

Joint Graduate Programs – Life Sciences, Nelson Lab
Exit Survey

Name: _____

Address: _____ FutureAddress: _____

Effective Date: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

This questionnaire has been designed to describe the quality of your graduate experience and to identify the post-graduation plans of students in the Graduate Program in Microbiology and Molecular Genetics. **ALL RESPONSES WILL REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL.** Thank you for your cooperation.

1. Degree you have just completed: M.S. _____ Ph.D. _____
2. Date of degree just completed: October _____ January _____ May _____
3. Year earned: _____
4. Is this the degree you originally sought? Yes _____ No _____
5. If no, which degree were you hoping to earn? _____
6. How long did it take you to earn this degree? _____ years
7. Prior degree and date in this program: _____
8. Advisors Name: _____
9. Explain how you selected this advisor: _____

10. How were you supported financially (Check all that apply)?
Own/Family Funds _____
Worked _____
Received support from Rutgers or UMDNJ or both (circle) _____
Had a T.A, or G.A. _____
Had a fellowship/scholarship _____
Received loans through the Financial Aid Office _____
Received loans from banks _____
Other: _____ Explain: _____

11. What was the most difficult problem you encountered while earning your degree?

12. How could your experience at Rutgers/UMDNJ have been more positive?

13. What positive/negative reaction did you have about the graduate program (scholarship, service, teaching)?

14. Overall, how would you rate your experience in the program?
Excellent _____ Good _____ Fair _____ Poor _____
Comments:

15. Overall, how well do you feel the program prepared you for the future?
Very Well _____ Well _____ Fair _____ Poor _____
Comments:

16. Do you have plans for further graduate/professional education?
Yes _____ No _____
If yes, please describe:

17. Are you an international student? Yes _____ No _____
If yes, how long have you been in the United States?

One to two years _____
Three to four years _____
Five to six years _____
Seven or more years _____

18. What is your country of origin? _____

19. Do you plan to obtain a job in the United States?
Yes _____ No _____

CAREER/EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION- EXIT SURVEY MMG

If currently employed, or have employment arranged for after graduation, please complete:

20. Month and Year employment began: (MM)_____ (YYYY) _____
or will begin.

21. Employers Name: _____
Location: _____

Type of Employer: (check below):

- ____ College or University
- ____ Community or Jr. College
- ____ Research Institute
- ____ Industry or Business
- ____ Non-Government Organization/Foundation
- ____ Self Employed
- ____ Other Federal Government
- ____ Other State or Local Government
- ____ Unemployed

22. Title of your Position: _____

Type of Position: (check below):

- ____ Faculty – Tenure Track
- ____ Faculty – Non-Tenure Track
- ____ Career Research Position
- ____ Professional/Administrative position
- ____ Other type, please explain _____
- ____ Unemployed

24. Does this position relate to the degree you received? Yes _____ No _____

25. Is the position in New Jersey? Yes _____ No _____
If not in NJ please indicate state position located in: _____

26. Is this position in a Foreign Country: Yes _____ No _____

27. Current full-time employment status:
Employed in my field _____
Employed, not in my field _____
Seeking employment related to my field _____
Seeking any employment _____
Not seeking employment _____

28. If you are currently employed in your field, will you receive a promotion or upgrade with the completion of your degree? Yes _____ No _____

29. If you are not employed in your field are you trying to get a new job?
Yes _____ No _____

30. If you are currently employed, how did you get your job?
 Through faculty contacts _____
 Career services interviews _____
 Newspaper and journal ads _____
 Personal referral _____
 Applied directly for position _____
 Other _____ explain: _____

31. If you are seeking employment, in what location do you hope to work (check as many as apply)?
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| New Jersey | _____ |
| New York Metropolitan Area | _____ |
| Northeast | _____ |
| Southeast | _____ |
| West Coast | _____ |
| Midwest | _____ |
| Other | _____ where? |
32. Ten years from now, in what professional setting do you see yourself?
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|---------------------|-------|
| Industry | _____ |
| Computers | _____ |
| K-12 Education | _____ |
| Higher Education | _____ |
| Government | _____ |
| Health/Medicine | _____ |
| Law/Legal related | _____ |
| Owning own business | _____ |
| Other, specify | _____ |
33. Please add any additional comments you wish to make about your graduate experience at Rutgers/UMDNJ.

Please return to: Diane Murano, Administrative Assistant
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 Nelson Labs Room A202
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