# Questionnaire for graduates of one- or two-year master programmes

## Background

1. **How old are you?**
   - [ ] Under 25
   - [ ] 25-29
   - [ ] 30-34
   - [ ] 35-39
   - [ ] 40 or older

2. **Gender:** ______________________

3a. Which of these degrees is your highest in the second cycle/graduate level?
   - [ ] One-year master
   - [ ] Two-year master

   **b. What one- or two-year master programme did you take to get this degree?**
   *If you based your degree entirely on free-standing courses and did not take a one-/two-year master programme, then you do not have to take part in the survey.*
   ___________________________________________________________________________________

   **c. What year did you complete this education?**
   - [ ] 2008
   - [ ] 2009
   - [ ] 2010
   - [ ] 2011
   - [ ] 2012
   - [ ] Other year, namely: _______

   **d. What specialisation, if any, did you have in your master programme?**
   ___________________________________________________________________________________

4. **At what department did you mainly pursue your master programme?**
   ___________________________________________________________________________________

5. **At what higher-education institution did you mainly study for your bachelor degree?**
   - [ ] At the same institution as the master programme
   - [ ] At another institution in Sweden
   - [ ] At an institution outside Sweden, namely (country): _________________________________

6. **Have you considered applying to a doctoral programme?**
   - [ ] No
   - [ ] I’ve had plans but have never applied
   - [ ] I plan to apply
   - [ ] I applied but was not admitted
   - [ ] I have been a doctoral student but broken off my studies
   - [ ] I’m studying for a doctoral degree
   - [ ] I’ve completed my licentiate/doctorate education

7a. **Did you move to Sweden from another country specifically to pursue your master studies?**
   - [ ] Yes
   - [ ] No

   **b. Where did you mainly grow up?**
   *Mark just one alternative*
   - [ ] In Sweden
   - [ ] In another country, namely: _________________________________

8. **Were your parents born in Sweden?**
   - [ ] Yes, both of them
   - [ ] Yes, one of them
   - [ ] None of them

9. **What is your parents’ highest level of education?**
   *If they have different levels, mark the highest.*
   - [ ] Higher education
   - [ ] Secondary education
   - [ ] Primary education
   - [ ] Other education, namely: _________________________________
Your entry into the job market

10. Did you work between your bachelor degree and your master degree? (Do not count summer/holiday jobs)
   - [ ] No
   - [ ] Yes, mainly with work requiring higher education
   - [ ] Yes, mainly with work not requiring higher education

11. After how many months did you get your first job after completing your master programme?
   - [ ] I was on leave from my job during my studies and returned to the same employer afterward
   - [ ] I found a job before I completed my programme
   - [ ] 1 month or less
   - [ ] 2-3 months
   - [ ] 4-6 months
   - [ ] 7-12 months
   - [ ] More than 12 months
   - [ ] I haven't found a job yet → go on to question 16

12. What level of education/degree do you think is adequate for your first job after your master programme?
   - [ ] Primary
   - [ ] Secondary
   - [ ] Higher education (not doctoral programmes)
   - [ ] Other post-secondary (not higher education)
   - [ ] Doctoral education (licentiate/doctoral programmes)

13. Do you still have your first job after your master programme?
   - [ ] Yes  [ ] No

14. How do you consider the following items have helped you get your first job? (No experience)
   - If you lack experience of any of the items, mark “No exp.”

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15. For how long were you/have you been employed at your first job after you completed your master degree?
   - [ ] 6 months or less
   - [ ] 7-12 months
   - [ ] 1-3 years
   - [ ] More than 3 years

16. Have you been unemployed at any time since you completed your master degree?
   - [ ] Yes  [ ] No
   - If Yes: estimate the total period of unemployment: ca. ________ months
**Current employment/activity**

*If you have a job but are on parental leave, leave of absence, sick leave, holiday, etc.—answer the questions below based on the last time you were working.*

17. What is your current main employment/activity?
   - [ ] Employed, full-time
   - [ ] Employed, part-time
   - [ ] Own company
   - [ ] Doctoral student
   - [ ] Studying at higher-education institution (not doctoral programme) → go to question 32
   - [ ] Looking for work → go to question 32
   - [ ] Other, namely: ________________________________________________________

18. How long have you had your current employment?
   - [ ] 6 months or less
   - [ ] 7-12 months
   - [ ] 1-3 years
   - [ ] More than 3 years

19. What terms of employment do you currently have?
   - [ ] Permanent employment (does not apply to those with own companies)
   - [ ] Own company
   - [ ] Limited-term employment: more than 6 months
   - [ ] Limited-term employment: 6 months or less
   - [ ] Other terms of employment, namely: ______________________________________

20. In your current employment do you have managerial responsibilities for leading and allocating the work of others?
   - [ ] No
   - [ ] Yes, for 1 – 5 individuals
   - [ ] Yes, for 6 – 10 individuals
   - [ ] Yes, for more than 10 individuals

21. What level of education/degree do you consider is adequate for your current work?
   - [ ] Primary
   - [ ] Secondary
   - [ ] Higher education (not doctoral programmes)
   - [ ] Other post-secondary (not higher education)
   - [ ] Doctoral education (licentiate/doctoral programmes)

22. How well do your current work tasks match your level of education?
   - [ ] Too elementary
   - [ ] Somewhat too elementary
   - [ ] In line with my level of education
   - [ ] Somewhat too advanced
   - [ ] Too advanced

23. To what extent does your current work relate to the subject area for your master degree?
   - [ ] The work is *entirely or largely* within the subject area
   - [ ] The work is *to some extent* within the subject area
   - [ ] The work is *in another* subject area
24. In what sector are you currently working?
   - [ ] Public sector (e.g. state, municipal, county)
   - [ ] Private sector
   - [ ] Not-for-profit organisation
   - [ ] International authority/organisation
   - [ ] Other, namely: ________________________________________________________

25. Where are you working?
   - [ ] Sweden
   - [ ] Other country, namely: ________________________________________________

26. What is your position/professional title today? ______________________________________

27. Describe your main work tasks: ____________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________________

28. How much do you earn before tax in your current work?
   (count up to full-time salary, count supplement for inconvenient hours, $=USD)
   - [ ] Less than 20 000 kr/month (Less than 3080 $/month)  
   - [ ] 20 000-25 000 kr/month (3081-3850 $/month)  
   - [ ] 25 001-30 000 kr/month (3851-4610 $/month)  
   - [ ] 30 001-35 000 kr/month (4611-5380 $/month)  
   - [ ] 35 001-40 000 kr/month (5381-6150 $/month)  
   - [ ] 40 001-45 000 kr/month (6151-6920 $/month)  
   - [ ] 45 001-50 000 kr/month (6921-7690 $/month)  
   - [ ] More than 50 000 kr/month (More than 7690 $/month)  

29. If you would like to provide information, to the University and current students, about where alumni from your master programme may work, please state here who your employer is today.

   Employer: ______________________________________________________________________

30. To what extent do your current work tasks require the following skills and knowledge:

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### Your one-/two-year master programme

32. How did you perceive the demands of your master programme in comparison with your previous studies at bachelor level in terms of:

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33. To what extent did the master programme contribute to the development of your skills and knowledge to:

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Broad knowledge of the subject area of your master programme

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| In-depth knowledge of aspects of the subject area of your master programme |
| | Not at all | To a small extent | To some extent | To a large extent | To a very large extent |
| In-depth insights into current research and developmental work |
| | Not at all | To a small extent | To some extent | To a large extent | To a very large extent |

34a. Where was the emphasis placed in your master programme in terms of theoretical and applied/practical knowledge, respectively?

- Emphasis on theoretical knowledge
- Emphasis on applied/practical knowledge

b. How satisfied are you with the balance in the programme’s theoretical vs. applied/practical knowledge?

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35a. Did you study in an internationally mixed group of students?

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b. If Yes, what was your experience?

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36a. In what language was most of the instruction conducted in your master programme?

- English
- Swedish → go on to question 37
- Other language → go on to question 37

b. If English, how did you perceive:

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- your own ability to communicate in English?
- other students’ ability to communicate in English?
- your teachers’ ability to communicate in English?

c. Please comment on your responses:

__________________________________________________________________________________
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37. How satisfied are you with your master programme?

- Very dissatisfied
- Rather dissatisfied
- Not satisfied or dissatisfied
- Rather satisfied
- Very satisfied

38. Would you recommend others to take your master programme?

- Yes,
- Yes, perhaps
- No, probably not
- No
- Don’t know

39. Describe the strengths and weaknesses of your master programme:

**Strengths:**

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**Weaknesses:**

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Thank you for participating!

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Thank you for participating! Please don’t forget to put the questionnaire in the prepaid envelop and send it as soon as possible.