

Postgraduate Research Experience Survey: Student Guide

Frequently asked questions

We're keen to make sure postgraduate students have the best possible experience while studying at Newcastle University. To do that we need to know what you think we are doing well and what we can do better. If you're thinking about taking part this year, these are the answers to some of the questions students often ask:

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What is it?

The Postgraduate Research Experience Survey is a national survey conducted by institutions across the UK and globally. The survey takes around 15 minutes to complete.

Why should I take part?

The Postgraduate Research Experience Survey is your chance to tell us your thoughts about your course. The results help us compare how we are doing with other institutions, to make changes that will improve what we do in future and to keep doing the things that you value. This will help improve the experience of students like you in the future.

Participating students will also be entered into a prize draw to win:

- 1st Place prize: 9.7-inch iPad Pro (one available to win),
- 2nd Place prizes: iPad mini 4 (two available to win),
- 3rd Place prizes: £20 Amazon gift card (20 available to win).

Terms and conditions for the prize draw can be found here

<https://www.ncl.ac.uk/ltlds/assets/documents/2019PRESPrizeDrawTermsandConditions.pdf>

What does it cover?

PRES concentrates on your course and includes:

- + Supervision
- + Resources
- + research culture

- + progress and assessment
- + responsibilities
- + research skills and professional development
- + opportunities
- + overall experience

What happens to the results?

Your feedback is important. Over one hundred universities and colleges take part in the UK and globally. This means we can compare your experience against similar postgraduates at other institutions to see if we are supporting your learning as we should. We use the findings to improve our courses and the learning experience for future students. To see details of changes made as a result of student feedback please visit <https://internal.ncl.ac.uk/yousaidwedid/actions/>.]

Is it anonymous?

Your survey response is confidential to the team processing the results and no reporting outside of this team will identify any individual. Any results communicated to teaching staff will be anonymised.

The survey asks that any comments you make should not identify yourself or any specific members of staff.

What do I need to do?

You will receive an email with a link to the questionnaire on Monday 18 March 2019. Simply click on the link and complete the online form. The survey is open until Friday 17 May 2019.

Where can I find out more?

If you are unsure about anything to do with the survey, or have any difficulty, please see your course or course leader, or contact Learning and Teaching Development Service by email: studentsurveys@ncl.ac.uk. You can also read more about the survey by going to <https://www.ncl.ac.uk/ltds/student/opinion/PRES/>