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Landing page text

Welcome!

- Thank you for your interest in taking part in the survey, where we explore what students who graduated from higher education in 2012/13 are doing now.
- As you go through the questions please only use the 'Next' button on the page rather than the 'back' and 'forward' buttons in your browser.
- If you would like more information about the research, please call us at IFF Research on 0800 054 2377.

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Section A: What were you doing on 28 November 2016?

ASK ALL

Q1 **On 28 November 2016 were you...?**

If you were on maternity or paternity leave but were still on the payroll of your employer please count this as both employed and doing something else

PLEASE SELECT ALL THAT APPLY

Employed, either full-time or part-time (including self-employed, freelance, voluntary or other unpaid work)	1	NB: DO NOT ALLOW BOTH CODE 1 AND 2 TO BE SELECTED
Unemployed and looking for work	2	
Engaged in study, training or registered as a research student	3	
Developing a professional portfolio or creative practice with a view to starting a business / becoming freelance	4	
Doing something else (e.g. retired, travelling, maternity leave) (Please type in)	5	

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ASK IF MORE THAN ONE RESPONSE SELECTED AT Q1

IF JUST ONE RESPONSE SELECTED AT Q1 AUTOMATICALLY CODE THIS TO Q2 AND GO TO ROUTING BEFORE Q3

Q2 **Which one of these do you regard as your MAIN activity?**

PLEASE SELECT ONE OPTION ONLY

Employed, either full-time or part-time (including self-employed, freelance, voluntary or other unpaid work)	1	SCRIPT TO SHOW OPTIONS SELECTED AT Q1
Unemployed and looking for work	2	
Engaged in study, training or registered as a research student	3	
Developing a professional portfolio or creative practice with a view to starting a business / becoming freelance	4	
[TEXT SUBSTITUTION: OTHER ACTIVITY FROM Q1/5]	5	

IF EMPLOYED ON 28 November 2016 (Q1=1): ASK SECTION B

Section B: Your employment on 28 November 2016

ASK ALL EMPLOYED (Q1=1)

- Q3 **Were you working in more than one job on 28 November 2016? Please include all work, including any work which was part-time, self-employed, freelance, voluntary or unpaid.**

Yes	1	GO TO Q4
No	2	GO TO Q5

ASK ALL WITH MORE THAN ONE JOB (Q3=1)

- Q4 **How many jobs did you have on 28 November 2016? Please include all work, including any work which was part-time, self-employed, freelance, voluntary or unpaid.**

ASK IF WORKING MORE THAN 5 JOBS AT Q4=1

- Q4CHK **Can we just check, you had <INSERT NUMBER OF JOBS AT Q4> on 28 November 2016?**

Yes	1
No - IF NO, GO BACK TO ASK Q4 AGAIN	2

[TEXT SUBSTITUTION: ALL WITH MORE THAN ONE JOB (Q3=1) **The next few questions are about the job you regarded as your MAIN job on 28 November 2016.**]

[TEXT SUBSTITUTION: ALL WITH ONE JOB (Q3=2) **The next few questions are about the job you had on 28 November 2016.**]

Q5 When did you start this job?

If working through an employment agency, we need the time you started at the placement organisation, NOT at the agency.

Month

January	1
February	2
March	3
April	4
May	5
June	6
July	7
August	8
September	9
October	10
November	11
December	12
Can't remember	13

Year

Before 2012	1
2012	2
2013	3
2014	4
2015	5
2016	6
Can't remember	7

**Q6 ASK ALL EMPLOYED ON 28 November 2016 (Q1=1)
And were you...?**

PLEASE SELECT ONE OPTION ONLY

Employed full-time	1
Employed part-time	2
Self-employed or freelance	3
Doing voluntary work / other unpaid work (including internships)	4

- ASK ALL EMPLOYED ON 28 November 2016 (Q1=1)
- Q7 **What is the name of the organisation you were working for [TEXT SUB IF SELF EMPLOYED / FREELANCE Q6=3: or running] on 28 November 2016?**

The data you provide for the following questions will be used for classification purposes only, and no contact will be made with your employer

If you were working through an employment agency, please tell us the name of the organisation you were working at, NOT the employment agency

DS- PLEASE SHOW Q7 AND Q8 ON THE SAME SCREEN

- Q8 **[ALL IN WORK EXCEPT SELF EMPLOYED (Q1=1 Q6≠3): What does the organisation you were working for mainly do?] [ALL SELF EMPLOYED (Q6=3): What does this organisation mainly do?]**

- What exactly is made or done at this establishment?
- Please consider what you might type into a search engine to find an organisation like yours online

- Q9 **Where was your place of work?**

PLEASE SELECT ONE OPTION ONLY

If it varies, please select the country you consider to be your main place of work. This might be where you spend most of your time.

England	1	Go to Q10
Scotland	2	Go to Q10
Wales	3	Go to Q10
Northern Ireland	4	Go to Q10
Outside the United Kingdom (please start typing in the country below and select from the list, if it does not appear please type it out in full)	5	Go to Q11
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IF PLACE OF WORK BASED IN UK (Q9/1-4)

Q10 **What was the postcode for your place of work?**

DS - IF POSTCODE IS INVALID DISPLAY: **We have attempted to validate your postcode against some postcode checking software and have been unable to do so. Please type in your postcode again.**

DS - IF POSTCODE IS STILL INVALID AFTER ONE FAILED VALIDATION:

Unfortunately, we were unable to validate the postcode. Please tell us the first part of the postcode.

IF RESPONDED DK AT Q10

Please tell us the first part of the postcode?

Please select from the list below.

If none are relevant, please leave drop down menu on 'select'

DS – Please show drop down list of first part of postcodes

IF SELECT PART-POSTCODE AT Q10

And, which of the postcode districts does the postcode begin with?

Please select from the list below.

If none are relevant, please choose 'select'

DS – Please show postcode districts

IF INVALID OR PARTIAL POSTCODE

What was the town, city or area in which you worked?

WRITE IN.

Please type in the town, city or area where your place of work was based and not the county. If your place of work was based in London, please give the local area e.g. Holborn.

ASK ALL EMPLOYED ON 28 November 2016 (Q1=1)

Q11 **What was your job title on 28 November 2016?**

DS- TO IMPLEMENT KEYWORD ASSESSOR FOR 50% OF SAMPLE. FOR THIS 50%, Q11 AND Q11A WILL APPEAR ON SEPARATE SCREENS, Q11A WILL BE SKIPPED IF Q11 ANSWER MATCHES ONE OF THE KEYWORDS. FOR OTHER 50%, Q11 AND Q11A TO BE SHOWN ON SAME SCREEN.

Q11a **And please could you briefly describe your main duties or responsibilities? What did you mainly do in your job?**

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Q12 **Which of the following best describes the basis on which you were employed by [TEXT SUBSTITUTION: ORGANISATION NAME AT Q7] on 28 November 2016?**

PLEASE SELECT ONE OPTION ONLY

On a permanent or open-ended contract	1
On a fixed-term contract lasting 12 months or longer	2
On a fixed-term contract lasting less than 12 months	3
Setting up or managing your own business	5
Self-employed/freelance	4
Temporarily, through an agency	6
Temporarily, other than through an agency	7
Employed on another basis	8
Don't know	x

Q13 **Approximately how many people work in the entire organisation (including all branches, departments, etc.)?**

PLEASE SELECT ONE OPTION ONLY

1 to 49	1
50 to 249	2
250 or more	3
Don't know	4

- Q14 ASK ALL EXCEPT THOSE WHO WERE DOING VOLUNTARY/UNPAID WORK (Q6=1-3) [TEXT SUBSTITUTION ALL EXCEPT THOSE SELF EMPLOYED OR FREELANCE (Q6=1-2 AND (Q12=1-3 OR 6-8 OR X)): **What was your approximate gross pay, before tax? Please indicate the amount of money that you paid yourself out of the business. Please just state basic pay; do not include bonuses or benefits in kind/ IF SELF EMPLOYED OR FREELANCE (Q6=3 OR Q12=4-5): Please indicate the amount of money that you paid yourself out of the business below. Please just state basic pay; do not include bonuses or benefits in kind.**]

Salary

And what currency does that figure refer to?

Pounds sterling	1
Other (please type in)	2

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And what payment period does the figure above refer to?

Annually	1
Monthly	2
Weekly	3
Hourly	4
Other (please type in)	5

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SALARY CHECKS: ASK CHECK QUESTION IF RESPONDENT EARNS MORE THAN UPPER LIMIT OR LESS THAN LOWER LIMIT ACCORDING TO PERIOD TYPE:

	Upper limit	Lower limit
Q14=1 (Annual)	£50,000	£5,000
Q14=2 (Monthly)	£4,167	£417
Q14=3 (Weekly)	£962	£96
Q14=4 (Hourly)	£27	£6

- Q14CHK You just stated that you earned [INSERT Q14 SALARY ANSWER] per [IF Q14PER=1 year; IF Q14PER=2 month; IF Q14PER=3 week; IF Q14PER=4 hour]. Is this correct?

Yes	1
No - IF NO, GO BACK TO ASK Q14 AGAIN	2

- Q15 ASK ALL PAID HOURLY (Q14 PERIOD=4)
Typically, how many hours a week were you paid to work in that job?

CATI CHECK: IF HOURS \geq 40

Can we just check that you worked [TEXT SUBSTITUTION: NUMBER OF HOURS AT Q15] hours per week in this job on average?

Yes	1
No - IF NO, GO BACK TO ASK Q15 AGAIN	2

- ASK ALL EMPLOYED ON 28 NOVEMBER (Q1=1)
- Q16 **As far as you are aware, how important were the following factors to [TEXT SUBSTITUTION: ORGANISATION NAME AT Q7] when you gained this employment?**

PLEASE TICK THE APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF IMPORTANCE FOR EACH FACTOR
DS- SHOW AS GRID FORMAT FOR DESKTOP, SHOW AS STATEMENT AND RADIO BUTTON LIST FOR MOBILES

	Formal requirement	Important	Not very important but helped	Not important	Don't know
The subject you studied	1	2	3	4	5
The type of qualification you obtained in 2012/2013 (e.g. BA, MSc, PhD, etc)	1	2	3	4	5
The class or grade of the qualification you obtained	1	2	3	4	5
Evidence of skills and competencies	1	2	3	4	5

- Q17 **And how important were the following factors?**

PLEASE TICK THE APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF IMPORTANCE FOR EACH FACTOR
DS- SHOW AS STATEMENT AND RADIO BUTTON LIST FOR DESKTOP AND ONLINE

	Formal requirement	Important	Not very important but helped	Not important	Don't know	Did not do any work experience or placement as part of your qualification
Any work experience or work placement that was part of the qualification you obtained in 2012/2013	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Formal requirement	Important	Not very important but helped	Not important	Don't know	Did not obtain any further qualifications
Any qualifications that you have obtained after the one you got in 2012/2013	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Formal requirement	Important	Not very important but helped	Not important	Don't know	Did not have any previous (relevant) work experience
Relevant work experience from previous employment	1	2	3	4	5	6

- Q18 [TEXT SUBSTITUTION ALL EXCEPT THOSE SELF EMPLOYED OR FREELANCE (Q6=1-2 OR 4 AND (Q12=1-3 OR 6-8 OR X)): **Why did you decide to take the job at** [TEXT SUBSTITUTION: ORGANISATION NAME AT Q7]?] [IF SELF EMPLOYED (Q6=3 AND (Q12=1-3 OR Q12=6-8 OR X)) OR (Q12=4): **Why did you decide to become self-employed?**] [IF SETTING UP OWN BUSINESS (Q12=5) **Why did you decide to set up or manage your own business?**]

PLEASE SELECT ALL THAT APPLY

It fitted into my career plan / it was exactly the type of work I wanted	1
ASK TO ALL EXCEPT SELF-EMPLOYED / FREELANCE OR SETTING UP OWN BUSINESS (Q6=1-2 OR 4 AND (Q12=1-3 OR 6-8 OR X)) It was the best job offer I received / only job offer I received	2
ASK TO ALL EXCEPT SELF-EMPLOYED / FREELANCE OR SETTING UP OWN BUSINESS (Q6=1-2 OR 4 AND (Q12=1-3 OR 6-8 OR X)) It was an opportunity to progress in the organisation	3
To gain experience in order to get the type of job I really want	4
To see if I would like the type of work it involved	5
To broaden my experience / to develop general skills	6
DO NOT SHOW IF Q6=4: In order to pay off debts	7
DO NOT SHOW IF Q6=4: In order to earn a living	8
Other	9
Don't know / can't remember	X

- Q19 **How did you first find out about this job?**

PLEASE SELECT ONE OPTION ONLY

Own institution's career service / website	1
Other careers service/or its website	2
Employer's website	3
Newspaper/magazine advertisement/or its website	4
High street recruitment agency	5
Online / web-based recruitment agency	6
Already/previously worked for the organisation	7
Professional, work or educational contacts or networks	8
Personal contacts, including family, friends and social networks	9
Speculative approach to employer	10
Other	11
Don't know / can't remember	X
IF SELF EMPLOYED OR OWN BUSINESS (Q12/4 OR 5): Not applicable	12

- ON1 DELETED
ON2 DELETED

- ASK IF HAVE MORE THAN ONE JOB (Q3=1) OR IF DEVELOPING A BUSINESS OR PORTFOLIO ALONGSIDE WORK (Q1=1 AND 4)
- Q20 **You said earlier that you [TEXT SUB IF MORE THAN ONE JOB (Q3/1) had more than one job on 28 November 2016 / TEXT SUB IF DEVELOPING BUSINESS OR PORTFOLIO ALONGSIDE WORK (Q1=1 AND 4) were developing a business or portfolio alongside work on 28 November 2016). To what extent is it because....**

PLEASE SELECT ONE OPTION ONLY FROM EACH ROW

DS- SHOW AS GRID FORMAT FOR DESKTOP, SHOW AS STATEMENT AND RADIO BUTTON LIST FOR MOBILES

	A great extent	Some extent	Not at all	Not relevant	Don't Know
I am unable to secure any full-time position	1	2	3	X	X
Combining two or more jobs is the only way to get sufficient full-time equivalent work in my preferred type of employment	1	2	3	X	X
Through this work I can develop the skills and/or contacts necessary to move into the type of work I really want	1	2	3	X	X
I like the variety	1	2	3	X	X
My preferred work is on a freelance basis so I need other paid work as well	1	2	3	X	X
It gives me time to maintain a balance between work and my personal or family commitments	1	2	3	X	X
To supplement my income	1	2	3	X	X

Q20A QUESTION DELETED

IF ENGAGED IN STUDY OR TRAINING ON 28 November 2016 (Q1=3), ASK SECTION C

Section C: Your study, training or research on 28 November 2016

The next few questions are about the study, training or research you were engaged in.

Q21 **When did you start the course of study, training or research you were engaged in on 28 November 2016?**

Month

January	1
February	2
March	3
April	4
May	5
June	6
July	7
August	8
September	9
October	10
November	11
December	12
Can't remember	X

Year

Before 2012	1
2012	2
2013	3
2014	4
2015	5
2016	6
Can't remember	X

Q22 **Were you studying full-time or part-time?**

PLEASE SELECT ONE OPTION ONLY

Full-time	1
Part-time	2

Q23 What is the name of the institution or organisation at which you were registered?

IF ENGLISH VERSION: Please type the name of the institution below and select from the list. If it does not appear, please type it out in full.

IF WELSH VERSION: REFER TO WELSH SCRIPT

DS: PLEASE USE AUTOCODE FUNCTION HERE USING LIST OF INSTITUTIONS SUPPLIED

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Q24 What type of organisation was this? Was it a...?

PLEASE SELECT ONE OPTION ONLY

University or Higher Education Institution	1
College of Further Education	2
Private training company	3
Other (please type in)	4

Q25 Which of the following best describes the type of qualification you were aiming for?

PLEASE SELECT ONE OPTION ONLY

Higher degree mainly by research (PhD, DPhil, MPhil)	1
Higher degree, mainly by taught course (MA, MSc)	2
Postgraduate diploma or certificate (incl. PGCE)	3
First degree (BA, BSc, MEng)	4
Professional qualification (e.g. Chartered Accountancy, Chartered Institute of Marketing)	5
Other diploma or certificate	6
Other qualification (please type in)	7

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Not aiming for a qualification	8
Don't know	x

Q26 What subject area were you studying, training or researching?

IF ENGLISH VERSION: Please type your course below and select from the list. If it does not appear, or you studied multiple subjects, please type it out in full.

IF WELSH VERSION: REFER TO WELSH SCRIPT

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Q27 QUESTION DELETED

Q28 Which ONE of these do you consider to be your MAIN source of funding for this course of study, training or research?

PLEASE SELECT ONE OPTION ONLY

Grant/Award (e.g. Research Council Studentship/Bursary)	1
My employer provided financial support	2
Self-funded e.g. savings/loan/income	3
Other funding	4
Don't know	x

IF WORKING AND STUDYING ON 28 November 2016 (Q1=1&3)
Q29 Did your employer provide you with any of the following in order to help you with the course of study, training or research that you were pursuing on 28 November 2016?

PLEASE SELECT ALL THAT APPLY

Paid study leave	1
Training related to my course	2
Mentoring	3
Provision of materials to help with study	4
More flexible or reduced working hours to accommodate study	5
Other (Please type in)	6

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None of the above	7

IF ENGAGED IN STUDY OR TRAINING ON 28 November 2016 (Q1=3)
Q30 **Why did you decide to undertake the further study, training or research?**

PLEASE SELECT ALL THAT APPLY

Because it was a requirement of my employment on 28 November 2016 that I did	1
To develop a broader or more specialist range of skills or knowledge	2
To change or improve my career options	3
Because I was interested in the content of the course	4
Because I had enjoyed my first course and wanted to continue studying	5
I wanted to go on being a student/I wanted to postpone job hunting	6
I had been unable to find a suitable job	7
Other	8
Don't know	x

Section D: What else have you been doing since finishing your course in 2012/13?

ASK ALL

I'd now like to find out a bit more about what you have been doing since completing your [TEXT SUBSTITUTION: qualification from sample] course at [TEXT SUBSTITUTION: HEI from sample] in 2012/13.

- Q31 ASK IF EMPLOYED ON 28 November 2016 AND IN ONE JOB (Q3/2)
Apart from the job that you have already told us about, have you had any other jobs between graduating and 28 November 2016?

ASK IF EMPLOYED ON 28 November 2016 AND IN MORE THAN ONE JOB (Q3/1)
You've already told us that you had [INSERT NUMBER OF JOBS FROM Q4] on 28 November 2016. Apart from these have you had any other jobs between graduating and 28 November 2016?

ASK IF NOT EMPLOYED 28 November 2016 (Q1 NOT 1)
Have you had any jobs between graduating and 28 November 2016?

Please include any part-time, self-employed, freelance, voluntary or other unpaid work that you have had.

If you have changed jobs within an organisation, or were promoted, please count these as SEPARATE jobs.

If you have undertaken consecutive periods of employment through one or more temping agencies please count this as ONE job.

Yes	1	ASK Q32
No	2	GO TO Q33
Don't know	3	

- Q32 ASK ALL WHO HAVE HAD ANY JOBS SINCE GRADUATING (Q31=1)
How many [IF Q1=1other] jobs have you had between graduating and 28 November 2016?

Please include any part-time, self-employed, freelance, voluntary or other unpaid work that you have had.

If you have changed jobs within an organisation, or were promoted, please count these as SEPARATE jobs.

If you have undertaken consecutive periods of employment through one or more temping agencies please count this as ONE job

- Q33 ASK ALL
Have you ever been unemployed and seeking work for a period lasting one month or more since you graduated in 2012/13?

PLEASE SELECT ONE OPTION ONLY

Yes	1	ASK Q34
No	2	GO TO Q36
Don't know	3	

ASK IF HAVE BEEN UNEMPLOYED (Q33/1)

Q34 **How many separate periods of unemployment lasting one month or more have you had?**

DS- PLEASE ONLY ALLOW INTEGERS 1 AND ABOVE

ALLOW DON'T KNOW

ASK IF MORE THAN ONE PERIOD OF EMPLOYMENT (Q34/2-6)

Q35 **How many months would you say these periods of unemployment add up to?**

ASK IF ONLY ONE PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT (Q34/1)

How many months would you say this period of unemployment adds up to?

ASK ALL
Q36 **Did you obtain any qualifications between the time you completed your course at [TEXT SUBSTITUTION: HEI from sample] in the academic year 2012/13 and 28 November 2016?**

[TEXT SUB: IF Q1/3) **Please exclude any qualifications gained from any of the courses that you have already told us about.**]

PLEASE SELECT ONE OPTION ONLY

Yes	1	Go to Q37
No	2	Go to NEXT SECTION

IF OBTAINED FURTHER QUALIFICATIONS (Q36/1)

Q37 **How many other separate qualifications did you obtain?**

DS- PLEASE ONLY ALLOW INTEGERS 1 AND ABOVE

Q38 **What was the highest level of qualification you obtained between graduating from your [TEXT SUBSTITUTION: course from sample] course in the academic year 2012/13 and 28 November 2016?**

PLEASE SELECT ONE OPTION ONLY

Higher degree mainly by research (PhD, DPhil, MPhil)	1
Higher degree, mainly by taught course (MA, MSc)	2
Postgraduate diploma or certificate (incl. PGCE)	3
First degree (BA, BSc, MEng)	4
Professional qualification (e.g. Chartered Accountancy, Chartered Institute of Marketing)	5
Other diploma or certificate	6
Other qualification (please type in)	7

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Not aiming for a qualification	8
Don't know	x

Q39 And what was the subject area of this qualification?

IF ENGLISH VERSION: Please type your course below and select from the list. If it does not appear, or you studied multiple subjects, please type it out in full.

IF WELSH VERSION: REFER TO WELSH SCRIPT

Q40 **And how did you MAINLY fund your studies for this qualification? Was it by...?**

PLEASE SELECT ONE OPTION ONLY

Grant/award (e.g. Research Council Studentship / Bursary)	1
Employer provided financial support	2
Self-funded e.g. Savings / loan / income	3
Other funding	4
Don't know	X

ASK ALL

Section E – Satisfaction and skills

Thank you for describing what you have been doing since completing your [TEXT SUBSTITUTION: qualification obtained from sample] course.

- Q41 Thinking back, if you were to choose whether or not to do your course again, how likely or unlikely is it that you would...?**

PLEASE SELECT ONE OPTION ONLY FOR EACH ROW
DS- SHOW AS GRID FORMAT FOR DESKTOP, SHOW AS STATEMENT AND RADIO BUTTON LIST FOR MOBILES

	Very likely	Likely	Not very Likely	Not likely at all	Don't Know
Do a different subject?	1	2	3	4	5
Study at a different institution?	1	2	3	4	5
Work towards a different type of qualification	1	2	3	4	5
Decide to do something completely different?	1	2	3	4	5

- Q42 Given what you have told us so far, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with your career to date?**

PLEASE SELECT ONE OPTION ONLY

Very satisfied	1
Fairly satisfied	2
Not very satisfied	3
Not at all satisfied	4
Don't know	5
Not applicable	6

- Q43 Thinking about your overall experience of the course you completed in 2012/13, to what extent do you agree or disagree that the course was good value for money?**

PLEASE SELECT ONE OPTION ONLY

Strongly agree	1
Agree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	5
Don't know	6

The following questions now focus on your general higher education experience. This includes the course you completed in 2012/13, as well any extra-curricular activities you were involved in during this time (including placements undertaken while you were studying).

Q44A How well did this higher education experience prepare you for or help you progress your career aspirations?

PLEASE SELECT ONE OPTION ONLY

Very well	1
Quite well	2
Not very well	3
Not at all	4
Don't know	5

ASK ALL WHO DID NOT COMPLETE RESEARCH DEGREE PROGRAMME IN 2012/13 (from sample)

Q44AA And still considering your higher education experience (including the course you completed in 2012/13 as well as any extra-curricular activities and work placements you undertook in this time, to what extent has your higher education experience enabled you to...?

PLEASE SELECT ONE OPTION ONLY FOR EACH ROW

DS- SHOW AS GRID FORMAT FOR DESKTOP, SHOW AS STATEMENT AND RADIO BUTTON LIST FOR MOBILES

	A great extent	Some extent	Not at all	Don't know	Not worked since finishing course	Not relevant
Be innovative in the workplace	1	2	3	4	5	
Solve problems in your work	1	2	3	4	5	
Communicate effectively in your work	1	2	3	4	5	
Make good decisions in your work	1	2	3	4	5	
Work effectively with others	1	2	3	4	5	
Take initiative and personal responsibility in your work	1	2	3	4	5	
Make effective use of information and communication technology in your work	1	2	3	4	5	6
Work effectively with numbers	1	2	3	4	5	6

ASK ALL IN WORK EXCEPT SELF EMPLOYED ON 28 November 2016 (Q6=1/2/4)

Q44AB To what extent does your employer enable you to use the skills you gained during your higher education experience (including any extra-curricular activities and work placements)?

PLEASE SELECT ONE OPTION ONLY

A great extent	1
Some extent	2
Not at all	3
Don't know	4

ASK ALL

Q44B And still considering your higher education experience (including any extra-curricular activities and work placements), how well did this prepare you for being self-employed or setting up your own business?

PLEASE SELECT ONE OPTION ONLY

Very well	1
Quite well	2
Not very well	3
Not at all	4
Don't know	5
Have never considered becoming self-employed / setting up own business	6

Section F – Research Degree

- ASK ALL WHO COMPLETED RESEARCH DEGREE PROGRAMME IN 2012/13 (from sample)
 Q45 **Thinking about the research degree you took in 2012/13, what was the main reason you decided to undertake it?**

PLEASE SELECT ONE OPTION ONLY

- Q46 **And why else did you decide to undertake it?**

PLEASE SELECT ALL THAT APPLY

	Main reason	Other reasons
I was interested in the subject	1	1
I was interested in research	2	2
I wanted to go on being a student/I wanted to postpone job hunting	3	3
I was awarded a funded studentship	4	4
I was encouraged or required to do so by my employer at the time	5	5
I was encouraged to do so by previous tutors/lecturers.	6	6
I wanted an academic career.	7	7
I thought it would improve my career prospects more broadly.	8	8
It was essential to get into the area of employment I want(ed) to work in.	9	9
Other (Please type in)	10	10



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- Q47 **Did you receive any funding towards these research studies in terms of fees or maintenance, or were you self-funded?**

Please include any accommodation costs under maintenance.

PLEASE SELECT ONE OPTION ONLY

Received funding towards fees	1
Received funding towards maintenance	2
Received funding towards both fees and maintenance	3
No funding / Self-funding	4

ASK ALL IN RECEIPT OF FUNDING FOR FEES (Q47=1 OR 3)
 Q48 **Firstly, could you tell me the main source of funding for your fees?**

PLEASE SELECT ONE OPTION ONLY

ASK ALL IN RECEIPT OF FUNDING FOR FEES (Q47=1 OR 3)
 Q49 **From which other sources did you receive funding for your fees?**

PLEASE SELECT ALL THAT APPLY

	Main source	Other sources
The institution where I studied		
Arts & Humanities Research Council (AHRC)		
Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC)		
Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC)		
Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC)		
Medical Research Council (MRC)		
Natural Environment Research Council (NERC)		
Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC)		
UK Educational / Scientific charity (including The Wellcome Trust, Cancer Research UK, British Heart Foundation or Other UK Educational / Scientific charity):		
Other competitively-awarded scholarship or award (Please specify)		
EU / EC funded		
Support from my employer or an industry body		
Other (Please type in)		
No other sources of funding		

ASK ALL IN RECEIPT OF FUNDING FOR MAINTENANCE (Q47=2 OR 3)
 Q50 **What was the main source of funding for your maintenance?**

PLEASE SELECT ONE OPTION ONLY

ASK ALL IN RECEIPT OF FUNDING FOR MAINTENANCE (Q47=2 OR 3)
 Q51 **From which other sources did you receive funding for your maintenance?**

PLEASE SELECT ALL THAT APPLY

	Main source	Other sources
The institution where I studied		
Arts & Humanities Research Council (AHRC)		
Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC)		
Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC)		
Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC)		
Medical Research Council (MRC)		
Natural Environment Research Council (NERC)		
Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC)		
UK Educational / Scientific charity (including The Wellcome Trust, Cancer Research UK, British Heart Foundation or Other UK Educational / Scientific charity):		
Other competitively-awarded scholarship or award (Please specify)		
EU / EC funded		
Support from my employer or an industry body		
Other (Please type in)		
No other sources of funding		

Q52 To what extent did your research topic require....?

PLEASE SELECT ONE OPTION ONLY FOR EACH ROW
DS- SHOW AS GRID FORMAT FOR DESKTOP, SHOW AS STATEMENT AND RADIO BUTTON LIST FOR MOBILES

	A great extent	Some extent	Not at all	Don't know
Working on your own	1	2	3	4
Collaborating with others in the same broad discipline or subject area as yours (e.g. chemistry, management)	1	2	3	4
Collaborating with others in different disciplines	1	2	3	4
Development of knowledge and skills that cross other disciplines or subject areas as well as your own	1	2	3	4
Collaborating with others outside the higher education research community	1	2	3	4
Work placement(s) or internship(s)	1	2	3	4
Periods of international mobility, i.e. working or studying in non-UK research team(s)	1	2	3	4

IF DID RESEARCH DEGREE AND EMPLOYED ON 28 NOVEMBER (Q1/1)

Q53 In the job that you were doing on 28 November 2016, how often do you / did you...?

PLEASE SELECT ONE OPTION ONLY FOR EACH ROW
DS- SHOW AS GRID FORMAT FOR DESKTOP, SHOW AS STATEMENT AND RADIO BUTTON LIST FOR MOBILES

	Most of the time	Some of the time	Occasionally	Not at all	Don't know
A) Conduct research	1	2	3	4	5
B) Interpret or critically evaluate research findings	1	2	3	4	5
C) Draw on the detailed knowledge on which your research degree was based	1	2	3	4	5
D) Use your general disciplinary knowledge	1	2	3	4	5
E) Use the research skills you developed as a research student	1	2	3	4	5
F) Use the generic skills you developed as a research student	1	2	3	4	5
G) Work autonomously	1	2	3	4	5
H) Work as part of a team	1	2	3	4	5
I) Work under close supervision	1	2	3	4	5
J) Have responsibility for supervising the work of others	1	2	3	4	5

ASK ALL RESEARCH DEGREE FROM SAMPLE
 Q54 To what extent has your PhD / Research degree experience enabled you to...?

PLEASE SELECT ONE OPTION ONLY FOR EACH ROW

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	A great extent	Some extent	Not at all	Don't know	Have not worked since finishing course
Be innovative in the workplace	1	2	3	4	5
Make a difference in the workplace	1	2	3	4	5
Change organisational culture and/or working practices	1	2	3	4	5
Influence the work of others in the workplace	1	2	3	4	5
Access immediate or short-term job opportunities in your chosen career	1	2	3	4	5
Enhance your credibility or standing in the workplace	1	2	3	4	5
Progress towards your long term career aspirations	1	2	3	4	
Enhance your social and intellectual capabilities beyond employment	1	2	3	4	
Enhance the quality of your life generally	1	2	3	4	
Make any other impact in the workplace (please type in on next screen)	1	2	3	4	5

Section G – Wellbeing – ASK OF ALL EXCEPT SCOTTISH HEPs (ALL EXCEPT F_HEILOCATION= 'S' UNLESS F_RESEARCH=1)

Q55a **We'd just like to finish by asking you some questions about your general well-being. Please respond to the following questions using a scale of '0' to '10' where '0' is 'not at all' and '10' is 'completely'.**

DS- SHOW AS DROP DOWN LISTS FOR EACH STATEMENT ON BOTH DESKTOP AND MOBILE.

	0 - 'Not at all' 10 - 'completely'										
Overall, how satisfied are you with your life nowadays?	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Overall, to what extent do you feel the things you do in your life are worthwhile?	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Overall, how happy did you feel yesterday?	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Overall, how anxious did you feel yesterday?	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

Section H – Contact information

- ASK ALL WHO COMPLETED RESEARCH DEGREE PROGRAMME IN 2012/13 (from sample)
 Q55 **The Research Councils may like to contact you for further research purposes, the results of which are used to inform policy development and published to help inform individuals' career decisions.**

Are you happy for us to pass on your responses and contact details for this purpose?

Yes	1	
No	2	

- ASK ALL
 Q58 **Are you willing to be invited to take part in future research into graduates' training, development and employment by organisations responsible for this research?**

For example, The Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA), [TEXT SUBSTITUTION IF HEI EN FROM SAMPLE: Department for Education (DfE), Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE)] [TEXT SUBSTITUTION IF HEI SC FROM SAMPLE: Scottish Funding Council (SC)] [TEXT SUBSTITUTION IF HEI WA FROM SAMPLE: Higher Education Funding Council for Wales (HEFCW)] [TEXT SUBSTITUTION IF HEI NI FROM SAMPLE: NI Government] etc.

We would need to share your contact details, but only for this purpose.

PLEASE SELECT ONE OPTION ONLY

Yes	1
No	2

- ASK ALL
 Q56 **Are you willing for IFF Research to pass the following back to [TEXT SUBSTITUTION: name of HEP from sample]**

PLEASE SELECT ONE OPTION PER ROW.

	Yes	No
Your contact details, if they are different to the ones we already hold, so they can update their records?		
They may use these to undertake further research or to contact you with information or news about the institution in the future.	1	2
Your name, along with the information you have given us today?		
They may wish to contact you in connection with your participation in this survey.	1	2

Q57A ..deleted

IF WILLING FOR ANY REASON (Q55/1 OR Q56/1 OR Q57/2 OR Q58/1)
 Q59 **Thank you. Can we just check we have the best details to you on?**

DS- SHOW EMAIL ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER ON THE SAME PAGE AND NAME AND POSTAL ADDRESS ON A SECOND PAGE.

IF HAVE EMAIL (FROM SAMPLE)

According to our records, your email address is: DISPLAY CONTACT ADDRESS. Is that correct?

Yes – correct	1
No – incorrect (Please type in correct email address)	2

And what is the best number to contact you on?

WRITE IN TELEPHONE NUMBER

According to our records your name: DISPLAY CONTACT NAME. Is that correct?

Yes – correct	1
No – incorrect (Please type in correct name)	2

And what is the best postal address to contact you on?

RECORD CORRECT ADDRESS LINE 1
RECORD CORRECT ADDRESS LINE 2
RECORD CORRECT ADDRESS LINE 3
RECORD POSTCODE

That is the end of the survey.

Thank you very much for your participation; your contribution is much appreciated.

If you are interested in viewing the results of the survey, they will be available to view in Autumn 2017 through this link: <https://www.hesa.ac.uk/data-and-analysis/publications#destinations-leavers-higher-education-longitudinal-survey>.

CLOSE INTERVIEW

I declare that this survey has been carried out under IFF instructions and within the rules of the MRS Code of Conduct.		
Interviewer signature:	Date:	
Finish time:	Interview Length	mins