

Horticulture Graduate Program Survey Questions

In December of 2004, as a component of our TAMU Department of Horticultural Sciences Ph.D. program review, the following survey was sent to institutions known in the past to offer graduate degrees in horticulture or plant science graduate degrees with emphasis to some degree in horticulture. Results of this survey are in submission to the journal *HortTechnology*.

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Horticulture Graduate Program Survey Information

Thank you for participating in this survey of graduate program information. A summary of results will be shared with all participating institutions. All information will be held in confidence and only summary statistics presented.

Which of the following degree programs are offered in your departmental unit (check all that are appropriate)?

- Ph.D. program in Horticulture
 Ph.D. program in Plant Science or related field
 M.S. program (thesis required) in a field of Horticulture
 M.S. program (thesis required) in Plant Science or related area
 M.S. non-thesis, M. Agriculture, or similar professional non-thesis Masters program in Horticulture
 M.S. non-thesis, M. Agriculture, or similar professional non-thesis Masters program in Plant Science or related area
 Other (please specify) _____

How many graduate students are enrolled in each of the following types of programs at your departmental unit?

- Ph.D. program in Horticulture
 Ph.D. program in Plant Science or related field
 M.S. program (thesis required) in a field of Horticulture
 M.S. program (thesis required) in Plant Science or related area
 M.S. non-thesis, M. Agriculture, or similar professional non-thesis Masters program in Horticulture
 M.S. non-thesis, M. Agriculture, or similar professional non-thesis Masters program in Plant Science or related area
 Non-degree seeking category / graduate courses for continuing education, but not a degree program
 Other (please specify) _____

Does your departmental unit offer any of the following degrees at a distance (check all that are appropriate)?

- Ph.D. program in Horticulture
 Ph.D. program in Plant Science or related field
 M.S. program (thesis required) in a field of Horticulture
 M.S. program (thesis required) in Plant Science or related area
 M.S. non-thesis, M. Agriculture, or similar professional non-thesis Masters program in Horticulture
 M.S. non-thesis, M. Agriculture, or similar professional non-thesis Masters program in Plant Science or related area
 Other (please specify) _____

What proportion (%) of your graduate students participate in distance courses?

- Ph.D. program
 M.S. program (thesis required)
 M.S. non-thesis, M. Agriculture, or similar professional non-thesis Masters program in Horticulture
 Other (please specify) _____

What proportion (%) of your graduate students are?

- Domestic (US citizens) or permanent residents
 International

What proportion (%) of your graduate students are of the following ethnicities?

- Caucasian (white)
 Hispanic
 Black
 Asian
 Native American
 Other

What proportion (%) of your departmental graduate students receive the following types of assistance from your institution?

- Fellowship
- Teaching assistantship/stipend
- Research assistantship/stipend
- Extension/service assistantship/stipend
- Some combination of a teaching/research/extension assistantship/stipend
- Funded by their home countries
- Proportion of your departmental graduate students who do not receive institutional support from your institution or their home country

Please indicate the minimum and maximum stipends in US\$ associated with the following types of assistance from your department on a yearly (12 month basis)?

Minimum	Maximum	Position
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	Fellowship
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	Teaching assistantship/stipend
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	Research assistantship/stipend
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	Extension/service assistantship/stipend
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	Some combination of a teaching/research/extension assistantship/stipend

How many hours of service per week to the department are typically associated with each of the following positions?

- Fellowship
- Teaching assistantship/stipend
- Research assistantship/stipend
- Extension/service assistantship/stipend
- Some combination of a teaching/research/extension assistantship/stipend
- Funded by their home countries

Which of the following are included in assistantships offered through your department (check all that are appropriate)?

- Stipend
- Out-of-state tuition waivers (waiver of out-of-state portion of tuition)
- In-state tuition waivers (full waiver)
- Waiver of fees
- Medical insurance
- Other (please specify) _____

What is the typical cost in US\$ of a year's (including summer) full time enrollment in a graduate programs in your department?

- In-state Tuition & Fees
- Out-of-state Tuition & Fees

What is the typical length of commitment for assistantships offered in your department (check the most typical length)?

Ph.D. Students	Masters Students
<input type="checkbox"/> Semester by semester	<input type="checkbox"/> Semester by semester
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 year	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 year
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 years	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 years
<input type="checkbox"/> 3 years	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 years
<input type="checkbox"/> 4 years or more	<input type="checkbox"/> 4 years or more

Does your department require graduate students to have formal experiences in any of the following areas as a part of their degree program (check those that apply)?

Degrees:			Experience:
<input type="checkbox"/> Ph.D.	<input type="checkbox"/> M.S.	<input type="checkbox"/> M.Ag./M.S. (non-thesis)	Formal classroom / laboratory teaching experience
<input type="checkbox"/> Ph.D.	<input type="checkbox"/> M.S.	<input type="checkbox"/> M.Ag./M.S. (non-thesis)	Formal extension/service experience
<input type="checkbox"/> Ph.D.	<input type="checkbox"/> M.S.	<input type="checkbox"/> M.Ag./M.S. (non-thesis)	Professional internship experience

What is your department's policy regarding admission of students and selection of an advisor?

- Students must be accepted by an advisor prior to admission.
- Students are admitted and enter some form of lab rotation prior to assignment of an advisor.
- Other (please specify) _____.

How many of your departmental faculty are employed at your institution in the following ranks?

- Professor
- Associate Professor
- Assistant Professor
- Senior Lecturer
- Lecturer

What proportion of your departmental faculty are on 9 month (academic year) versus 11/12 month (full time year-round) appointments?

- 9 month appointments
- 9 month appointments with some sort of internal option for summer funding
- 11/12 month appointments

What is the minimum, average, and maximum 12-month salary equivalent in US\$ for faculty in the following ranks in your department?

Minimum	Average	Maximum	Rank
_____	_____	_____	Professor
_____	_____	_____	Associate Professor
_____	_____	_____	Assistant Professor
_____	_____	_____	Senior Lecturer
_____	_____	_____	Lecturer

Person and mailing address to which you would like a summary of the results of this survey sent?

Name: _____

Address: _____

Please return this completed survey to:

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THANKS FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!!!