MASTER DEGREE EXIT INTERVIEW

Thank you for taking the time to fill out this survey. Information provided will be used to make positive changes in graduate education.

Section 1: Student Information
Phone Number
Phone Number
Cellphone Number
Email Address:

Section 2: Degree and Funding Information
Select the term and the year in which you started your degree program:
Year:
Fall
Winter
Spring
Summer
Select the degree you are completing:
Master
Master of Science
Master of Engineering
What was the major or program which you earned your degree?
Business Administration
Civil Engineering
Computer Engineering
Computer Science
Electrical Engineering
Engineering Management
Geospatial Science and Technology

Gender:
Male
Female

If you had financial support during your graduate study; please indicate the type of support you received.
Educational Loan
Individual Support
PR Higher Education - PRIDCO Scholarship
PR Higher Education Scholarship
Other

If you held a graduate assistant position at any time during your graduate study, indicate the type of the position.
Research Assistant
Teaching Assistant
Was there any time period between the year you entered your Master's Program and the award of your degree that you were not working on your degrees (that is, not taking courses or working on your research project or thesis)?

- Yes (if yes, please provide the number of years/months. _____ Years/____ Months

- No

Have you had a paper accepted for publication in a refereed journal while in your graduate program at Polytechnic University of Puerto Rico?

- Yes. (If yes, please list journal name)

- No

Journals Name:

Section 3: Activities

What main activities are you engaged in at the present time or will be engaged (future plans) within the next six months immediately after graduation? (Mark all that apply)

- A) Employed 35 or more hours per week.
- B) Employed in a full-time position (six months or less duration).
- C) Employed less than 35 hours per week.
- D) Actively seeking full-time employment.
- E) Enrolled in an educational institution.
- F) Serving an internship required for state or other professional licensing.
- G) Voluntary unemployed (e.g., managing home).
- H) Other:

Which of the above is your principle activity? Please, mark one.

- A
- B
- C
- D
- E
- F
- G
- H

When you choose your graduate program, how strongly did you expect to obtain a job directly related to it?

- Very Strongly
- Somewhat Strongly
- Not Strongly at all

Section 4: Employment

Are you currently working?  

- Yes
- No

(If you are not employed, please skip this section and go to Section 5.)

What is your current job title?

Where is located your company?

- Puerto Rico
- United States
- Other:

Employer:

Are you working?  

- Full time
- Part time

Is your work related with your degree?  

- Yes
- No
If your job is "not related" to your major field, what was your main reason for taking it? (Mark only one)

- A. Could not find a job in my field.
- B. Better pay than a job in my field.
- C. Better opportunity for advancement than my field.
- D. To see if I like this kind of work.
- E. Opportunity to help people or be useful to society.
- F. Geographical location appealed to me.
- G. Best opportunity among available jobs.
- H. Other: ____________________________

What level of education was required for your present job?

- Doctorate's degree
- Master's degree
- Bachelor's degree
- Certification
- Some college
- No college required

What was your starting yearly salary range?

- $20,000 or less  
- $20,001 - $25,000  
- $25,001 - $30,000  
- $30,001 - $35,000  
- $35,001 - $40,000  
- $40,001 - $45,000  
- $45,001 - $50,000  
- $50,001 - $55,000
- $55,001 - $60,000
- $60,001 - $65,000
- $65,001 - $70,000
- $70,001 - $75,000
- $75,001 - $80,000
- $80,001 - $85,000
- $85,001 - $90,000
- $90,001 - $100,000
- $100,001 - $150,000
- $150,000 or more

What is your current yearly salary?

- $20,000 or less  
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- $80,001 - $85,000
- $85,001 - $90,000
- $90,001 - $100,000
- $100,001 - $150,000
- $150,000 or more

What kind of organization employs you?

- A. Business or industry
- B. Government agency (not in education)
- C. Education institution
- D. Non-profit organization (not government operated)
- E. Self-employed
- F. Other: ____________________________

How satisfied are you with your present job?

- Completely satisfied
- Pretty satisfied
- Not very satisfied

To what extent do you feel that your present job contributes to attaining your career goals?

- A great deal
- Somewhat
- Not at all
Which factors listed below assisted you in finding your present job? (Mark all that apply)

- A. Above average GPA
- B. Academic major
- C. Double major
- D. Competence in foreign language
- E. Competence in English
- F. Competence in Mathematics
- G. Competence in computers
- H. Work experience or internship/volunteer experience
- I. An effective job search campaign
- J. Extra-curricular experiences providing skills sought by employers
- K. Personality or interpersonal skills
- L. Knowing someone who was able to influence the hiring decision
- M. Other:

Section 5: Educational Activities

What are your plans for future educational activities? (Mark all that apply)

- A. I do not plan to go to school again
- B. Taking interesting classes
- C. Acquiring job skills
- D. Obtaining a license authorizing the practice of an occupation
- E. Obtaining a second bachelor's degree
- F. Obtaining a second master's degree
- G. Obtaining professional or doctor's degree (e.g., medicine, Ph.D, law)
- H. Obtaining a Technical Certification (e.g., CQE, Six Sigma, Project Management...)
- I. Other:

What are your immediate post-graduate plans?

Are you already been admitted for further graduate study?  

- Yes  
- No

If yes, please indicate the Program and Institution

Program: ____________________________

Institution: ____________________________

Have you passed the Fundamentals Engineering Examination?

- Yes  
- No  
- Haven't taken it  
- N/A

Have you passed the Professional Engineering Examination?

- Yes  
- No  
- Haven't taken it  
- N/A

Section 6: COOP and Placement Office

A) Have you ever participated in COOP Internship? (If no, skip to question c.)  

- Yes  
- No

B) Have you ever taken the course COOP 3010?

- Yes  
- No

C) Have you ever handed over your resume to the office?

- Yes  
- No

D) Are you available for employment?

- Yes  
- No
Section 7: Program Evaluation

Please indicate your evaluation on the following aspects of your graduate program using a scale of 1-5.

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<td>A) What is your perception of the academic expectations of your program?</td>
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<td>B) How would you rate your program’s performance in keeping pace with recent trends and developments in your field?</td>
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<td>C) How would you rate the research opportunities your program provided to graduate students?</td>
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<td>D) How would you rate adequacy of facilities in your program?</td>
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<td>E) Indicate your level of satisfaction with the supervision and guidance you receive</td>
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<td>F) What is your perception of the quality of the faculty in your degree program?</td>
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<td>G) How could you rate the overall quality of your degree program?</td>
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<td>H) General comments about your graduate program.</td>
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Section 8: Graduate School Evaluation

Please indicate your evaluation on the following aspects of the Graduate School using a scale of 1-5.

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<td>A) Graduate admission process</td>
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<td>B) Graduate new-student orientation</td>
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<td>C) Graduate School web page</td>
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<td>D) Graduation requirements</td>
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Section 9: Evaluate each statement and mark the alternative that describes your response.

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<td>A) Acquiring background and specialization for further education in a professional/scientific/scholarly field</td>
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<td>B) Your ability to write clearly, correctly, and effectively</td>
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<td>C) Your ability to communicate effectively (verbal communication/presentation skills.)</td>
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<td>D) You have a comprehensive approach towards advancement in contemporary issues and engagement in continuous &quot;life-long&quot; learning</td>
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<td>E) You have a comprehensive understanding of fundamental principles within your major course of study/field</td>
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<td>F) Your ability to reason, see relationships, raise questions, examine contrary views, and think critically</td>
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<td>G) You have developed analytical thinking and problem solving</td>
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<td>H) You are able to developed ideas and present them in written work</td>
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<td>I) Your research/project or comprehensive exam sharpened your analytical and problem solving skills</td>
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<td>J) Your research/project or comprehensive exam helped you to developed abilities to plan your own work</td>
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<td>K) Your research/project or comprehensive exam was completed satisfactorily</td>
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<td>L) You are confident about tackling unfamiliar tasks in industry or academia within an ethical framework</td>
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<td>M) You have developed skills in the effective use of technology and library resources for &quot;life-long&quot; learning</td>
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<td>N) Your ability to participate effectively as a citizen</td>
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<td>O) Your ability to do university work</td>
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<td>P) The effort you put into your university education</td>
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<td>Q) Your involvement with faculty</td>
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<td>R) Your access to faculty outside of the classroom</td>
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<td>S) Your major course of study</td>
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<td>T) The quality of your degree program</td>
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<td>U) Instruction at PUPR</td>
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<td>V) Your learning opportunities outside of the classroom</td>
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<td>X) The value of your PUPR education</td>
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### Section 10: Evaluate Research Experience

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<td>A) Supervision was available when needed</td>
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<td>B) The thesis examination process was fair</td>
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<td>C) My research further developed my problems solving skills</td>
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<td>D) I had good access to the technical support I needed</td>
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<td>E) I learned to develop my ideas and present them in my written work</td>
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<td>F) I understood the required standard for the thesis</td>
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<td>G) My supervisor(s) provided additional information relevant to my topic</td>
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<td>H) My research sharpened my analytical skills was satisfied with thesis examination process</td>
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<td>I) I was given good guidance in topic selection and refinement</td>
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<td>J) I understood the requirements of thesis examination</td>
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<td>K) Doing my research helped me to develop my ability to plan my own work</td>
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<td>L) My research supervisor(s) provided helpful feedback on my progress</td>
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<td>M) I received good guidance in my literature search</td>
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<td>N) The examination of my thesis was completed in a reasonable time</td>
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<td>O) As a result of my search, I feel confident about tackling unfamiliar problems</td>
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### Section 11: Outcomes Assessment

Before starting graduate studies, what main activities were engaged? (Mark all that apply)

- [ ] A. Full Time, regular position
- [ ] B. Full Time, contract/temporary position
- [ ] C. Part Time
- [ ] D. Actively seeking full-time employment
- [ ] E. Enrolled in an educational institution
- [ ] F. Voluntary unemployed (e.g., managing home)
- [ ] G. Other: ___________________________

If employed before starting graduate studies, what was your job title? ___________________________

If you were working before starting your graduate studies, did you obtain or will obtain career advancement opportunities (e.g. promotion, job retention) as a result of your graduate degree completion? (Mark all that apply)

- [ ] Promotion
- [ ] Job retention
- [ ] No change
- [ ] Other
- [ ] N/A (Not working before starting graduate studies)