

Postgraduate Research Experience Survey: Student Guide

Frequently asked questions

We're keen to make sure postgraduate students have the best possible experience while studying at Teesside University. To do that we need to know what you think we are doing well and what we can do better. If you're thinking about taking part this year, these are the answers to some of the questions students often ask:

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What is it?

The Postgraduate Research Experience Survey is a national survey of postgraduate research students inviting them to comment on their experience. The survey takes around 15 minutes to complete.

Why should I take part?

The Postgraduate Research Experience Survey is the chance for research postgraduates to feedback on their experience. We need to know what postgraduates think so we can address issues and keep doing what is valued. It is an opportunity to say what went well and what could have been improved. This will help improve the experience of students like you in the future.

What does it cover?

PRES focuses on students' experiences including:

- Supervision experiences
- Resources
- Research culture
- Progress and Assessment
- Research Skills
- Professional development
- Opportunities

What happens to the results?

Your feedback is important. Over one hundred universities and colleges take part. This means we can compare your experience against similar postgraduates at other institutions to see if we are supporting your learning as we should. We use the findings to improve the learning experience for future students.

Is it anonymous?

The survey is confidential and no-one will be able to identify you from any results. The survey asks that any comments you make should not identify yourself or any specific members of staff.

What do I need to do?

You will receive an email with a link to the questionnaire on Monday 12 February. Simply click on the link and complete the online form. The survey is open until Sunday 4 March. You can also access the survey via Blackboard.

Where can I find out more?

If you have any questions relating to the survey, or have encounter any difficulties in completing it, please contact the Learning and Teaching Enhancement team via surveys@tees.ac.uk.