

## Postgraduate Taught 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 Taught Experience Survey or PTES is a national survey of postgraduate taught students inviting them to comment on their course and experience. The questionnaire takes around 15 minutes to complete.

### Why should I take part?

The Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey is your chance to tell us your thoughts about your course. The results help us compare how we are doing with other institutions, to make changes that will improve what we do in future and to keep doing the things that you value. This will help improve the experience of students like you in the future.

### What does it cover?

PTES concentrates on your course and includes:

- motivations for taking the course;
- information you were given to help choose your course;
- your experience of teaching and learning;
- the organisation of your course;
- assessment and dissertation (or major project);
- career development.

## 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 our courses and 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 will also be able to access the survey via Blackboard during these dates.

## Where can I find out more?

If you are unsure about anything to do with the survey, or have any difficulty, please contact the Learning & Teaching Enhancement team via [surveys@tees.ac.uk](mailto:surveys@tees.ac.uk).