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1. Did you enrol as a doctoral student in the first semester in 2004?

- Yes
- No, I was awarded my doctorate
- No, I took a Diploma in Advanced Studies / Master
- No, I have temporarily stopped my doctoral studies
- No, I have definitively stopped my doctoral studies.

2. Personal particulars (gender):

- male
- female

3. Personal particulars (age):

- 20-24 25-29 30-34
- 35-39 40-49 ≥50

4. Assess your involvement as a doctoral student in your studies during the last semester

- 0-9 10-40 41-60
- 61-80 81-100

5. Did you begin your doctorate prior to formally registering?

- No
- Yes, 1-6 months before
- Yes, 7-12 months before
- Yes, approx. one year before

6. What was the main reason that led you to do a doctorate?

- I am interested in the subject
- In preparation for research / university teaching
- In preparation for non-university research
- In preparation for another profession
- Other

7. How true are the following statements regarding support and preliminary information provided prior to your doctoral studies?

	Not at all	Not much	Quite a lot	Very much
a) The preliminary information on the doctorate was satisfactory	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) The department's presentation of the doctorate to the new students was satisfactory	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) You were well informed of your rights and obligations as a doctoral student	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) The requirements for registration were made clear	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

8. Where have you spent most of the time during your university studies?

- At the university where you are registered
- At another university
- Somewhere else

9. Have you spent any time during your doctoral studies at another university?



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In Catalonia in Spain abroad
No

10. What is/was your main source of income
this/last semester?

A grant from the Catalan/Spanish government

A grant from abroad / another organisation

A grant from the university* where the
programme is given

A contract from the university* to do a research
project

A contract from the university* to collaborate in
non-research-associated teaching activities

A job outside of the university* (which allows
time for research)

A job outside of the university* (which does not
allow time for research)

Another source of finance

11. Were you satisfied with this source of
income?

Yes No

12. Were you off work due to illness for more
than 14 days in 2004?

Yes No

13. Are you married or do you live with your
partner?

Yes No

14. Do you have children younger than 18
living with you?

Yes No

15. Do your parents have a university diploma
or degree?

Yes, both of them Yes, only my father

Yes, only my mother No

Don't know

16. Which academic qualifications did you
have when you began your doctorate? (Mark
more than one, if applicable)

Diploma or equivalent / Engineering or
Technical Architecture

Degree or equivalent / Higher Engineering or
Architecture

Master or equivalent

Name of the qualifying degree:

Institutions where you studied for these
qualifications:

Specify the country, in the case of a non-
Catalan institution: _____

Year of graduation of qualifying degree:



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17. Of the 20 credits in the first year of the doctoral course, how many associated credits (not included in the programme) could you choose? -----

18. How many credits in the first year were compulsory? -----

19. Assess the following statements that describe the courses in the doctorate:

	Not at all	Not much	Quite a lot	Very much
a) The quality of the courses is very high.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) There is an even balance between course credits and thesis credits.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) The courses are useful for my thesis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) The courses are to my liking and they fit my needs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

20. How much time did you spend studying during the first semester in 2004 (full-time percentage)?

0 1-20 21-40 41-60
61-80 81-100

21. How much time did you spend doing other work in your department during the first semester in 2004 (full-time percentage).

0 1-20 21-40 41-60
61-80 81-100

22. Have you been given any preparatory training sessions for teaching work at the university?

Yes No

23. What type of thesis do you intend to write?

On one specific subject Article compilation

24. What language are you writing the thesis in?

Catalan Spanish English Other

25. How did you choose the subject for your thesis?

It was my idea
It was proposed by my director/department
I still haven't chosen a subject

26. What work methodology are you using for your thesis?

I am working independently
Mostly with a research group
I still haven't chosen a subject

27. Do you have a thesis director?

Yes, a man
Yes, a woman
No (go on to question 29)

28. Did you change your thesis director of your own accord?

Yes No



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29. Aside from your thesis director, is there any other member of faculty who you frequently consult?

- Yes, a man/only men
- Yes, a woman/only women
- Yes, both men and women
- No (go on to question 32)

30. Are these members of faculty in your department?

- Yes No

31. Who is more involved in practical terms in supervising you?

- The head director
- The supervisory assistant
- Somebody else

32. Give the approximate number of hours of supervision you received during the first semester in 2004.

- 0 1-5 6-10
- 11-15 16-20 >20

33. How much has/have your director/s:

	Not at all	Not much	Quite a lot	Very much
a) shown interest in your doctoral studies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) talked to you about methodology	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) talked to you about theory	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) made constructive criticism of	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

your research				
e) shown interest in your plans for the future	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

34. Has your individual study programme been supervised during 2004?

- Yes, I'm satisfied with the supervision
- Yes, although I'm not satisfied with the supervision.
- No
- I do not have an individual study programme

35. Were you involved in any of the activities below during 2004?

	Yes	No
a) Taking part in one or more important national conference for your doctoral studies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Taking part in one or more important international conference for your doctoral studies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Presenting your research in a context whereby it becomes more accessible to the general public	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Presenting your research in publications or conferences	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) Seminar to present your research to your department	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f) Member of a doctoral students group	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



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36. In 2004, during your doctoral studies, how much/often ...

	Not at all	Not much	Quite a lot	Very much
a) has your work been supervised more than you would have liked?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) have you found yourself in the situation of being overly dependent on your director, which has made you feel uncomfortable?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) have you found any defects in the supervision, making your work more difficult?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) have you seriously considered changing director?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) have you evaluated doctoral studies as being positive and stimulating?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f) have you had the opportunity to take part in general discussions on matters with your director or other researchers?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g) have you considered the atmosphere in your department to be creative?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f) have you felt accepted as a member of the research group?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g) have you had the impression of being able to exert influence in your department?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

37. To what degree have your doctoral studies resulted in:

	Not at all	Not much	Quite a lot	Very much
a) broadening of A	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

your general education?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) A greater understanding of people from other cultures and/or ethnic groups?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Reflection on your part of your personal values?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) You becoming involved in social development?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) A better understanding of the social and cultural differences between the sexes?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f) A greater understanding of methodologies (scientific and/or academic)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g) A greater understanding of scientific theories?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h) Your being capable of carrying out research independently?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i) A greater understanding of research ethics?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

38. Do you have your own workspace or office in the department, with a computer, printer, etc.?

Yes No

39. How many hours per week on average did you work during the first semester in 2004?

0-9 10-19 20-29 30-39
40-49 50-59 60≥



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40. How many hours per week on average did you spend working on your doctoral studies during the first semester in 2004?

0-9 10-19 20-29 30-39
40-49 50-59 60≥

41. Assess as a percentage figure how far you completed your doctorate by the end of the first semester in 2004:

20 < 21-40 41-60
61-80 80 >

42. Are you thinking of taking a Master?

Yes No
I have already taken one Don't know

43. When do you expect to present your thesis?

This semester The next academic year
Don't know

44. What are your impressions of the other students taking the doctorate, members of faculty, directors and administrative staff?

a) Other students taking the doctorate
unfriendly friendly
unobliging obliging
unhelpful very helpful

b) staff teaching the different courses:
unapproachable
approachable
unhelpful very helpful
uninformed well informed

c) the directors
unapproachable
approachable

unhelpful very helpful
uninformed well informed

d) administrative staff
unapproachable
approachable
unobliging attentive
uninformed well informed

45. Have you been sexually discriminated against by:

a) other students
Yes No
b) members of faculty
Yes No
c) your directors
Yes No
d) administrative staff
Yes No

46. If you could choose again, would you enrol in a doctorate?

No Probably not
Maybe Yes

47. If you were starting your doctorate on the same subject that you are doing now, would you choose the same university?

No Probably not
Maybe Yes

48. Would you like to work at your university when you finish your doctorate?

No Probably not
Maybe Yes



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49. Would you like to work at another university when you finish your doctorate?

- No Probably not
Maybe Yes

50. Are you concerned about being unemployed when you finish?

- Not at all Not much
Quite a lot Very much

51. Does your department provide support for continuing a career in research?

- Yes No We haven't talked about it

52. When you finish your doctorate, would you like your career to be in university research?

- No Unlikely Maybe Yes

53. When you finish your doctorate, would you like to undertake a research career outside of the university?

- No Unlikely Maybe Yes

54. When you finish your doctorate, would you like a professional career unrelated to research?

- No Unlikely Maybe Yes

55. How would you grade the doctorate in general?

- Very bad Bad Good Excellent

56. Give the reasons that led you to choose the university where you are taking the doctorate. Also comment on any other issue that you consider to be relevant: