

## 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.

<b>Facility</b>	<b>For Class</b>	<b>For Research</b>
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		