

Exit Survey for the Graduate Program in Biological Sciences at CSU Chico

Your answers to these questions are a valuable source of input for the faculty and graduate committee and will be of great help in assisting the Biology Department to improve the quality of Graduate Program in Biology.

I. General Information Questions

1. Year you began program _____ Years to complete program _____

2. What was your focus area? (Circle one)
Ecology, Evolution and Organismal Biology
Cell and Molecular biology
Microbiology
Botany
Other

3. Why did you choose the Grad Program in Biology at CSU Chico?

4. What other graduate programs did you consider?

5. What are your future academic or career goals?

6. Do you consider your MS degree from Chico to be your terminal degree or will you pursue further graduate education? _____ If so, what degree will you pursue? _____

7. Has the Grad Program in biology at CSU Chico helped you achieve your academic/career goals?

Which particular aspects of the program were most useful to you?

8. Did you get a job or get accepted into a graduate or professional program in your field upon graduating from Chico? (Circle one) Yes No Not yet but prospects are good

A. If yes which of the following best describes your job/school (Circle one)

Federal agency State Agency City/County Agency Consultancy Ph.D. Program,

Med School, other health profession Biotech other Private Industry, Other

9. What do you perceive to be the strengths of the Grad Program in Biology at CSU Chico?

10. What do you perceive to be the weaknesses of the Grad Program in Biology at CSU Chico?

11. What resources/facilities did the dept. lack that would have enhanced your graduate experience?

12. Please suggest any other specific changes to the Grad Program in Biology at CSU Chico to improve the overall graduate experience.

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II. Rate your Grad Program Questions

Please rate the following aspects of the graduate program in biology on a scale of 1-5 where 1 = excellent; 5 = poor; N/A = does not apply

- ___ Overall satisfaction with your graduate training at CSU Chico
 - ___ Improvement of your employment opportunities as a result of your graduate studies
 - ___ Variety of graduate class offerings
 - ___ Availability of graduate class offerings
 - ___ Quality of graduate class offerings
 - ___ Availability of mentoring
 - ___ Quality of mentoring
 - ___ BIOL 600 experience
 - ___ Availability of research facilities and equipment
 - ___ Availability of TA ships and other “pay the bills” funding opportunities
 - ___ Availability of Research Funding opportunities
 - ___ Quality of research facilities and equipment
 - ___ Access to field sites
 - ___ Availability and quality of graduate student office space
 - ___ Morale of Graduate Students in the program
 - ___ Interaction with other graduate students in the program
 - ___ Interaction with graduate students and faculty from other programs
 - ___ Feeling of inclusion in the intellectual community of CSU Chico
 - ___ Availability of library resources
 - ___ Availability of information on careers in your field
- Quality of training in the following areas
- ___ Writing
 - ___ Critical thinking
 - ___ Experimental design
 - ___ Data analysis/statistics
 - ___ Field or Lab Techniques appropriate for your career
 - ___ Teaching

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III. Resource Use Questions:

1. Which of the following resources/facilities did you use during your tenure as a graduate student at CSU Chico? Check the boxes.

Facility	For Class	For Research
Eagle Lake Field Station		
Big Chico Creek Ecological Reserve		
Butte Creek Ecological Reserve		
National Wildlife Refuges		
Please list		
Other Local Natural Areas		
Please list		
DNA Sequencer		
Electron Microscope (specify which)		
Other high quality imaging systems		
Please list		
Environators		
Holt 253 Computer Lab		
Greenhouses		
Animal Care Facilities		
Biology Seminar Series		
Vertebrate Museum Collections		
Entomology Collections		
Herbarium Collections		
Department Boats		
University Vehicle Pool		
My Own Vehicle		
High-end GPS Units		
Specialized software provided by Dept		
Please list		
Other expensive Dept equipment		
Please list		