

## SHORT FOLLOW-UP SURVEY FOR MASTER'S DEGREE STUDENTS

Thank you for your previous participation in the American Sociological Association's first survey on the Master's Degree. We are writing today to let you know that an initial report regarding our findings is now available at [www.asanet.org](http://www.asanet.org). We are currently in the process of preparing a follow-up survey which will probably be conducted in fall 2010. In the interim we would like to ask you answer this brief 11 question survey about your current status, and how we can get in touch with you for the follow-up survey. Even if you did not respond to the previous wave of the ASA survey we hope that you will respond to this one. The ASA is conducting a series of surveys of master's students and their post-graduate experiences. The purpose of these surveys is to provide information to the larger profession and to graduate programs in the discipline so they may develop more effective programs that lead to jobs that encompass sociological skills or to further graduate education.

The survey should take fewer than 10 minutes to complete. Your answers are important to future sociology graduate students. You must be 18 or over to participate in this study.

### ***Confidentiality***

The Indiana University Center for Survey Research (CSR) is responsible for data collection. To protect student responses, the CSR computing environment requires a high level of computer and data security. Once the confidential information provided by respondents is transmitted to ASA, it will be transferred to a freestanding computer (not attached to the internet) in a locked room. No individual-level data will be shared with departments or the schools from which respondents will graduate. Rather, reports providing grouped or aggregated data will be made available to you and to them. The survey is entirely voluntary and no individual should feel any pressure to complete it. If you have any questions please contact Roberta Spalter-Roth at [spalter-roth@asanet.org](mailto:spalter-roth@asanet.org) or call at 202-383-9005, ext. 317. If you have any questions regarding your rights as a research participant, please contact Jo Ellen Sherow, Director of Research Compliance, Ohio University, (740)593-0664.

**Proceed to the survey** \_\_\_\_\_

**Decline to participate** \_\_\_\_\_

**1. Have you finished your Master's degree?**

- a. Yes
- b. No

**If not, when to do expect this degree?**

Month\_\_\_\_\_ Year\_\_\_\_\_ (If they answer no to question ,then they should be skipped to questions 3, 5, and 6).

**2. Are you currently working on a Ph.D. degree?**

- a. Yes

If yes, when do you anticipate graduating from your Ph.D. program?

Month\_\_\_\_\_ Year\_\_\_\_\_

- b. No

**3. Are you currently employed full-time (35 hours per week or more) or part-time?**

- a. Full-time
- b. Part-time
- c. Unemployed (if unemployed go to question 4, if employed go to question 5).

**4. What were your reasons for **NOT WORKING** during the week of [reference week]?  
Mark yes or no for each for each answer.**

		YES	NO
a.	On layoff from a job	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b.	Student (taking courses)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c.	Family responsibilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d.	Chronic illness or permanent disability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e.	Suitable job not available	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f.	Did not need to work	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g.	Did not want to work	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h.	Other, Please Specify <span style="background-color: cyan;">[TEXT BOX]</span>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

For those who answered #4, skip to question 9.

**5. Please list your job title and job description.**

**6. How closely related is your current job to the skills and concepts that you learned in your Master's program?**

- a. Closely related (if closely or somewhat related skip to 7, if not related skip to 8.
- b. Somewhat related
- c. Not related

**7. If your job is closely or somewhat related, what skills did you use? Check all that apply.**

- a. Statistical analysis
- b. Computer skills
- c. Evaluate different research methods
- d. Identify ethical issues in research
- e. Organize information
- f. Write a report
- g. Interpret findings
- h. Use sociological concepts and theories
- i. Work with people
- j. Teach
- k. Other (please describe)

**8. If you answered not related and you do not use sociological skills or concepts in your job, why not? Check all that apply**

- 1.1 Did not know how to look for a job in my field
- 1.2 Could not find a job in my field
- 1.3 This is just a temporary job
- 1.4 Family reasons prevented me from searching or accepting a job in my field.
- 1.5 Chronic illness or disability prevented me from searching or accepting a job in my field.
- 1.6 Other (Please specify)

**9. What is your graduate GPA?**

**10. Is there anything that you wish you would have learned in your Master's program that was not covered in the curriculum? Please pick the top three areas.**

- 1.1 Nothing I can think of
- 1.2 Research methods
- 1.1.1.1 Statistics
- 1.1.2 Internships or other outside activities
- 1.2 Theory
- 1.3 More specialization (If answer please list in what field)
- 1.3.1 Statistical packages for data analysis
- 1.4 Graphics packages
- 1.4.1 Grant writing
- 1.4.2 Career counseling
- 1.4.3 Other (Please describe)

**11a. Would you please provide us with your current contact information including your email address?**

Current Address:

E-mail address:

**11b. Could you provide us with contact information for someone who would know how to reach you in the future?**

Relation to you:

Address:

E-mail address: