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## Overview & ID

Graduate Student Mental Health: A Study of American Economics Departments

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### Consent Form

#### Participation is voluntary

It is your choice whether or not to participate in this research. If you choose to participate, you may change your mind and leave the study at any time. Refusal to participate or stopping your participation will involve no penalty or loss of benefits to which you are otherwise entitled.

#### What is the purpose of this research?

The purpose of this research is to understand the prevalence and severity of common mental health problems among graduate students in economics departments across the United States. In addition, the study will help identify environmental factors that may mitigate or contribute to mental health issues. A faculty survey portion of the study will help supplement the graduate student study by shedding additional light on faculty-student relationships.

#### What can I expect if I take part in this research?

The study is intended for economics graduate students in all years of the PhD program.

The initial survey will take 20 to 25 minutes to complete. A follow-up survey will be sent to you in the Spring of 2018 and will take about 10 minutes to complete. At the end of each survey, you will receive scores on the clinically validated mental health screens and explanations for what those scores mean about your mental health.

Once you begin a survey you will not be able to leave it and return to it at another time, so please complete it in one sitting. There is also no "Back" button, so you cannot change responses once you proceed to the next page.

The researchers will produce an aggregated report across all participating economics programs, as well as an aggregated report specifically for your department. Data from your department will only be studied in an aggregated way and the researchers will share department-specific results only with your

department Chair. The report aggregated across all participating programs will not identify department-specific results.

## **What are the risks and possible discomforts?**

If you choose to participate, answering questions that require reflection on issues related to your mental health and potentially distressing past experiences has some psychological risk. If you become upset or feel any distress when you are responding to these questions, please call your university's mental health services. The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is another resource that is available 24 hours a day at 1-800-273-8255.

## **Benefits**

We cannot promise any benefits to you or others from your taking part in this research. However, possible benefits include an improved understanding of your own mental health and its connection to your life experiences; structural department-level and profession-level reforms that improve student and faculty quality of life; improved departmental culture around mental health; initiatives across graduate programs worldwide to improve mental health among students and faculty.

## **If I take part in this research, how will my privacy be protected? What happens to the information you collect?**

The data we collect will be stored on a secure server and analyzed in an anonymous way. No raw, individual response-level data will ever be made public. Such data will also not be handled or accessed by anyone other than a third-party data scientist hired by the researchers. The data scientist has no affiliation with any economics department and has signed a confidentiality agreement. No attempt will ever be made to identify whether or how specific individuals answered the questions in this study.

The ID provided to you for access to each survey is intended to ensure that you only complete each survey once and to allow the researchers to see how graduate student mental health changes over time across all participating programs and in your department. Data matching the ID to you will be stored on a separate secure server from the data set with your survey responses and will only be used for the purpose of this study, as described above.

## **If I have any questions, concerns, or complaints about this research study, who can I talk to?**

The lead researcher for this study is *Paul Barreira, MD* who can be reached at 671-495-2010; 75 Mt. Auburn Street, Cambridge, MA 02138; [gradsurvey@huhs.harvard.edu](mailto:gradsurvey@huhs.harvard.edu).

Please contact him if you have questions, concerns, complaints, or:

- If you would like to talk to the research team,

- If you think the research has harmed you, or
- If you wish to withdraw from the study.

This research has been reviewed by the Committee on the Use of Human Subjects in Research at Harvard University. The Committee can be reached at 617-496-2847, 1350 Massachusetts Avenue, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, Suite 935, Cambridge, MA 02138, or cuhs@harvard.edu for any of the following:

- If your questions, concerns, or complaints are not being answered by the research team,
- If you cannot reach the research team,
- If you want to talk to someone besides the research team, or
- If you have questions about your rights as a research participant.

## Statement of Consent

I have read the information in this consent form. All my questions about the research have been answered to my satisfaction.

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## Signature

**By selecting this box, I consent to taking part in this research.**

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Please enter the survey ID number provided in the e-mail:

## PHQ-9

Over the last 2 weeks, how often have you been bothered by any of the following problems?

	Not at all	Several days	More than half the days	Nearly every day
Little interest or pleasure in doing things	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Feeling down, depressed, or hopeless	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Trouble falling or staying asleep, or sleeping too much	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Feeling tired or having little energy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

	Not at all	Several days	More than half the days	Nearly every day
Poor appetite or overeating	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Feeling bad about yourself - or that you are a failure or have let yourself or your family down	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Trouble concentrating on things, such as reading the newspaper or watching television	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Moving or speaking so slowly that other people could have noticed. Or the opposite - being so fidgety or restless that you have been moving around a lot more than usual	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Thoughts that you would be better off dead or of hurting yourself in some way	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

How difficult have these problems made it for your to do your work, take care of things at home, or get along with other people?

Not difficult at all      Somewhat difficult      Very difficult      Extremely difficult

## GAD-7

Over the last 2 weeks, how often have you been bothered by any of the following problems?

	Not at all	Several days	More than half the days	Nearly everyday
Feeling nervous, anxious or on edge	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Not being able to stop or control worrying	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Worrying too much about different things	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Trouble relaxing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Being so restless that it is hard to sit still	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Becoming easily annoyed or irritable	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Feeling afraid as if something awful might happen	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

How difficult have these problems made it for your to do your work, take care of things at home, or get along with other people?

Not difficult at all      Somewhat difficult      Very difficult      Extremely difficult

## SBQ-R Suicide Behaviors Questionnaire-Revised

Have you ever thought about or attempted to kill yourself?

Never

It was just a brief passing thought

I have had a plan at least once to kill myself but did not try to do it

I have had a plan at least once to kill myself and really wanted to die

I have attempted to kill myself, but did not want to die

I have attempted to kill myself, and really hoped to die

How often have you thought about killing yourself in the past year?

Never

Rarely (1 time)

Sometimes (2 times)

Often (3-4 times)

Very Often (5 or more times)

Have you ever told someone that you were going to commit suicide, or that you might do it?

No

Yes, at one time, but did not really want to die

Yes, at one time, and really wanted to die

Yes, more than once, but did not want to do it

Yes, more than once, and really wanted to do it

How likely is it that you will attempt suicide someday?

Never

No chance at all

Rather unlikely

Unlikely

Likely

Rather likely

Very likely

## **Self Esteem, Rosenberg Self-Esteem Scale**

Below is a list of statements dealing with your general feelings about yourself. Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with each statement.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
On the whole, I am satisfied with myself.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
At times I think I am no good at all.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I feel that I have a number of good qualities.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am able to do things as well as most other people.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I feel I do not have much to be proud of.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I certainly feel useless at times.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I feel that I am a person of worth, at least on an equal plane with others.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I wish I could have more respect for myself.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
All in all, I am inclined to feel that I am a failure.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I take a positive attitude toward myself.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

### Imposter Phenomenon (IP)

For each question, please check the box that best indicates how true the statement is of you. It is best to give the first response that enters your mind rather than dwelling on each statement and thinking about it over and over.

	Not at all true	Rarely true	Sometimes true	Often true	Very true
I can give the impression that I'm more competent than I really am.	<input type="radio"/>				
I'm afraid people important to me may find out that I'm not as capable as they think I am.	<input type="radio"/>				
I often compare my ability to those around me and think they may be more intelligent than I am.	<input type="radio"/>				
Sometimes I'm afraid others will discover how much knowledge or ability I really lack.	<input type="radio"/>				

	Not at all true	Rarely true	Sometimes true	Often true	Very true
I feel bad and discouraged if I'm not "the best" or at least "very special" in situations that involve achievement.	<input type="radio"/>				
I feel confident in my abilities as a researcher.	<input type="radio"/>				
I feel confident in my abilities in math.	<input type="radio"/>				
I feel that I am at the same level of technical ability as my peers.	<input type="radio"/>				

### EPS (Eating Disorder Screening Tool for Primary Care)

Please answer the following questions:

	Yes	No
Are you satisfied with your eating patterns?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Do you ever eat in secret?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Does your weight affect the way you feel about yourself?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Have any members of your family suffered with an eating disorder?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Do you currently suffer with or have you ever suffered in the past with an eating disorder?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

### Adult Self-Report Scale -VI.I (ASRS-VI.I) Screener (ADHD)

Check the box that best describes how you have felt and conducted yourself over the past 6 months.

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Very Often
How often do you have trouble wrapping up the final details of a project, once the challenging parts have been done?	<input type="radio"/>				
How often do you have difficulty getting things in order when you have to do a task that requires organization?	<input type="radio"/>				
How often do you have problems remembering appointments or obligations?	<input type="radio"/>				
When you have a task that requires a lot of thought, how often do you avoid or delay getting started?	<input type="radio"/>				

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Very Often
How often do you fidget or squirm with your hands or feet when you have to sit down for a long time?	<input type="radio"/>				
How often do you feel overly active and compelled to do things, like you were driven by a motor?	<input type="radio"/>				

### Question on feeling overwhelmed

Over the last 7 days, on how many days did you feel overwhelmed by the work you had to do?

0-1 days                    2-3 days                    4-5 days                    6-7 days

### Exercise

On how many of the past 7 days did you:

	0 days	1 day	2 days	3 days	4 days	5 days	6 days	7 days
Do moderate-intensity cardio or aerobic exercise (caused a noticeable increase in heart rate, such as a brisk walk) for at least 30 minutes?	<input type="radio"/>							
Do vigorous-intensity cardio or aerobic exercise (caused large increase in breathing or heart rate, such as jogging) for at least 20 minutes?	<input type="radio"/>							
Do 8-10 strength training exercises (such as resistance weight machines) for 8-12 repetitions each?	<input type="radio"/>							

### AUDIT-C

How often do you have a drink containing alcohol?

Never                    Monthly or less                    2-4 times per month                    2-3 times per week                    4+ times per week

## This is one unit of alcohol...



Half pint of regular beer,  
lager or cider



1 small glass of wine



1 single measure of spirits



1 small glass of sherry



1 single measure of aperitifs

## ...and each of these is more than one unit



Pint of Regular Beer/Lager/Cider



Pint of Premium Beer/Lager/Cider



Alcopop or can/bottle of Regular Lager



Can of Premium Lager or Strong Beer



Can of Super Strength Lager



Glass of Wine (175ml)



Bottle of Wine

How many units of alcohol do you drink on a typical day when you are drinking?

1-2

3-4

5-6

7-9

10+

If female: how often have you had 6 or more units on a single occasion in the last year?

If male: how often have you had 8 or more units on a single occasion in the last year?

Never

Less than monthly

Monthly

Weekly

Daily or almost daily

## Sleep

On how many of the past 7 days did you get enough sleep so that you felt rested when you woke up in the morning?

0 days

1 day

2 days

3 days

4 days

5 days

6 days

7 days

People sometimes feel sleepy during the daytime. In the past 7 days, how much of a problem have you had with sleepiness (feeling sleepy, struggling to stay awake) during your daytime activities?

No problem at all

A little problem

More than a little problem

A big problem

A very big problem

## Mental Health Diagnosis & Treatment

How would you rate your mental health overall?

- Poor
- Fair
- Good
- Excellent

Do you think your mental health is better or worse than the mental health of the average PhD student in your department?

- Better
- Worse

If you ever feel that you are experiencing a mental health issue, would you know where to turn for help?

- Yes
- No

If you ever feel that you are experiencing a mental health issue, how likely would you be to turn to someone for help?

- Not likely
- Somewhat likely
- Moderately likely
- Very likely

If you had an issue with mental health in the last 2 months, to whom did you turn for help? (Select all that apply)

- Mental health professional(s) at your university
- Mental health professional(s) outside of your university
- Department staff member(s)
- Department faculty member(s)
- Family member(s)
- Friend(s) in the department
- Friend(s) outside of the department
- Did not turn to anyone for help

How helpful were the mental health professional(s) at your university with addressing your mental health issue?

- Not helpful
- Somewhat helpful
- Moderately helpful
- Very helpful

How helpful were the mental health professional(s) outside of your university with addressing your mental health issue?

- Not helpful
- Somewhat helpful
- Moderately helpful
- Very helpful

How helpful were the department staff member(s) with addressing your mental health issue?

- Not helpful
- Somewhat helpful
- Moderately helpful
- Very helpful

How helpful were the department faculty member(s) with addressing your mental health issue?

- Not helpful
- Somewhat helpful
- Moderately helpful
- Very helpful

How helpful were the family member(s) with addressing your mental health issue?

- Not helpful
- Somewhat helpful
- Moderately helpful
- Very helpful

How helpful were the friend(s) in the department with addressing your mental health issue?

- Not helpful

Somewhat helpful

Moderately helpful

Very helpful

How helpful were the friend(s) outside of the department with addressing your mental health issue?

Not helpful

Somewhat helpful

Moderately helpful

Very helpful

Were you diagnosed by a mental health professional with any mental health issue(s) prior to starting this PhD program?

Yes

No

Have you been diagnosed by a mental health professional with any mental health issue(s) after you started this PhD program?

Yes

No

Are you currently receiving treatment for:

	Yes	No
Depression	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Anxiety	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Any other mental health issue	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

## Personal

About how many people do you have in your personal life that you can really open up to about your most private feelings without having to hold back?

0

1

2 - 5

6 - 10

11 - 15

16 - 20

More than 20

When you have a problem or worry, how often do you let someone in your personal life know about it?

Never

Sometimes

Most of the Time

Always

I have very good friends at my Economics Department.

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

The following questions address how you feel about different aspects of your life. For each question, please tell us how often you feel that way.

	Hardly Ever	Some of the Time	Often
How often do you feel you lack companionship?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
How often do you feel left out?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
How often do you feel isolated from others?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Over the last 7 days, how many hours per day did you typically spend on a leisure activity unrelated to the PhD program?

0

1

2

3 or more

Over the last 7 days, how many times per day did you typically check Facebook?

0

1

2

3 or more

Don't have a Facebook account

### Over the last 2 weeks:

	Yes	No
Has a significant other, friend, or family member experienced a significant negative life event?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Have you experienced a significant negative life event?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

### How important are the following to your sense of success in life?

	Not important at all	Somewhat important	Moderately important	Very important
Tenure at an academic institution	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Tenure at a top-ranked academic institution	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
High income	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Having your own family	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Knowing that you have made a useful contribution to the world	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Recognition of your work by the general public	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

### Academic Performance

#### In this academic year, how successful do you think you will be ... ?

	Not successful at all	Somewhat successful	Moderately successful	Very successful	Not applicable
in your courses	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
in your research process	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
in your presentations	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
in your teaching	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

#### As of right now, how comfortable would you be voicing a thought in a seminar setting?

- Not comfortable at all
- Somewhat comfortable
- Moderately comfortable
- Very comfortable

#### As of right now, how certain would you have to be about the high quality of a thought before you voiced it in a seminar setting?

- Not certain at all
- Somewhat certain
- Moderately certain
- Very certain

As of right now, how competitive do you think your peers are with each other?

- Not competitive at all
- Somewhat competitive
- Moderately competitive
- Very competitive

If you are a 2nd year student or above, please answer the following: What was the average of your grades in the first-year Microeconomic Theory and Macroeconomic Theory courses?

- A
- A/A-
- A-
- A-/B+
- B+
- B+/B
- B
- B-/B-
- B-
- Lower than B-

During your 1st year in the PhD program, how large was the group (including yourself) in which you typically found yourself working on problem sets? Please respond even if you are currently a 1st year student.

- Worked alone
- 2 people
- 3 people
- 4+ people

As of right now, do you have one or more projects that you are co-authoring with another PhD student?

- Yes
- No

As of right now, do you have one or more projects that you are co-authoring with a faculty member?

Yes

No

In general, how often does your work provide you with the following:

	Always	Most of the time	Sometimes	Rarely	Never	Don't Know
Opportunities to fully use your talents	<input type="radio"/>					
Opportunities to make positive impact on community/society	<input type="radio"/>					
Sense of personal accomplishment	<input type="radio"/>					
Goals to aspire to	<input type="radio"/>					
Satisfaction of work well done	<input type="radio"/>					
Feeling of doing useful work	<input type="radio"/>					

Thinking about both your commitments at work and outside of work, please select the response which best describes your situation. How often, in the last 3 months, has it happened that you:

	Always	Most of the time	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
Worried about work when not working	<input type="radio"/>				
Were too tired for activities in private life	<input type="radio"/>				
Were too tired to do household jobs	<input type="radio"/>				
Had difficulty making ends meet financially	<input type="radio"/>				
Had work prevent time with family or significant others	<input type="radio"/>				

Over the last 2 weeks, on how many days did you seriously contemplate quitting the PhD program?

0 days

1 day

2 days

3 days or more

## Academic Field

What year are you in your program?

1st

2nd

3rd

4th

5th

6th

7th+

What do you consider to be your primary field?



What do you consider to be your secondary field, if you have one?



On a scale of 1 to 10, where 1 = Extremely dissatisfied and 10 = Extremely satisfied, how satisfied are you with your PhD experience?

1

2

3

4

5

6

7

8

9

10

What would you do differently right now if you were starting your program? Please select as many as apply.

Change area of study

Change adviser(s)

Not pursue a PhD at all

Study at another institution

Engage more with study

Organize time more effectively

Nothing

Other

On average, how many hours a week do you typically work?

Less than 11   11-20 hours   21-30 hours   31-40 hours   41-50 hours   51-60 hours   61-70 hours   71-80 hours   More than 80 hours

Over the last 7 days, how many days did you work in the Economics Department?

0 days

1 day

2 days

3 days

4 days

5 days

6 days

7 days

Over the last 2 months, have you been physically away from your department for 1 month or longer?

Yes

No

## Advising

Think of your Economics Department faculty members with whom you've met in the last 2 months:

From your impressions, how much do they care about the success of your research project(s)?

Do not care at all

Care somewhat

Care moderately

Care very much

Not applicable/have not met with faculty in the last 2 months

From your impressions, how much do they care about you as a person?

Do not care at all

Care somewhat

Care moderately

Care very much

Not applicable/have not met with faculty in the last 2 months

How easy is it for you to talk to them about non-academic career options?

Not easy at all

Somewhat easy

Moderately easy

Very easy

Not applicable/have not met with faculty in the last 2 months

Think of your Economics Department faculty members with whom you've met in the last 2 months:

How honest can you be with them about the difficulties you face with:

	Not honest at all	Somewhat honest	Moderately honest	Very honest	Not applicable/have not met with faculty in the last 2 months
Research progress	<input type="radio"/>				
Presentations	<input type="radio"/>				
Teaching	<input type="radio"/>				
Refereeing	<input type="radio"/>				
Co-authoring with other students	<input type="radio"/>				
Co-authoring with these faculty	<input type="radio"/>				
Your <u>other</u> advisers	<input type="radio"/>				
Preparing for the job market	<input type="radio"/>				
Your decision to get a PhD in economics	<input type="radio"/>				
Decisions related to starting a family	<input type="radio"/>				
Your mental health	<input type="radio"/>				
Other personal life issues	<input type="radio"/>				

Think of your Economics Department faculty members with whom you've met in the last 2 months:

How honest would you like to be with them about the difficulties you face with:

	Not honest at all	Somewhat honest	Moderately honest	Very honest	Not applicable/have not met with faculty in the last 2 months
Research progress	<input type="radio"/>				
Presentations	<input type="radio"/>				
Teaching	<input type="radio"/>				
Refereeing	<input type="radio"/>				
Co-authoring with other students	<input type="radio"/>				
Co-authoring with these faculty	<input type="radio"/>				
Your <u>other</u> advisers	<input type="radio"/>				
Preparing for the job market	<input type="radio"/>				
Your decision to get a PhD in economics	<input type="radio"/>				
Decisions related to starting a family	<input type="radio"/>				

	Not honest at all	Somewhat honest	Moderately honest	Very honest	Not applicable/have not met with faculty in the last 2 months
Your mental health	<input type="radio"/>				
Other personal life issues	<input type="radio"/>				

How easy would you like it to be for you to talk to them about non-academic career options?

- Not easy at all
  - Somewhat easy
  - Moderately easy
  - Very easy
- Not applicable/have not met with faculty in the last 2 months

In the last 2 months, how many times have you met with your:

- Main adviser (the faculty member with whom you meet most frequently)
- Second adviser (the faculty member with whom you meet second-most frequently)
- Third adviser (the faculty member with whom you meet third-most frequently)

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As of right now, how significant are the following impediments for the frequency with which you meet with faculty?

	Not significant at all	Somewhat significant	Moderately significant	Very significant
Meetings are difficult to schedule	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Meetings are too short	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Meetings are not useful	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Meetings are unpleasant	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fear of the consequences of a bad impression	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Doubt about the quality of your ideas, questions, thoughts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lack of progress on to-dos from previous meeting	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Over the last 2 months, how many faculty members in your department initiated an informal conversation with you about how you were doing academically or personally?

- 0
- 1

2

3 or more

As of right now, how many faculty members in your department do you consider to be your professional role models?

0

1

2

3 or more

If you are a 2nd year student or above, please select the number of advisers you had last academic year who are:

No longer at the department

▼  
▼  
▼

On leave this term only

On leave this academic year

Was one of the advisers who is no longer at the department or currently on leave your main adviser?

Yes

No

If you ever feel that you are experiencing an issue with advising, would you know where to turn for help?

Yes

No

If you ever feel that you are experiencing an issue with advising, how likely would you be to turn to someone for help?

Not likely

Somewhat likely

Moderately likely

Very likely

## Background Questions

How old are you?

- Younger than 20
- 20-24
- 25-29
- 30-34
- 35 or older

Which of the following races best describe(s) you: (Select all that apply)

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian or Asian American
- Hispanic or Latino
- Black or African American
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- White

Are you a U.S. citizen or permanent resident?

- Yes
- No

Is English your first language?

- Yes
- No

Which best describes your gender identity?

- Man
- Woman
- Transgender
- Other

Do you consider yourself to be:

- Heterosexual
- Bisexual
- Gay or lesbian

Other

Do you have a disability?

Yes

No

How would you best describe your current relationship status?

Single

Casual

Dating

Long-term/Committed

Married

Divorced

Other

Do you live alone?

Yes

No

Do you have 1 or more children?

Yes

No

Are your parents:

Never married

Married

Divorced or separated

Other

Please indicate the highest degree earned by your father (biological or step). If you have multiple fathers, select the highest degree earned.

High school or below

Associate

Bachelor's

### Graduate degree

Please indicate the graduate degree(s) earned by your father. (Select all that apply)

MBA

Other Master's

MD

JD

Economics PhD

Other PhD

Other

Please indicate the highest degree earned by your mother (biological or step). If you have multiple mothers, select the highest degree earned.

High school or below

Associate

Bachelor's

Graduate degree

Please indicate the graduate degree(s) earned by your mother. (Select all that apply)

MBA

Other Master's

MD

JD

Economics PhD

Other PhD

Other

Which of the following best describes your undergraduate institution?

Small liberal arts college (US)

Public university (US)

Private university (US)

Non-U.S. university

Other

How many math courses did you take between the start of your undergraduate study and the start of this PhD program?

- 0
- 1 or 2
- 3 or 4
- 5 or 6
- 7+

Did you go straight into this Economics PhD program after completing your undergraduate degree?

- Yes
- No

Over the last 2 months, what position(s) have you held for compensation? (Select all that apply)

- Teaching Assistant
- Grader
- Research Assistant
- Resident Assistant
- Private tutor
- Non-academic data scientist
- Other
- Did not work for compensation

## **Sexual Harassment**

These next questions ask about situations in which a student, faculty member, staff member, or someone else associated with your Economics Department said or did something that:

- Interfered with your academic or professional performance,
- Limited your ability to participate in your academic program, or
- Created an intimidating, hostile or offensive social, academic or work environment

Check all that you have experienced since becoming a PhD student from a student, faculty member, staff member, or someone else associated with your Economics Department:

- Sexual remarks, jokes, or stories that were insulting or offensive to you
- Inappropriate or offensive comments about your or someone else's body, appearance, or sexual activities

Crude or gross sexual comments or tried to get you to talk about sexual matters when you did not want to

Email(s), text(s), phone call(s), or instant message(s) with offensive sexual remarks, jokes, stories, pictures, or videos that you did not want to receive

Requests to go out for dinner, have drinks, or have sex even though you said, "No"

At the time of this event/these events, what was the person's/were the persons' relationship(s) to you?  
(Select all that apply)

At the time, it was someone I was involved or intimate with

Someone I had been involved or was intimate with

Professor

Adviser

Staff member

Graduate student friend or acquaintance

Undergraduate student friend or acquaintance

Stranger

Other

Don't know

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