Georgia Tech Graduate Alumni Survey

[Filtering Questions – MS Degree only]
How would you describe your Master’s degree?
- Professional, Practice-oriented, or Executive Master’s degree
- PhD preparation or academic-oriented Masters
- Other: _______________

Did you complete a thesis as part of your MS Degree?
- Yes
- No

Employment
1. What is your current employment status?
- Employed full-time
  (35 or more hours per week)*
- Employed part-time
  (34 hours per week or less)*
- Unemployed, but seeking employment

2. 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

3. How satisfied are you with your overall preparation to obtain employment after graduation?
- Satisfied
- Somewhat satisfied
- Somewhat dissatisfied
- Dissatisfied
- No opinion

4. Please characterize your satisfaction with your career choice since graduation
- Satisfied
- Somewhat satisfied
- Somewhat dissatisfied
- Dissatisfied
- No opinion

If you are not satisfied with your career choice, please use this space to explain:

Only answer questions 5-12 if the answer to 1 (What is your current employment status?) was 'Employed full-time (35 or more hours per week)' or 'Employed part-time (34 hours per week or less)

5. Employer Information
   Employer Name: __________________
   City: _____________________________
   State: ____________________________
   Country: _________________________
6. 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

[conditional options]

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<th><strong>Design: Specify</strong></th>
<th><strong>Government: Specify</strong></th>
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<td>☐ 4 year college / university †</td>
<td>☐ Architectural</td>
<td>☐ Non-U.S.</td>
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<td>☐ Medical school / college</td>
<td>☐ Engineering</td>
<td>☐ U.S. Federal – Defense</td>
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<td>☐ University-affiliated research institute</td>
<td>☐ Industrial</td>
<td>☐ U.S. Federal – Other Security</td>
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<td>☐ Community / 2-year college</td>
<td>☐ Other</td>
<td>☐ U.S. Federal – National Lab</td>
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<td>☐ U.S. Federal – Other Federal Agency</td>
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<td>☐ Other</td>
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<td>†Highest degree offered by your school/department:</td>
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<td>☐ Bachelor's</td>
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<td>☐ Master's (including MBA)</td>
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<td>☐ Doctorate / Terminal professional degree</td>
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7. How long have you been with your current employer?

Years ____________
Months ____________

8. How closely is your position related to your graduate degree from Georgia Tech?

- Directly related
- Somewhat related*
- Not related*

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

☐ Yes
☐ No

*Optional explanation: _______________________________
9. Do you feel you are under-employed relative to your Georgia Tech degree?

☐ Yes
☐ No

10. In my current position: (Please choose all that apply)

☐ 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 *

* How many do you supervise? ______________

11. 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 often than once a year
☐ Never

12. Within what general range is your gross 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 $40,000
☐ $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

Please use the space below to share any thoughts or opinions about your career experiences since completing your {MS/PhD} in {Degree} from Georgia Tech:
Continuing Education and Professional Development

13. Have you obtained or are you pursuing additional graduate degrees since graduating from Georgia Tech with your {MS/PhD} in {Degree}?  
   ○ Yes*   ○ No

*Please indicate any graduate degrees that you are pursuing or have obtained since graduating from Georgia Tech with a {MS/PhD} in {Degree}.

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<th>Institution</th>
<th>Degree</th>
<th>Discipline</th>
<th>Years Attended</th>
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14. (MS ONLY) *Did your degree from Georgia Tech provide the foundation needed to pursue PhD research?  
   ○ Yes   ○ No

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

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<th>Activity</th>
<th>None</th>
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<th>3-5</th>
<th>6-10</th>
<th>More than 10</th>
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<td>Attended a professional conference</td>
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<td>Presented at a professional conference</td>
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<td>Earned Continuing Education Units (CEUs)</td>
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<td>Obtained professional certification</td>
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<td>Obtained professional licensure</td>
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<td>Conducted a workshop, seminar, or other training</td>
<td>○</td>
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<td>Published in a professional publication (paper, article, or book)</td>
<td>○</td>
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<td>Submitted a grant proposal</td>
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<td>Applied for a patent</td>
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<td>Traveled internationally for work (conferences, business trips, site visits)</td>
<td>○</td>
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Have you worked long-term outside of the United States?  ○ Yes*  ○ No

*In which countries did you work? ____________  ______________  ____________  _____________

*  | Less than 6 months | 6 months – 1 year | 1 year – 3 years | More than 3 years |
---|--------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|
How much time did you spend working outside of the U.S. since graduation? | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○
Please describe any professional recognition or awards you have received since graduation:

16. **Are you a Licensed Professional (Engineer, Architect, or Other)?**
   - [ ] Yes
   - [ ] No
   - [ ] N/A
   *Professional License(s):_________________________________________
   *How satisfied are you with how well Georgia Tech prepared you to become licensed?
   - [ ] Satisfied
   - [ ] Somewhat Satisfied
   - [ ] Somewhat Dissatisfied
   - [ ] Dissatisfied
   - [ ] No Opinion

*What could your program do to better prepare students for the licensure you have achieved?

### 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.”*

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<th>17. My education at Georgia Tech gave me the foundation to:</th>
<th>[Item scale]</th>
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<td>a. Think critically and logically</td>
<td>Strongly Agree</td>
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<td>b. Identify, formulate, and solve problems in my discipline</td>
<td>Agree</td>
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<td>c. Use the techniques, skills, and tools prevalent in my discipline</td>
<td>Somewhat Agree</td>
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<td>d. Understand and use technical language in my field</td>
<td>Agree</td>
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<td>e. Understand prevalent problems and emerging issues in my discipline</td>
<td>Somewhat Disagree</td>
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<td>f. Design systems, components, or processes to meet desired needs, quality, or standards</td>
<td>Disagree</td>
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<td>g. Acquire new information or skills needed for the practice of my discipline</td>
<td>Strongly Disagree</td>
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<td>h. Synthesize and integrate knowledge across disciplines</td>
<td>Not Applicable</td>
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<tr>
<td>i. Understand my professional and ethical responsibilities</td>
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<td>j. Conduct research resulting in fundamental discovery</td>
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<th>18. My education at Georgia Tech prepared me for:</th>
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<td>a. Writing field-specific reports</td>
<td>Strongly Agree</td>
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<td>b. Preparing a research or project proposal</td>
<td>Agree</td>
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<td>c. Giving research or project presentations</td>
<td>Somewhat Agree</td>
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<td>d. Writing grant proposals</td>
<td>Agree</td>
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<td>e. Communicating technical knowledge to people outside my field</td>
<td>Somewhat Disagree</td>
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<td>f. Functioning in multidisciplinary or cross-functional teams</td>
<td>Disagree</td>
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<td>g. Functioning in culturally and ethnically diverse environments</td>
<td>Strongly Disagree</td>
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<td>h. Applying for jobs</td>
<td>Not Applicable</td>
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<td>i. Interviewing for jobs</td>
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<td>j. Giving job talks</td>
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<td>k. Writing for academic journals</td>
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<td>l. Teaching a college-level course in my discipline</td>
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19. My education at Georgia Tech prepared me to:
   a. Exercise leadership skills
   b. Manage projects
   c. Mentor others
   d. Communicate in a business environment
   e. Understand the business perspective of product development and design
   f. Become an entrepreneur

   [Item scale]
   Strongly Agree  Agree  Somewhat Agree  Somewhat Disagree  Disagree  Strongly Disagree  Not Applicable

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

20. Please list up to three attributes of a professional in your discipline that you believe are important or will become important in the future.
   1
   2
   3

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.

21. My education at Georgia Tech prepared me to practice my discipline:
   In government
   In a government lab
   In business/industry
   In a policy-related environment
   In academia
   In an entrepreneurial environment
   In a non-profit or charitable organization

   [Item scale]
   Strongly Agree  Agree  Somewhat Agree  Somewhat Disagree  Disagree  Strongly Disagree  Not Applicable

   (THESIS/PHD ONLY)

22. My faculty mentor / advisor:
   Served as an advocate for me while I was a graduate student at Georgia Tech
   Served as an advocate for me since I have graduated (post-graduation)
   Was supportive of the career path I chose

   [Item scale]
   Strongly Agree  Agree  Somewhat Agree  Somewhat Disagree  Disagree  Strongly Disagree  Not Applicable

23. I would recommend my graduate degree program to a friend or relative
   Why or why not? :
Please use the space below for any comments regarding faculty advisors or your general preparation:

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

• a. ______________________________________________________________
• b. ______________________________________________________________
• c. ______________________________________________________________

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

• a. ______________________________________________________________
• b. ______________________________________________________________
• c. ______________________________________________________________

[Program specific questions here]

Final Comments

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