- Professional
- Technical
- Research
- Sales
- Consultant
- Non-Managerial
- Other: __________________________

30. What is your primary job function?

- Faculty (Tenure-track)
- Faculty (non-tenure / Adjunct)
- Post-Doc
- Instructor
- Other Academic Professional

31. How long have you been with your current employer?

Please write your answer(s) here:

Years ________

Months ________

32. How many times have you been promoted with this employer?

- 0
- 1
- 2
- 3+
33. How closely is your position related to your Graduate degree from Georgia Tech?

- Directly Related
- Somewhat Related *
- Not Related *
{If 33 = Somewhat or Not Related}

34. If you are employed outside of your graduate major field study, is this your preference?

- Yes  - No

35. Optional Explanation:

Please write your answer here:

36. In my current position:

- During discussions or brainstorming sessions, people turn to me and ask my advice
- I have opportunities to participate in decision making
- I am or have been a team leader
- I supervise others *

37. How many do you supervise?

Please write your answer here:

38. In your current position, approximately how often do you work with multinational teams or in a multinational environment?

- Daily or almost every day
- 1 or 2 times a week
- 1 or 2 times a month
- Every 3 or 4 months
- 1 or 2 times a year
- Less than once a year
- Never
39. Within what general range is your total income per year?
(Please select the option nearest your total annual income. Note: This information will remain strictly confidential and will only be reported as a statistical representation of graduates’ reported income levels.)

- Under $20,000
- $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 - $89,999
- $90,000 - $99,999
- $100,000 - $109,999
- $110,000 - $119,999
- $120,000 - $139,999
- $140,000 - $159,999
- $160,000 - $179,999
- $180,000 - $199,999
- $200,000 or over
- Not applicable; not presently employed

40. Please use the space below to share any thoughts or opinions about your career experiences since completing your {degree} from Georgia Tech:

Please write your answer here:
Comments

41. Please list up to three major strengths of your graduate education or other experiences at Georgia Tech

Please write your answer(s) here:

a. .................................................................................................................

b. .................................................................................................................

c. .................................................................................................................

42. Please list up to three areas for improvement in your graduate education or other aspects of Georgia Tech

Please write your answer(s) here:

a. .................................................................................................................

b. .................................................................................................................

c. .................................................................................................................

Program Questions

{Program-specific questions are presented here in the survey}

Please use the space below for comments you may have about your education at Georgia Tech or about the items on this survey:

Please write your answer here: