

## 2017 Survey of Master's graduates (2011/2012 and 2012/2013 academic years) Questionnaire

MASTER'S

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Pre-Master's degree qualification	Degree subject Field of study	University where you took your degree	Year you completed your degree
Master's degree	Subject of Master's degree Field of study/Master's degree	University where you took your Master's degree	Year you began your Master's studies

### JOB SITUATION PRIOR TO YOUR MASTER'S DEGREE

1. Did you work during the two last years of your pre-Master's degree?

- (1) No, I was a full-time student and any jobs I had were only sporadic
- (2) Yes, I worked during the two last years of my pre-Master's degree

2. In the time between graduating from your first degree and completing your Master's degree, did you work for a minimum of one year?

- (1) I did not work/I only had sporadic jobs
- (2) Yes, I worked **part-time** in a job related to my previous degree
- (3) Yes, I worked **part-time** in a job unrelated to my previous degree
- (4) Yes, I worked **full-time** in a job related to my previous degree
- (5) Yes, I worked **full-time** in a job unrelated to my previous degree

### MOTIVATION FOR TAKING A MASTER'S DEGREE

**Assess the importance of the following reasons (from 1 to 7, where 1 is highly dissatisfied and 7 is highly satisfied) to study a master:**

- 3. To improve my job opportunities
- 4. Advancement in my professional career
- 5. To go on and take a doctorate/PhD degree
- 6. To complement, enhance or gain insight into either academia, the professional world or technical training
- 7. To change the area of study of my previous degree/training

## CURRENT JOB SITUATION (POST-MASTER'S)

8. Are you currently working?

- (1) Yes
- (2) Not at present, but I was on completing my Master's degree → State your last job since completing your Master's degree. Do not reply to either the SATISFACTION section or PROGRESS (questions 25 to 32 and 34 to 36)
- (3) I have never worked since completing my Master's degree Go on to the SKILLS acquired in the Master's programme (without assessing their usefulness in your job)

9. On completing your Master's studies, how long did it take for you to find your first job? (Only if you answered "Yes" or "Not at present" to question 8 + "No, I was a full-time student and any jobs I may have had were only sporadic" to question 1 and "I did not work/I only had sporadic jobs" to question 2)

- (1) I was working prior to taking my Master's degree
- (2) Less than a month
- (3) Between one to three months
- (4) Between three to six months
- (5) Between six to twelve months
- (6) Over a year

In relation to your **CURRENT JOB** (your main job) or your **LAST JOB** (after finishing your Master's degree)

10. What kind of job do you have/What was your last job? ..... (Open-ended question)

**Pre-set categories** exist for Psychology, Social and Organisational Psychology, Veterinary Science, Medicine, Fine Art, Architecture, Law, Design and Conservation of Cultural Heritage. However, please classify your job according to one subject.

11. When did you start this job? ..... (year)

12. What was required for this job?

- (1) A Master's degree
- (2) Your specific undergraduate/previous degree (Bachelor/Engineering degree/diploma/technical engineering)
- (3) Any degree
- (4) No university degree was required

13.1. Is/Was your job specific to your Master's studies?

- (1) Yes → Go to question 14
- (2) No

13.2. For your current or last job, do you think your undergraduate degree is/was necessary?

- (1) Yes → Go to question 14
- (2) No

13.3. For your current or last job, do you think it is/was necessary to be a graduate? (1) Yes (2) No

14. What is/was the company's main economic activity? .....

15. Do/Did you hold any position of responsibility in relation to others working with you?

- (1) Senior management
- (2) Middle management (head of area/section/department, official, foreman...)
- (3) No position of responsibility over others

16. What duties does/did your job involve? (You may choose more than one option) *If no option is chosen from 1 to 7, please answer either 8 or 9.*

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|------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| (1)<br>Leadership/Management | (2) Commercial or logistics                  | (3) Teaching                       |
| (4) R+D                      | (5) Medical and social<br>assistance         | (6) Art and design                 |
| (7) Technical duties         | (8) Other skilled duties<br>(administrative) | (9) Non-skilled duties (auxiliary) |

17. What kind of contract do/did you have?

- (1) Long term
- (2) Self-employed →
- (3) Temporary
- (4) (Do not answer questions 19, 20 or 23, nor questions 25 to 28 in the section on SATISFACTION WITH Internship YOUR CURRENT JOB – Please answer 29)
- (5) Without a contract (Do not answer questions 25 to 29)

18. If Self-employed, do/did you work:

- (1) Freelance →
- (2) For a third party (*Self-employed and 75% dependent on one client*)

19. Do you work full-time? (Do not answer if "Internship" in question 17)

- (1) Yes (2) No (part-time)

19.1. If part-time (2): How many hours do you work a week (excluding meal breaks)? (1) Less than 10, (2) 11-24, (3) 25-34

20. How long is/was your contract for? (Only if you answered (3) ("Temporary" in question 17)

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|------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| (1) Less than 6 months | (2) Between 6 months and one year | (3) More than one year |
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21. How much do you/did you earn a year (gross)?

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|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| (1) Less than €9,000  | (2) €9,000 - €12,000  | (3) €12,000 - €15,000 |
| (4) €15,000 - €18,000 | (5) €18,000 - €24,000 | (6) €24,000 - €30,000 |
| (7) €30,000 - €40,000 | (8) €40,000 - €50,000 | (9) Over €50,000      |

22. Company sector: (1) Private (2) Public

23. How many people does the company employ? (Do not answer if "Internship" in question 17)

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| (1) 10 or less          | (2) Between 11 and 50   | (3) Between 51 and 100 |
| (4) Between 101 and 250 | (5) Between 251 and 500 | (6) Over 500           |

24. Where do/did you work (province, abroad)?

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|---|---|--|------------|
| (1) Barcelona                             | (2) Tarragona                             | (3) Girona                             | (4) Lleida |
| (5) Other regional autonomous communities | (6) Europe                                | 24.1 In which country do/did you work? |            |
| (7) Other                                 | 24.2. In which continent do/did you work? |  |            |
|   | 24.3. In which country?                   |  |            |

**SATISFACTION WITH YOUR CURRENT JOB**

**Rate your satisfaction** (from 1 to 7, where 1 is highly dissatisfied and 7 is highly satisfied) [Except for "Internships" and "Without a contract" in question 16, and "Not at present" in question 8]

25. Job content .....

26. Prospects for promotion and personal development .....
27. Salary .....
28. The usefulness in your job of knowledge acquired from your university studies (education-job match) .....
29. Your job in general (If "Internship" in question 17, please reply to this question 29) .....

### ADVANCEMENT II – POST-MASTER'S DEGREE Experience - PRE-MASTER'S DEGREE Experience

(Not if you answered, "No, I was a full-time student and any jobs were only sporadic" in question 1; "I did not work/I only had sporadic jobs" in question 2; and "Not at present" or "Never" to question 8)

30. Since completing your Master's studies and in relation to any pre-Master's job, have/did you change/d your job or institution?

- (1) Yes  
(2) No

31. Have you been promoted at all in the company? (1) Yes (2) No

### ASSESS YOUR PROGRESS (

Not if you answered, "No, I was a full-time student and any jobs I had were only sporadic" in question 1; "I did not work/I only had sporadic jobs" in question 2; and "Not at present" or "Never" to question 8)

32. In relation to your job at the beginning of your Master's studies, have you advanced/made progress in relation to:

32.1. Type of contract?

- (1) Yes  
(2) No

32.2. Annual income/salary?

- (1) Yes  
(2) No

32.3. An increase in the number of working hours?

- (1) Yes  
(2) No

32.4. Your professional category/occupational group?

- (1) Yes  
(2) No

Do not complete this section if you answered "No, I was a full-time student and any jobs I had were only sporadic" to question 1 + "No, I was a full-time student and any jobs I may have had were only sporadic" to question 2, and either "Never" to question 8 (all) or "Not at present" to question 8 (questions 34 to 36).

**Rate (from 1 to 7, where 1 is very little and 7 is a lot/very much) the impact of your Master's degree on the following aspects:**

33. Increasing job opportunities (changes of company or institution, changes of job, etc.).....
34. Taking on new duties or responsibilities different to those that you previously had.....
35. Developing new projects or products, new lines of action, strategies, etc. ....

36. Taking a key role in decision-making with a potential direct impact on the business .....
37. Enhancement/upgrading of academic studies or professional or technical training .....
38. The possibility to establish contacts and/or network with individuals or institutions .....

### SKILLS/COMPETENCES DEVELOPED IN THE MASTER'S DEGREE

Rate (from 1 to 7, where 1 is very little and 7 is a lot/very much) how much you learned from your Master's degree and its usefulness in your job:

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| 39/40. Theoretical aspects of learning ..... / .....   | 41/42. Practical aspects of learning ..... / .....   |
| 43/44. Development of skills in oral and written communication for scientific and professional meetings...../..... | 45/46. Multidisciplinary teamwork with initiative and leadership ability   |
| 47/48. Problem solving and decision-making in new and unfamiliar settings ...../.....                              | 49/50. Development of critical thinking...../.....   |
| 51/52. Development of creativity and innovation ...../.....  | 53/54. Development of skills in documentation, identification of scientific and professional sources and resources ...../..... |
| 55/56. English ..... / .....   | 57/58. Professional self-evaluation and continuous learning...../.....   |
| 59/60. Ethical and social responsibility in professional behaviour...../.....                                      |  |
| 61. If you were to start over again, would you choose the same Master's degree?      (1) Yes (2) No                |  |
| 62. If you were to start over again, would you choose the same university?      (1) Yes (2) No                     |  |

### FURTHER STUDY

63. Since completing your Master's studies, did you continue or are you continuing to study?  
(1) No (Go to question 67)      (2) Yes, a doctorate/PhD      (3) Yes, other
64. Are you studying/Did you study the course at the same university?      (1) Yes (2) No
65. Is/was your doctorate/PhD degree related to your Master's degree? (Only if "Yes, a doctorate" in question 63)
66. What is/was your main source of income during your doctorate/PhD degree studies? (Only if "Yes, a doctorate", in question 63)
- (1) A scholarship  
(2) Teaching or research work at university (including part-time and researcher contracts)  
(3) A job within the scope of your Master's studies  
(4) A job unrelated to your Master's studies  
(5) Others

### MOBILITY

67. Have you had any experience of academic mobility? (multiple answer)
- (1) No      → Go to question 69
- (2) Yes, during my pre-Master's degree      68. Was it national or international?

(3) Yes, during my  
Master's degree

(1) National

(2) International

69. Have you had any experience of job mobility? (Except for "Never" in question 8; multiple answer)

(1) No

→ Go on to 71

(2) Yes, after my pre-  
Master's degree

(3) Yes, after completing  
the Master's degree

70. Was it national or international?

(1) National

(2) International

## INTERNATIONALISATION I

**Assess the extent to which your Master's studies enabled you to:** (from 1 to 7, where 1 is not at all and 7 is totally)

71. Do research stays, international work experience/internships .....

72. Contact teaching staff at other universities and/or in other countries .....

73. Participate in conferences/seminars/international events.....

74. Establish contacts and/or network with people or institutions abroad.....

75. Have an agenda of possible job opportunities at international level.....

76. Acquire an international view of the disciplinary approach to the Master's degree .....

## INTERNATIONALISATION II

**Assess the quality** (from 1 to 7, where 1 is very low and 7 is very high) **of:** (only if "Yes", during the Master's programme of question 67)

77. The accessibility of the public information (prospectus) on the Master's programme taken

78. Information and guidance provided by the university's international services office .....

79. Accommodation, catering, transport, etc.

80. Student orientation/study programmes (academic support, tutorials, etc.)

81. Attention, promptness and suitability of academic formalities (admission-registration, grades, certificates, etc.)

82. Individual support and resources for learning Catalan and Spanish languages

83. The role of cultural and social activities as facilitators of integration and multiculturalism

## SOCIO-ECONOMIC STATUS

84. What was the highest level of education completed by your parents?

(1) Both completed  
primary school/no studies

(2) One of the two completed  
secondary education

(3) Both completed secondary education

(4) One of the two took a  
course in higher  
education

(5) Both took courses in higher  
education

85. Father's employment status during your university studies

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|-------------------|---|---|
| (1) Self-employed | → Did his job require a university-level education? | (1) Yes (2) No  |
| (2) Employee      | What level?   | (1) Leadership/Management<br>(2) Higher technical,<br>(3) Skilled,<br>(4) Unskilled |
| (3) N/A           |   |   |

86. Mother's current or past employment status during your university studies

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|-------------------|--|---|
| (1) Self-employed | → Does/did her job require a university education? | (1) Yes (2) No  |
| (2) Employee      | What level?  | (1) Leadership/Management<br>(2) Higher technical,<br>(3) Skilled,<br>(4) Unskilled |
| (3) N/A           |  |   |

**IN CASE OF UNEMPLOYMENT (If for question 8 you answered either "Not at present" or "Never")**

87. Are you currently looking for work?

- (1) Yes → Go to question 90  
(2) No

Looking for work is here taken to mean looking for a job during the last four weeks and be willing to start working within two weeks time.

88. If your answer was NO, what are your reasons?

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| (1) To continue studying /doctorate-PhD degree/ public service exams-competitions | → End of survey   |
| (2) Maternity/family →  | 88. If your answer was Maternity/family, do you intend to look for work in the future?<br>(1) Yes → End of survey.<br>(2) No → End of survey. |
| (3) Other   | → End of survey   |

(Question 90 onwards: only if you are looking for work: and if you answered "Yes" in question 87)

90. How long have you been looking for work?

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|------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| (1) Less than 6 months | (2) Between 6 months and 1 year | (3) Between 1 and 2 years |
| (4) More than 2 years  |                                 |                           |

91. What have you done to look for work? (You can select more than one option.)

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| (1) Personal contacts or family  | (7) University services (job centre, employment bureau, etc.)                                |
| (2) Personal initiative (sending out your c.v.; applying for interviews; etc.) | (8) Cooperation agreements (between the university and an institution or private enterprise) |
| (3) Advertisements in the press  | (9) Professional body or association   |
| (4) Public service exams/competition   | (10) Institutional employment services   |



(5) Catalan careers employment service (Servei Català de Col·locació) (11) Internet

(6) Setting up one's own company or office

(12) Others

(13) I am not looking for work

**Assess the importance of the following factors in relation to the problems you have had finding work (from 1 to 7, where 1 is not very important and 7 is very important):**

92. Shortcomings/gaps in your Master's studies .....

93. Lack of professional experience

94. Personal factors that prevent you from working (further study, family, other...) .....

95. I want a job that I enjoy and that pays a satisfactory salary .....

96. A job requirement of mobility

End of survey