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# Version control

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A final copy for sign off will be named V1. Please note that additional client changes requested following sign off may involve extra costs due to the additional time required to re-code and re-test the survey following changes.

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| **Version** | **Owner** | **Date** | **Notes** |
| V5.1 | DP | n/a | Previous script supplied for comment |
| V00a | JK/RHC | 12.05.17 | Previous script converted to Shift survey script template |
| V00b | JK/RHC | 15/05/17 | Draft with comments for DP |
| V00c | DP | 19/05/17 | Edited based on Shift comments, some comments added where we still differ |
| V00d-e | JK/RHC/DP | 23/05/17 | Client team final comments and feedback/ Shift revisions |
| V1 | JK | 25/05/17 | Final version for sign off |
| V2 | RHC | 1.6.17 | Additional comments after coding survey |

# Areas agreed

* **Scale questions inconsistent**. Agreement to standardise scales. The following questions will not be comparable against previous years:
  + Changed to 5 point scale:
    - How satisfied are you with your decision to pursue a PhD?
    - How much do you expect your PhD to improve your job prospects?
  + Changed to 1-10 scale to enable effective Key Drivers Analysis
    - Q37 Overall satisfaction
    - Q39 Factors impacting overall satisfaction
* **Questions asking for top answer may have multiple responses** – A large number of questions may have multiple answers but ask for a top answer only. Changed as agreed throughout.
* **Structure** – we’ve added headers for signposting and clarity when respondents are moving to a new area of questioning. These are shown in the table of contents too.
* **Additional analysis** – KDA analysis agreed and relevant question formats changed accordingly.
* **Any other sections –** Small number of additional questions added to include impact on mental health/anxiety.
* **Final reporting formats out deliverables** – Raw data in Excel, Tables and topline charts in Excel, Access to Q Reader enabling deeper cross analysis. We agreed it may be worthwhile for Shift to come in and run a short workshop on Q Reader and to interrogate the data once the team have looked at areas of interest.
* **Basecamp and dates** – Sticking with a 3 week window, though this may be extended to 4 as in previous years if time is needed to pull in responses. Other milestones in Basecamp.
* **Availability and format of previous years’ data / technical report** – Excel data provided. Technical report not available but we have what we need I think. I’ll let you know if any further queries arise on this.

# Length and complexity of questionnaire as agreed in the proposal

As previous years – final no. of questions currently total of 60.

# Introductory text

Welcome to the Nature Research Group PhD Student Survey 2017!

This survey aims to explore PhD students' career intentions and programme satisfaction. The results will help us make comparisons to previous survey answers and will become part of a feature article this autumn in *Nature* Careers. We’ll also use the findings in other editorial content and for marketing products.

The survey should take 20 minutes to complete. At the end, as a token of our thanks for your time, you’ll have the chance to enter a prize draw to win a £100/$150/€140 Amazon gift card.

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Please email us at audience.research@springernature.com to report any problems.

Please click the NEXT button below to start the survey.

# Questionnaire

| **Question ref from existing script** | **New question no.** | **Question and options** | **Type of question** | **Mandatory Y/N?** | **Routing** | **Notes from Shift Learning to client** | **Notes from client to Shift Learning** |
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| **This section asks about your current PhD programme** | | | | | | | |
| q |  | Which, if any, of the following degrees are you currently studying for?   * Dual doctorate degree (MD-PhD, PhD-PhD or other combination) * Doctorate degree (PhD/DPhil/MD) * Master's degree (MA/MS/MSc/PSM or other master’s) * Undergraduate student- Bachelor's degree (BSc/BA/BS) * Other/I am not studying for a degree (please specify) | Single choice.  Open Other. | Y | Ask to all. |  |  |
|  |  | Screened – Thank you  Thank you very much for your time. Unfortunately, the rest of the questions in this survey are aimed at those who are currently PhD students. If you would like to provide further feedback please email us at [audienceresearch@nature.com](mailto:audienceresearch@nature.com). |  |  | Ask if Q1=(3, 4, 5) (must be PhD student) |  |  |
| Q57 | 3. | Which of the following options describe why you decided to enrol in a PhD programme? *Please tick as many as apply*   * I want to pursue an academic career * I want to pursue a non-academic career * No job I want is available without a PhD * I wanted to continue pursuing my research * I wanted to live in another country * Other (please specify) | Multi choice.  Open Other | Y | Ask to all |  |  |
|  | 4. | Which was the most important reason you decided to enrol in a PhD programme?   * I want to pursue an academic career * I want to pursue a non-academic career * No job I want is available without a PhD * I wanted to continue pursuing my research * I wanted to live in another country * Other (please specify) | Single choice  Options masked from Q2 | Y | Ask if more than one option was selected in Q2 |  |  |
| Qx | 5. | What year of your PhD programme are you in?   * First * Second * Third * Fourth * Fifth * Sixth * Seventh or more | Single choice | Y | Ask to all |  |  |
| Q6 | 6. | According to your home institution, what is the target length of your PhD programme?   * One year * Two years * Three years * Four years * Five years * More than five years * I don't know | Single choice | Y | Ask to all |  |  |
| Q8 | 7. | What is your highest level of education to date?   * Graduated from 2-year college/Associate's degree * Graduated with a BA/BSc/BS * Completed master's degree * Completed PhD/DPhil/Other doctoral degree * Professional degree (e.g. Law, MBA, MD, etc) * Other (please specify) | Single choice  Open Other | Y | Ask to all |  |  |
|  | 8. | The use of “smart drugs” in academia regularly gets debated. Have you ever taken cognitive-enhancing drugs (such as Adderall, Ritalin, Modafinil) during your graduate studies to improve concentration and memory (rather than to treat a medical condition)?   * Yes * No * Rather not say | Single choice |  |  |  |  |
|  | 9. | If yes, how often?   * More than once a week * Once a week * Several times a month * Once a month * More than once, to meet specific exam or project deadlines * Just once, to meet a specific exam or project deadline * Rather not say | Single choice, same page as above |  | Ask if Q7=Yes |  |  |
| PhD highs and lows | | | | | | | |
| Q74 | 10. | What concerns you the most since you started your PhD? Please select many as you like.   * The difficulty of getting funding / low success rates for grant applications * The number of available faculty research jobs beyond postdoc * The high numbers of PhD holders who are doing or have done multiple postdocs * The difficulty of maintaining a work/life balance * Uncertainty about the value of a PhD * What my career path will be after I earn my degree * Financial worries (cost of living, inability to save for house, children, retirement) * Political landscape (Trump’s presidency, Brexit) * Impostor syndrome * Concern about my mental health as a result of PhD study * Other (please specify) | Multi choice. | Y | Ask to all | Suggest formatting this as a multi-choice then masking to most important in following Q. |  |
|  | 11. | Which of these concerns you most? | Single choice  Mask to Q9 – Previous question | N | Ask if Q6 includes >1 response | Masked question added as mentioned above. |  |
|  | 12. | Have you ever sought help for anxiety or depression caused by PhD study?   * Yes * No * Rather not say | Single choice | N | Ask if Q9=Anxiety |  |  |
|  | 13. | Did you seek help for anxiety or depression within your institution?   * Yes, it was helpful * Yes, but I didn’t feel supported * No, I sought help elsewhere * I wanted to, but there was none available * I didn’t seek help * Other, please specify * Rather not say | Single choice | N | Ask if Q11=1 |  |  |
| Qxx | 14. | What do you enjoy about life as a PhD student? Please select as many as you like.   * Intellectual challenge * Working with interesting and bright people * Social life * University/academic environment * Knowing I have a chance for a permanent academic research post * Knowing I will have a chance for a non-academic research job * Knowing I will have a chance to use my skills in a non-research science job * Creativity * A chance to delay entering the professional world * Other (Please specify) | Multi-choice | Y | Ask to all |  |  |
| New | 15. | Which of these would you say is the best part? | Single choice  Mask to responses in previous question | N | Ask if Q13 includes >1 response |  |  |
| Qxx | 16. | How satisfied are you with your decision to pursue a PhD?   * Very dissatisfied * Somewhat dissatisfied * Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied * Somewhat satisfied * Very satisfied | Labelled scale | Y | Ask to all | Standard practice is 5-point scale but suggest retaining this so it doesn’t impact on year on year comparisons. See point for discussion. |  |
| Qxx | 17. | What would you do differently right now if you were starting your programme? Please select as many as apply.   * Change area of study * Change adviser * Not pursue a PhD at all * Nothing * Other, please specify | Multi-choice  With codes 3&4 as exclusive | Y | Ask to all |  |  |
| Where you live and choosing where to study | | | | | | | |
| Q9 | 18. | Are you currently living outside your country of upbringing (i.e. where you attended secondary/high school and/or lived most of your life prior to college/university)?   * Yes * No | Single choice | Y | Ask to all |  |  |
| Q17 | 19. | Are you studying in the country where you grew up?   * Yes * No | Single choice  On same page as above | Y | Ask to all |  |  |
|  | 20. | Where do you currently live?   * Asia (including Middle East) * Australasia * Africa * Europe * North or Central America * South America | Single choice | Y | Ask to all |  |  |
|  | 21. | Which country in Asia?   * Afghanistan * Armenia * Azerbaijan * Bahrain * Bangladesh * Bhutan * Brunei * Burma (Myanmar) * Cambodia * China * Georgia * Hong Kong * India * Indonesia * Iran * Iraq * Israel * Japan * Jordan * Kazakhstan * North Korea * South Korea * Kuwait * Kyrgyzstan * Laos * Lebanon * Malaysia * Maldives * Mongolia * Nepal * Oman * Pakistan * Philippines * Qatar * Russia * Saudi Arabia * Singapore * Sri Lanka * Syria * Taiwan * Tajikistan * Thailand * Turkey * Turkmenistan * United Arab Emirates * Uzbekistan * Vietnam * Yemen * Other, please specify | Drop down menu | Y | Ask if Q19=1 (living in Asia) |  |  |
|  | 22. | Which country in Australasia?   * Australia * French Polynesia * Niue * Tonga * Christmas Island * Kiribati * Papua New Guinea * Tuvalu * Cocos Keeling Island * Nauru * Pitcairn Island * Vanuatu * Cook Island * New Caledonia * Solomon Island * Wallis Futuna * Fiji * New Zealand * Tokelau * Western Samoa * Other, please specify | Drop down menu | Y | Ask if Q19=2 (living in Australasia) |  |  |
|  | 23. | Which country in Africa?   * Algeria * Angola * Benin * Botswana * Burkina Faso * Burundi * Cameroon * Cape Verde * Central African Republic * Chad * Comoros * Congo, Republic of * Congo, Democratic Republic of * Cote d'Ivoire * Djibouti * Egypt * Equatorial Guinea * Eritrea * Ethiopia * Gabon * The Gambia * Ghana * Guinea * Guinea-Bissau * Kenya * Lesotho * Liberia * Libya * Madagascar * Malawi * Mali * Mauritania * Mauritius * Morocco * Mozambique * Namibia * Niger * Nigeria * Rwanda * Sao Tome and Principe * Senegal * Seychelles * Sierra Leone * Somalia * South Africa * Sudan * Swaziland * Tanzania * Togo * Tunisia * Uganda * Zambia * Zimbabwe * Other, please specify | Drop down menu | Y | Ask if Q19=3 (living in Africa) |  |  |
|  | 24. | Which country in Europe?   * Albania * Andorra * Austria * Belarus * Belgium * Bosnia and Herzegovina * Bulgaria * Croatia * Cyprus * Czech Republic * Denmark * Estonia * Finland * France * Germany * Greece * Hungary * Iceland * Ireland * Italy * Latvia * Liechtenstein * Lithuania * Luxembourg * Macedonia * Malta * Moldova * Monaco * Netherlands * Norway * Poland * Portugal * Romania * Russia * San Marino * Serbia and Montenegro * Slovakia (Slovak Republic) * Slovenia * Spain * Sweden * Switzerland * Turkey * Ukraine * United Kingdom * Vatican City * Other, please specify | Drop down menu | Y | Ask if Q19=4 (living in Europe) |  |  |
|  | 25. | Which country in North or Central America?   * Anguilla * Antigua and Barbuda * Aruba * Bahamas * Barbados * Belize * Bermuda * British Virgin Islands * Canada * Cayman Islands * Clipperton Island * Costa Rica * Cuba * Dominica * Dominican Republic * El Salvador * Greenland * Grenada * Guadeloupe * Guatemala * Haïti * Honduras * Jamaica * Martinique * Mexico * Montserrat * Navassa Island * Netherlands Antilles * Nicaragua * Panama * Puerto Rico * Saint Barthélemy * Saint Kitts and Nevis * Saint Lucia * Saint Martin * Saint Pierre and Miquelon * Saint Vincent and the Grenadines * Trinidad and Tobago * Turks and Caicos Islands * United States * United States Virgin Islands * Other, please specify | Drop down menu | Y | Ask if Q19=5 (living in North or Central America) |  |  |
|  | 26. | Which country in South America?   * Argentina * Bolivia * Brazil * Chile * Colombia * Ecuador * Falkland Islands * French Guiana * Guyana * Paraguay * Peru * Suriname * Uruguay * Venezuela * Other, please specify | Drop down menu | Y | Ask if Q19=6 (living in South America) |  |  |
| Q19 | 27. | What prompted you to study outside your country of upbringing? Please select all that apply.   * To study at a specific university * Higher salaries post-study * More job opportunities post-study * Family reasons * To experience another culture * Political reasons * Other (please specify) | Multi-choice  Open other | Y | Q18=2 (studying outside country of upbringing) |  |  |
| Future career plans and expectations | | | | | | | |
| Qxx | 28. | How much do you expect your PhD to improve your job prospects?   * Not at all * Barely * Somewhat * Substantially * Dramatically * Unsure | Labelled scale | Y | Ask to all | As above – here there’s a five point scale.  Have added ‘Unsure’ |  |
|  | 29. | Which of the following sectors would you like to work in (beyond a postdoc) when you complete your degree? Please select as many as apply.   * Academia * Industry * Government * Non-profit * Medical * I don't know * Other (please specify) | Multi choice  Open Other. | Y | Ask to all |  |  |
|  | 30. | Which of these sectors would you most like to work in?   * Academia * Industry * Government * Non-profit * Medical * I don't know   Other (please specify) | Single choice  Mask responses to Q0 | N | Ask if Q28 includes <1 response | Masked to top choice |  |
| Q21 | 31. | Please use the scale below to indicate how likely you are to pursue one of these career paths upon completion of your programme.   * Research in academia * Research in industry * Research within government or non-profit * Non-research in academia * Non-research in industry * Non-research in government or non-profit | Labelled scale   * Not likely at all * Not very likely * Neither likely nor unlikely * Likely * Very likely * Unsure | Y | Ask to all |  |  |
| Q22 | 32. | If you’re unlikely to pursue an academic research career, why is this? Please select as many as apply.   * I am not interested in a research career in academia * I don't think I will be able to launch a research career in academia * The salary would be too low in academic research * The funding climate is discouraging * Academic research is beset with too much administrative work today * It is too demanding * Lack of work/life balance * The political climate where I am currently based is hostile to science * Other (please specify) | Multi Choice  Open other. | N | Ask if q30=not likely to pursue a research career |  |  |
| New | 33. | Which of these would be your main reason for not pursuing an academic research career? | Single choice  Response masked to previous question | N | Ask if Q31 includes >1 response. |  |  |
| Q24 | 34. | Please use the box below to tell us what type of career you are interested in pursuing after your graduate degree. | Open | N | Ask to all |  |  |
| Q25 | 35. | If you plan to pursue a research career, what position do you most expect to occupy immediately after you complete your degree?   * A postdoc in academia * A postdoc in industry * A postdoc in government lab * Lecturer * Assistant professor (tenure track) * Staff scientist (academic) * Staff scientist (industry) * Staff scientist (government) * Staff scientist (non-profit) * Contract scientist (academic) * Contract scientist (non-profit) * Contract scientist (industry) * Return as a student to another degree programme (e.g. medical school) * I don't know * Other (please specify) | Single choice  Open other | Y | Ask if Q30=(1,2,3) (Pursuing a research career) |  |  |
| Q73 | 36. | After completing your PhD, how long do you think it will take you to find a permanent (non-trainee) position?   * 0 to 3 years * 4 to 6 years * More than 6 years | Single choice | Y | Ask to all | Changed 3-6 to 4-6 to avoid overlap. |  |
| Q28 | 37. | * How much more likely are you now to pursue a research career than when you launched your PhD programme? | Scale with:   * Much less likely * Somewhat less likely * Equally likely * Somewhat more likely * Much more likely * Unsure | Y | Ask to all |  |  |
| Q29 | 38. | Why are you more likely to pursue a research career?  Please select all that apply   * I have become more interested in my area of specialism * I have become more aware of the future career opportunities * The available funding in my chosen area has increased * The support of a mentor has fuelled my interest in a research career * I have realised I don’t want to do anything else * I have identified a specific research group that I would like to work with * Other (please specify) | Multi choice | Y | Ask if Q36 =1,2 (More likely) |  |  |
| Q30 | 39. | Why are you less likely to start a research career than when you started your programme?  Please select all that apply   * I have become less interested in my area of specialism * I have become more interested in other careers * I think that research careers are too competitive * Funding is too tight * Difficult political environment * If I can’t get a tenured academic post I don’t want to work in research * There’s too much gender bias in research * There’s too much discrimination in research * I have become less interested in the type of work involved in a research career * Other (please specify) | Multi choice  Open Other | N | Ask if Q36 =4, 5 (Less likely) |  |  |
| Q32 | 40. | How did you arrive at your current career decision?  Please select all that apply   * Careers training/seminar * Advice from colleagues * Advice from my supervisor/adviser * Observing my supervisor/PI * Advice from researchers who had secured the job I was interested in * My own internet or other research on the topic * *Nature* Careers * Naturejobs * Other science-careers publications * Unsure/Not applicable * Other (please specify) | Multi choice  Open other | Y | Ask to all |  |  |
| Levels of satisfaction with your PhD experience’ | | | | | | | |
| Q34 | 41. | On a scale of 1 to 10 where 1= Extremely dissatisfied and 10 = Extremely satisfied, how satisfied are you with your PhD experience? | Labelled 10-point scale | Y | Ask to all | This question and some from this section could be adapted to feed into a Key Drivers Analysis. For discussion. |  |
| Q35 | 42. | Since the very start of your graduate school experience, would you say your level of satisfaction has:   * Significantly worsened * Worsened a little * Stayed the same * Improved slightly * Improved greatly | Labelled 5-point scale | Y | Ask to all | This won’t be part of the key drivers analysis |  |
| Q37 | 43/44. | On scale of 1 to 10 where 1= Extremely dissatisfied and 10 = Extremely satisfied, how satisfied are you with each of the following attributes or aspects of your PhD?   * Availability of funding * Hours worked * Degree of independence * Recognition from adviser * Number of publications * Stipend / Financial support * Vacation time * Benefits (health care, leave, etc.) * Teaching duties * Guidance received from adviser in lab/research * Guidance received from other mentors in lab/research * Ability to travel to meetings and conferences * Ability to present research at conferences * Work-life balance * Career pathway guidance and advice | Labelled 10 point scale incl. not applicable  Split into two grids | Y | Ask to all | Adapted to use as factors for Key Drivers Analysis |  |
| Q72 | 45. | How does your PhD programme compare to your original expectations? | Open box | N | Ask to all |  |  |
| Q61 | 46. | On average, how many hours a week do you typically work?   * Less than 11 hours * 11-20 hours * 21-30 hours * 31-40 hours * 41-50 hours * 51-60 hours * 61-70 hours * 71-80 hours * More than 80 hours | Single choice | Y | Ask to all |  |  |
| Q62 | 47. | To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements regarding your current supervisor?   * Conversations with my current supervisor about my career are frank * Conversations with my current supervisor about my career are useful * My current supervisor is open to my pursuing a career outside academia * My current supervisor has useful advice for careers outside academia * My current supervisor has contacted potential employers on my behalf * My current supervisor has encouraged me to attend career-promoting training and events | Labelled 5 point scale plus don’t know/not applicable  Grid question   * Strongly disagree * Disagree * Neither agree nor disagree * Agree * Strongly agree * I don’t know * Not applicable | Y | Ask to all |  |  |
| Q63 | 48. | To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements regarding other faculty members or scientists in your department?   * Members of my department make time for frank conversations about my career * Members of my department make time for useful conversations about my career * Members of my department are open to my pursuing a career outside academia * Members of my department have useful advice for careers outside academia * Members of my department have contacted potential employees on my behalf * Members of my department have encouraged me to attend career-promoting training and events * Members of my department have discouraged me from attending career promoting training and events | Labelled 5 point scale plus don’t know/not applicable  Grid question   * Strongly disagree * Disagree * Neither agree nor disagree * Agree * Strongly agree * Unsure/Not applicable | Y | Ask to all |  |  |
| Careers support throughout your PhD | | | | | | | |
| Q64 | 49. | Does your institution have career advisory services for science PhDs?   * Yes, but I haven't had any contact with them * Yes, and their offerings have been useful * Yes, but their offerings have not been useful * No * I don't know | Single choice | Y | Ask to all |  |  |
| Q65 | 50. | How do you learn about available career opportunities that are beyond academia? Please select all that apply.   * Academic career opportunities are the only ones I am interested in * Academia is the only possibility I am aware of * My institution provides relevant workshops and resources * I cold-contact individuals in jobs that sound interesting * My family * A professional society that I am a member of provides this information * *Nature* Careers/Naturejobs * Other science publications/jobs boards * Another journal related to my area of speciality * Online resources including blogs * LinkedIn, Twitter and other social networks * Speaking with people in my lab * Speaking with people in my department * Scientific conferences * Other (please specify) | Multi choice  Open Other | Y | Ask to all |  |  |
| Q66 | 51. | Which of the following would you say are the most difficult for PhDs in your discipline?   * Learning what career possibilities exist * Finding research careers within academia * Finding research careers within industry * Finding research careers within government * Finding research careers with charity/non-profit * Finding non-research careers that use my skills * Other (please specify) | Multi-choice  Max of three | Y | Ask to all |  |  |
|  | 52. | Which of the following would you say are the most difficult for PhDs in the country where you are studying?   * Learning what career possibilities exist * Finding research careers within academia * Finding research careers within industry * Finding research careers within government * Finding research careers with charity/non-profit * Finding non-research careers that use my skills * Other (please specify) | Multi-choice  Max of three | Y | Ask to all |  |  |
|  | 53. | Which of the following resources do you think PhDs need the most in order to establish a satisfying career?   * Lower competition for grants * Mentorship with individuals in my field/department/institution * Gender-specific mentorship with individuals in my field/department/institution * Better data/information about available career opportunities * A record of or data on career paths of previous graduates from my programme * More jobs in academia * Grants to help PhD holders transition to permanent positions * Other­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­ (please specify) | Multi-choice  Max of three | Y | Ask to all |  |  |
|  | 54. | How well is your programme preparing you to carry out each of the following activities?   * Collecting data * Analysing data * Designing robust reproducible experiments * Writing a paper for publication in a peer-reviewed journal * Submitting a paper for publication in a peer-reviewed journal * Presenting findings to a specialist audience * Presenting findings to a non-specialist (public) audience * Applying for funding * Finding a satisfying career * Managing complex projects * Developing a business plan * Managing people * Managing a large operational budget | Labelled 5-point scale   * Not at all well * Not very well * Neither well nor not well * Well * Very well * Unsure/Not applicable | Y | Ask to all |  |  |
|  | 55. | To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?  "I feel that my programme is preparing me well for a research career"  "I feel that my programme is preparing me well for a non-research science-related career" | Labelled 5-point scale  Grid format   * Strongly disagree * Disagree * Neither agree nor disagree * Agree * Strongly agree * I don't know | Y | Ask to all |  |  |
|  | 56. | Which, if any, of the following activities have you done to advance your career? Please select all that apply.   * Attended career seminars and/or workshops * Attended networking events * Developed my social media profile * I have worked out an individualized development plan * Discussed my career future with a graduate adviser * Discussed my career future with a mentor * Discussed my career future with a careers counsellor at my institution * Other (please specify) | Multi-choice | Y | Ask to all |  |  |
|  | 57. | Which of the following social media networks have you used to build your professional network? *Please select all that apply*   * LinkedIn * Twitter * Facebook * Blogs/Online threads * Other social media networks * Other (please specify) | Multi-choice | Y | Ask to all |  |  |
| About you and your area of study Many thanks for your answers so far. There are only 5 more quick questions to go so that we can find out a bit more about you and your area of study. | | | | | | | |
|  | 58. | Which of the following most closely represents your primary subject area? *If you are unsure what area you plan to specialise in please select the most relevant option available.*   * Agriculture and food * Astronomy/astrophysics/cosmology/planetary science * Biology * Chemistry * Computer science * Earth and environmental science * Engineering * Geology * Physics * Medicine * Mathematics * Technology * Other (please specify) | Single choice | Y | Ask to all |  |  |
|  | 59. | Which of the following best describes your primary subject area within the field of biology? *If you are unsure what area you plan to specialise in please select the most relevant option available.*   * Biomedicine * Brain/behaviour/psychology * Cell/molecular biology * Developmental biology * Evolution/ecology * Genetics * Immunology * Microbiology * Other (please specify) | Single choice | Y | Ask if Q56=3 (Biology) |  |  |
|  | 60. | Which of the following best describes your primary subject area within the field of chemistry?   * Biochemistry * Organic chemistry * Inorganic chemistry * Analytical chemistry * Physical chemistry * Other (please specify) | Single choice | Y | Ask if Q56=4 (Chemistry) |  |  |
|  | 61. | Which of the following best describes your primary subject area within the field of physics?  *If you are unsure what area you plan to specialize in please select the most relevant option available.*   * Condensed matter * High-energy * Nuclear * Other (please specify) | Single choice | Y | Ask if Q56=9 (Physics) |  |  |
|  | 62. | What is your age?   * Under 18 * 18 - 24 * 25 - 34 * 35 - 44 * 45 - 54 * 55 - 64 * 65 or over | Single choice | Y | Ask to all |  |  |
| Thank you | | | | | | | |
|  | 63. | Do you have any other comments about the subject of this survey? |  |  |  |  |  |
| Prize draw and future contact Many thanks for your answers so far. We just have a couple of quick questions for you before the end of the survey. | | | | | | | |
|  | 64. | Nature may want to contact you again to ask for more information on the subjects discussed in this survey, or to ask you specific questions about your comments and answers. Are you happy to receive follow up requests?   * Yes * No | Single choice | N | Ask to all |  |  |
|  | 65. | Shift Learning conducts lots of research in this sector. Would you be interested in taking part in future market research opportunities with Shift Learning?   * Yes * No | Single choice | N |  |  |  |
|  | 66. | Would you like to enter the prize draw for a £100/$150/€140 Amazon gift card?   * Yes * No | Single choice | N |  |  |  |
|  | 67. | Please enter your details below so we can contact you for further information or the prize draw. Note that we adhere to the [Market Research Society Code of Conduct](https://www.mrs.org.uk/pdf/mrs%20code%20of%20conduct%202014.pdf) and you will not be contacted for sales or marketing purposes.  First name:  Last name:  Email address: | Three open text boxes | N | Ask if happy to be contacted |  |  |
| Final text | | | | | | | |
| We have now come to the end of the survey. Many thanks for filling out our survey, your responses are extremely valuable and useful for *Nature.*  Please click the button below to submit your answers. | | | | | | | |