

## 2023 survey of Master's graduates (2018/2019 and 2019/2020 academic years) Questionnaire

MASTER'S

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Pre-Master's degree qualification	Degree subject Field of study	University/Arts higher education institution	Year you completed your degree
Master's degree	Subject of Master's degree Field of study/Master's degree	University/ Arts higher education institution	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

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

3. Are you currently working?

- (1) Yes (or you are on leave) → Go to question 5
- (0) No

4. Have you worked since completing your Master's degree?

- (1) Yes → Refer to your last job after the Master's degree. Do not answer questions 25 to 31 and questions 33 to 35)
- (0) No → Go to the section SKILLS DEVELOPED IN THE MASTER'S DEGREE (without assessing usefulness at work)

5. On completing your Master's studies, how long did it take for you to find your first job? (Except if answering "No" in 4)

- (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)

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

Note: We do NOT consider babysitting, occasional tutoring or very temporary occupations (such as summer jobs) as jobs in this case. We DO consider as jobs internships, setting up a business, etc., regardless of whether or not there is a contract.

For certain groups of degree programmes, there are pre-determined categories for the question (see catalogue of variables). Please classify your job according to one subject.

7. When did you start this job? ..... (four digits)

8. What was required for this job?

- (1) A Master's degree
- (2) Your specific undergraduate/previous degree (pre-Bologna 4/5-year Bachelor's degree/pre-Bologna 4/5-year engineering degree/pre-Bologna 3-year Bachelor's degree/pre-Bologna 3-year engineering degree/current Bachelor's degree/arts higher education degree)
- (3) Any degree or arts higher education degree
- (4) No university degree or arts higher education degree was required

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

- (1) Yes → Go to question 10
- (0) No

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

- (1) Yes → Go to question 10
- (0) No

3.3. For your current or last job, do you think you need an arts higher education degree?

- (1) Yes (0) No

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

11. 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

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

(1) Long term

(2) Self-employed →

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

(1) Freelance

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

(3) Temporary

(4) Internship

(Do not answer questions 13 and 14)

(5) Without a formal, written contract (Do not answer questions 18)

13. Do you work full-time? (Do not answer if "Internship" in question 12)

(1) Yes (0) No (part-time)

14. How long is/was your contract for? (Only if you answered (3) "Temporary" in question 12)

(1) Less than 6 months

(2) Between 6 months and one year

(3) More than one year

15. How much do you/did you earn a year (gross)?

(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

16. Company sector:

(1) Private (2) Public

17. Do you work or did you use to work in Spain?

(1) Yes

(0) No

17.1. In which province do you or did you work? (Only if the answer is "Yes" to question 17)

(1) Alacant

(2) Álava

(3) Albacete

(4) Almería

(5) Asturias

(6) Ávila

(7) Badajoz

(8) Barcelona

(9) Burgos

(10) Cáceres

(11) Cádiz

(12) Cantabria

(13) Castelló

(14) Ceuta

(15) Ciudad Real

(16) Córdoba

(17) Cuenca

(18) Girona

(19) Granada

(20) Guadalupe

(21) Guipúzcoa

(22) Huelva

(23) Huesca

(24) Illes Balears

(25) Jaén

(26) La Coruña

(27) La Rioja

(28) Las Palmas

(29) León

(30) Lleida

(31) Lugo

(32) Madrid

(33) Málaga

(34) Melilla

(35) Murcia

(36) Navarra

(37) Orense

(38) Palencia

(39) Pontevedra

(40) Salamanca

(41) Santa Cruz de Tenerife

(42) Segovia

(43) Sevilla

(44) Soria

(45) Tarragona

(46) Teruel

(47) Toledo

(48) València

(49) Valladolid

(50) Vizcaya

(51) Zamora

(52) Zaragoza

17.2. In which country do you or did you work? (open-ended)

(Only if the answer is "No" to question 17)

**SATISFACTION WITH YOUR CURRENT JOB**

18. Rate from 0 (not at all satisfied) to 10 (very satisfied) your overall satisfaction with your job: (unless the answer is "Yes" to question 4 and "Without a formal, written contract" in question 12; those answering "Internship" in question 12 should answer)

**ADVANCEMENT POST-MASTER's DEGREE Experience - PRE-MASTER's DEGREE Experience**

**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 "No" in question 3

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

19.1. Type of contract?

(1) Yes

(0) No

19.2. Annual income/salary?

(1) Yes

(0) No

19.3. An increase in the number of working hours?

(1) Yes

(0) No

19.4. Your professional category/occupational group?

(1) Yes

(0) 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 "No" to question 9. Please do not answer questions 33 to 35 if answering "Yes" in question 9.

**Rate (from 0 to 10, where 0 is very little and 10 is a lot/very much) the impact of your Master's degree on the following aspects:**

20. Increasing job opportunities (changes of company or institution, changes of job, etc.).....

21. Taking on new duties or responsibilities different to those that you previously had.....

22. Developing new projects or products, new lines of action, strategies, etc. ....

23. Enhancement/upgrading of academic studies or professional or technical training .....

24. The possibility to establish contacts and/or network with individuals or institutions .....

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

Rate from 0 (very low) to 10 (very high) the level of training received in the master's degree programme / its usefulness for the job in the following aspects:

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|--|--|
| 25./26. Theoretical knowledge: knowledge of the specific field ..... / ..... | 27./28. Practical knowledge: know-how in the specific field ..... / .....                          |
| 29./30. Oral expression: ability to express ideas and results ..... / .....  | 31./32. Written communication: writing of emails, reports, etc. .... / .....                       |
| 33./34. Teamwork ..... / .....   | 35./36. Ethical, social and environmental responsibility in professional performance ..... / ..... |
| 37./38. Planning and organisation ..... / .....                              | 39./40. Problem-solving ..... / .....  |
| 41./42. Learning capacity and autonomous learning ..... / .....              | 43./44. Creativity and innovation ..... / .....  |
| 45./46. Critical thinking ..... / .....                                      | 47./48. Technological and digital skills ..... / .....   |
| 49/50. English ..... / .....   | 51/52. Ability to search for and manage information ..... / .....                                  |

53. If you were to start over again, would you choose the same Master's degree? (1) Yes (0) No

53.1 What would be your reason(s) for not choosing the same Master's degree again? (Reply only if you answered "No" to question 53. Multiple response)

- (1) I am unsatisfied with the employment opportunities or the resulting occupation
- (2) I did not adapt well to the group or the study programme requirements
- (3) I have had mixed feelings about the design or quality of the study programme
- (4) I have always had other interests
- (5) Other reasons. Please specify \_\_\_\_\_

54. If you were to start over again, would you choose the same institution? (1) Yes (0) No

54.1 What would be your reason(s) for not choosing the same centre again? (Reply only if you answered "No" to question 61. Multiple response)

- (1) It is expensive compared to other institutions
- (2) Due to the location and accessibility
- (3) I prefer alternative teaching models
- (4) There are better services available at other institutions
- (5) Other institutions are more widely acknowledged in the labour market
- (6) Other reasons. Please specify \_\_\_\_\_

## FURTHER STUDY

55. Since completing your Master's studies, did you continue or are you continuing to study?

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|---|---------------------------------|--|
| (1) No                                  | (2) Yes, a doctorate/PhD        | (3) Yes, another Master's degree or postgraduate programme |
| (4) Yes, a Bachelor's degree or similar | (5) Yes, other training courses |  |

## INTERNATIONALISATION

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)

56. Contact teaching staff at other institutions and/or in other countries .....

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

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

## SOCIO-ECONOMIC STATUS

59. What was the highest level of education completed by your parents or legal guardians?

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| (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        |  |

60. Father's (or father figure's) employment status during your university studies

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|-------------------|---|--|
| (1) Self-employed | → Did his job require a university-level education? | (1) Yes (0) No   |
| (2) Employee      | What level?   | (1) Leadership/Management<br>(2) Senior technician<br>(3) Skilled<br>(4) Unskilled |
| (3) N/A           |   |  |

61. Mother's (or mother figure's) employment status during your university studies

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|-------------------|--|--|
| (1) Self-employed | → Does/did her job require a university education? | (1) Yes (0) No   |
| (2) Employee      | What level?  | (1) Leadership/Management<br>(2) Senior technician<br>(3) Skilled<br>(4) Unskilled |
| (3) N/A           |  |  |

62. Which of the following best describes your situation?

- (1) Both my parents and I were born in Spain
- (2) My parents were born in another country but I was born in Spain
- (3) Both my parents and I were born in another country
- (4) Other

62.1. Did you come from outside Spain to study on this degree programme?

- (1) Yes
- (0) No

## IN CASE OF UNEMPLOYMENT

(If for question 3 you answered "No")

63. Are you currently looking for work?

(1) Yes → Go to question 65

(0) 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.

64. What is the main reason why you are not looking for a job?

(1) To continue studying  
/doctorate-PhD degree/  
public service exams-  
competitions

(2) Maternity/paternity/care  
for a relative →

64.1. If your answer was "Maternity/paternity/care for a relative", do you intend to look for work in the future?

(1) Yes

(0) No

(3) Retirement

(4) Other

76. How long have you been looking for work?

(1) Less than 6 months

(2) Between 6 months and 1  
year

(3) Between 1 and 2 years

(4) More than 2 years

66. We are reaching the end of the survey. As a thank you for your cooperation, your name can be entered in a draw for [incentive name, make and model]. Do you agree to have your name entered in the draw (link to rules in each language)?

(1) Yes

(0) No

### EMPLOYER CONTACT DETAILS (only if the answer is "Yes" to question 3)

In order to find out what companies think of university education, we need to be able to contact people in charge of hiring in the business world. This is very difficult in the case of certain degree programmes.

67. Would you like to help us and provide us with your employer's details?

- Yes, I give my consent for you to contact my company
- No, I don't want you to contact my company. (End of survey)

67.1. Contact details (only if the answer is "Yes" to question 67)

- Company name:
- Company contact e-mail address:

End of survey