2018–2019 HEDS Diversity and Equity Campus Climate Survey

Thank you for agreeing to participate in the Diversity and Equity Campus Climate Survey. In this survey, we will ask you about your perceptions of [Institution Name]’s climate, your perceptions of how [Institution Name] supports diversity and equity, and your experiences with discrimination and harassment at [Institution Name].

We are administering this survey to students, faculty, staff, and administrators at [Institution Name] to develop a better understanding of the extent to which our campus climate supports diversity and equity. The survey usually takes less than 15 minutes to complete.

Your participation is **voluntary**. We deeply appreciate your cooperation and willingness to provide information that will help us better understand [Institution Name]’s climate. We are committed to ensuring that our campus has an inclusive, engaging, and supportive environment, and your participation in this survey will help us work toward this goal.

We will ask you many questions about your identity in this survey to develop a better sense of the diversity on our campus. However, your responses are **anonymous.** The survey is being administered by an independent organization, and we will only receive survey data after your responses have been grouped together with the responses of other individuals and information that might identify you has been stripped from the data.

You may stop taking the survey at any time or choose not to answer particular questions. You may also go back and change your responses. If you wish to stop taking the survey, simply leave the survey without hitting the “Submit” button at the end. We will not record your responses until you hit the “Submit” button.

The information you provide will be used to inform and improve support, policies, and practices at [Institution Name] and **will not** be used to investigate specific individuals. Disclosing an incident here does not constitute reporting the incident to your campus and will not result in any action, disciplinary or otherwise. Please do not identify anyone by name in your survey responses. If you identify anyone by name, their name will be removed before we receive the data.

The [Institution Name] leader(s) of this survey effort [is/are] [name(s)], and [he/she/they] can be reached at [email address(es) and/or phone number(s)].

# By clicking on the “Continue” button below, you indicate that you have read and considered the above information about the survey and agree to participate in the survey.

*[Respondents see a “Continue” button.]*

**Campus Climate**

For this survey, we define ***diversity*** in terms of differences among people in their race and ethnicity, gender and gender identity, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, culture, national origin, religious beliefs and identity, age, disability status, and political perspective. We define ***equity*** as a commitment to working to challenge and respond to bias, harassment, and discrimination against people from diverse identities and backgrounds.

# Please indicate your level of satisfaction with the following at [Institution Name].

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Very satisfied | Generally satisfied | Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied | Generally dissatisfied | Very dissatisfied |
| Overall campus climate | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ |
| The campus experience/environment regarding diversity at [Institution Name] | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ |
| The extent to which you experience a sense of belonging or community at [Institution Name] | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ |
| The extent to which you feel all community members experience a sense of belonging or community at [Institution Name] | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ |

1. **Please indicate your level of agreement with each of the following statements about [Institution Name].**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Strongly agree | Agree | Neither agree nor disagree | Disagree | Strongly disagree |
| The campus environment is free from tensions related to individual or group differences. | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ |
| Recruitment of historically marginalized students, faculty, and staff is an institutional priority. | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ |
| Retention of historically marginalized students, faculty, and staff is an institutional priority. | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ |
| Senior leadership demonstrates a commitment to diversity and equity on this campus. | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ |

*The items listed in Question 3 are randomized in the electronic survey.*

# In the last year, about how often have you interacted with the following people while at [Institution Name]?

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Daily | Weekly | Monthly | A few times | Not at all/ not that I’m aware of |
| People who have a racial and/or ethnic identity other than your own | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ |
| People from a socioeconomic background other than your own | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ |
| People who have a sexual orientation other than your own | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ |
| People whose gender differs from yours | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ |
| People for whom English is not their native language | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ |
| People from a religious background other than your own | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ |
| People with a disability | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ |
| People who are undocumented immigrants | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ |
| People from a country other than your own | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ |
| People who hold a political affiliation, philosophy, or view that differs from yours | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ |
| People who are significantly older or younger than you | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ |

1. **How comfortable are you interacting with the following people?**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Very comfortable | Somewhat comfortable | Neither comfortable nor uncomfortable | Somewhat uncomfortable | Very uncomfortable |
| People who have a racial and/or ethnic identity other than your own | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ |
| People from a socioeconomic background other than your own | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ |
| People who have a sexual orientation other than your own | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ |
| People whose gender differs from yours | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ |
| People for whom English is not their native language | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ |
| People from a religious background other  than your own | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ |
| People with a disability | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ |
| People who are undocumented immigrants | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ |
| People from a country other than your own | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ |
| People who hold a political affiliation, philosophy, or view that differs from yours | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ |
| People who are significantly older or younger than you | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ |

1. **To what extent do you agree that diversity on campus improves experiences and interactions within the classroom, the workplace, and the overall community?**

* Strongly agree
* Agree
* Neither agree nor disagree
* Disagree
* Strongly disagree

# Overall, how comfortable would you be sharing your views on diversity and equity at [Institution Name]?

* + Very comfortable
  + Somewhat comfortable
  + Neither comfortable nor uncomfortable
  + Somewhat uncomfortable
  + Very uncomfortable

# How have the following activities influenced your support for diversity and equity?

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Greatly increased my support | Somewhat increased my support | Somewhat decreased my support | Greatly decreased my support | Have not engaged in this activity |
| Performed community service | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ |
| Engaged in discussions or activities concerning political issues | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ |
| Attended presentations, performances, or art exhibits related to diversity | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ |
| Participated in discussions, training, or activities on racial/ethnic issues | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ |
| Participated in discussions, training, or activities on gender issues and/or gender  identity issues | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ |
| Participated in discussions, training, or activities on sexual orientation issues | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ |
| Participated in discussions, training, or activities on socioeconomic status issues | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ |
| Participated in discussions, training, or activities on religious diversity issues | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ |
| Participated in discussions, training, or activities on disability issues | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ |
| Participated in discussions, training, or activities on immigration issues | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ |

1. **What one word or sentence would you use to describe the sense of community you feel at [Institution Name]?**
2. **What one change would you make in order to enhance the sense of community at [Institution Name]?**

**Experiences with Discrimination and Harassment**

*The items listed in Question 10 are randomized in the electronic survey.*

# During your time at [Institution Name], about how often have you heard someone make an insensitive or disparaging remark about:

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Never | Rarely | Sometimes | Often | Very often |
| People who have a particular racial and/or ethnic identity | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ |
| People of a particular sexual orientation | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ |
| People of a particular gender or gender identity | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ |
| People from a particular socioeconomic background | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ |
| People from a particular religious background | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ |
| People with a particular disability | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ |
| People who are immigrants | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ |
| People with a particular political affiliation/view | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ |
| People of a particular age or generation | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ |
| People for whom English is not their native language | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ |

1. **If you heard someone make an insensitive or disparaging remark, about how often was the source of that remark a member of the following groups?**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Never | Rarely | Sometimes | Often | Very often |
| Students | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ |
| Faculty | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ |
| Staff | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ |
| Administration | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ |
| Local community | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ |

For this survey, we define discrimination and harassment as follows:

* Discrimination is the unfavorable treatment of a person based on that person’s race, ethnicity, national origin, socioeconomic status, age, perceived or actual physical or mental disability, pregnancy, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, creed, religion, or political beliefs.
* Harassment is a form of discrimination consisting of physical or verbal conduct that denigrates or shows hostility

toward an individual because of their race, ethnicity, national origin, socioeconomic status, age, perceived or actual physical or mental disability, pregnancy, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, creed, religion, or political beliefs. Harassment occurs when the conduct is sufficiently severe and/or pervasive that it alters the terms or conditions of employment or substantially limits the ability of a student to participate in or benefit from the

college’s educational and/or social programs.

# Please indicate your level of agreement with the following items.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Strongly agree | Agree | Neither agree nor disagree | Disagree | Strongly disagree |
| If I experienced or observed an act of discrimination  or harassment while at [Institution Name], I know whom to contact to report the incident. | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ |
| The process for reporting acts of discrimination or harassment at [Institution Name] is clear to me. | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ |
| The process for investigating acts of discrimination or harassment at [Institution Name] is clear to me. | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ |

1. **Have you ever been discriminated against or harassed on the [Institution Name] campus, at an off-campus residence, or at an off-campus program/event affiliated with [Institution Name]?**

* Yes
* No
* Unsure

*Respondents who selected “No” for the previous question will skip to the first question of the demographic section of the survey (Question 21). Respondents who selected “Unsure” for the previous question will see Question 13A below. After they see Question 13A, they will skip to Question 21.*

# 13A. In responding to the previous question, you indicated that you were unsure about whether you have experienced discrimination or harassment at [Institution Name]. Please tell us more about why you selected that response.

*Respondents who selected “Yes” for the question about experiencing discrimination or harassment (Question 13) will see Questions 14 and 15 below.*

*The items listed in Question 14 are randomized in the electronic survey.*

# How often have you been discriminated against or harassed on the [Institution Name] campus, at an off-campus residence, or at an off-campus program/event affiliated with [Institution Name] for the following reasons?

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Never | Rarely | Sometimes | Often | Very often |
| Because of my racial and/or ethnic identity | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ |
| Because of my sexual orientation | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ |
| Because of my gender or gender identity | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ |
| Because of my socioeconomic background | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ |
| Because of my religious background | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ |
| Because of my disability | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ |
| Because I am an immigrant | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ |
| Because of my political affiliation/views | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ |
| Because of my age or generation | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ |
| Because of my physical appearance | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ |
| Because of some other aspect of my identity: | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ |

1. **You indicated that you have experienced discrimination or harassment during your time at [Institution Name]. Did any of these incidents of discrimination or harassment at [Institution Name] occur in the last year?**
   * Yes
   * No

*Respondents who selected “Yes” for Question 15 will see Questions 16-19 which ask them to provide details about their recent experiences with discrimination or harassment. Respondents who selected “No” will skip to Question 20.*

For the next several questions, please consider all instances in the past year in which you were discriminated against or harassed on the [Institution Name] campus, at an off-campus residence, or at an off-campus program/event affiliated with [Institution Name].

# Please indicate which of the following forms of discrimination or harassment you have experienced in the past year. (Check all that apply)

* + Stared at
  + Deliberately ignored, isolated, left out, or excluded
  + Singled out as the "resident authority"
  + Racial/ethnic profiling
  + Graffiti or other forms of vandalism on campus
  + Derogatory written comments
  + Derogatory remarks
  + Derogatory posts on social media
  + Derogatory phone calls
  + Derogatory/unsolicited e-mails
  + Received a poor grade because of a hostile classroom environment
  + Received a low performance evaluation
  + Denied service or access to resources
  + Intimidated/bullied
  + Threatened with physical violence
  + Feared for your physical safety
  + Feared for your family's safety
  + Physical violence
  + Sexual assault/harassment
  + Other form of discrimination or harassment: \_

# Did any of these incidents of discrimination or harassment occur in the following locations? (Check all that apply)

* + In a classroom
  + In a departmental office or conference room
  + In an individual faculty or staff member's office
  + In on-campus housing/residences
  + At a house or residence off-campus
  + At a program/event affiliated with or sponsored by [Institution Name]
  + At a dining hall, recreational space, or athletic facility
  + Via the internet or social media
  + Other location:

# Was the source of the discrimination/harassment a member of the following groups? (Check all that apply)

* + Students
  + Faculty
  + Staff
  + Administration
  + Local community

# Did you report any incident(s) to campus officials?

* + Yes
  + No

*Respondents who selected “No” for the previous question will see Question 19A.*

# 19A. You indicated that you did not report incident(s) of discrimination/harassment that you experienced at [Institution Name] to campus officials. We would appreciate it if you would explain why you chose not to report the incident(s).

*All respondents who selected “Yes” for the question about experiencing discrimination or harassment (Question 13), regardless of whether it occurred in the last year, will see Question 20 below, which is the last question in this section of the survey.*

# If there is any other information that you would like to provide about your experiences with discrimination or harassment at [Institution Name], please use the box below.

**Demographic Information**

1. **What is your gender?**
   * Man
   * Woman
   * Non-binary, please specify:

# Are you transgender?

* + Yes
  + No

# What is your current age?

* + Younger than 25

 25–34

 35–44

 45–54

 55–64

* + 65 or older

# Which term best describes your sexual orientation? (Select one)

* + Asexual
  + Bisexual
  + Gay
  + Lesbian
  + Pansexual
  + Queer
  + Questioning
  + Straight (Heterosexual)
  + Fill in:

# What is your religious affiliation? (Select one)

* + Agnostic
  + Atheist
  + Baptist
  + Buddhist
  + Catholic
  + The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
  + Episcopalian
  + Hindu
  + Jehovah’s Witness
  + Jewish

# How would you characterize your political views?

* + Far left
  + Liberal
  + Middle-of-the-road
  + Conservative
  + Far right
* Lutheran
* Methodist
* Muslim
* Nondenominational Christian
* Orthodox Christian
* Other Christian
* Presbyterian
* Spiritual, but not religious
* Fill in:

# Do you currently have a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities such as seeing, hearing, learning, interacting with others, walking, etc.?

* + Yes
  + Temporary disability
  + No

# What is your citizenship status?

* + U.S. citizen
  + U.S. permanent resident but not a U.S. citizen
  + Not a U.S. citizen or permanent resident

# Which of the following racial or ethnic categories applies to your identity? (Check all that apply)

* + African
  + African American/Black
  + Alaska Native
  + Asian
  + Asian American
  + Caribbean/West Indian
  + Hispanic or Latino/a
  + Latin American
  + Middle Eastern
  + Native American/American Indian
  + Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
  + South Asian
  + Southeast Asian
  + White
  + Some other race or ethnicity:

# What is the highest level of education completed by either of your parents (or those who raised you)?

* + Did not finish high school
  + High school diploma or G.E.D.
  + Attended college but did not complete degree
  + Associate's degree (A.A., A.S., etc.)
  + Bachelor's degree (B. A., B. S., etc.)
  + Master's degree (M.A., M.B.A., M.S., etc.)
  + Doctoral or professional degree (Ph.D., J.D., M.D.)

# What is your primary role at [Institution Name]?

* + Undergraduate Student
  + Graduate Student
  + Faculty
  + Staff
  + Administrator
  + Other:

*Respondents who selected "Undergraduate Student” or “Graduate Student” for Question 31 will see Question 32 and 33.*

# How do you attend classes at [Institution Name]?

* + Primarily or entirely on campus
  + Primarily or entirely online
  + Split between on campus and online

# Which of the following best describes where you are currently living?

* + Dormitory or other campus housing (not a fraternity or sorority house)
  + Fraternity or sorority house (including college-owned housing)
  + Residence (house, apartment, etc.) *within* walking distance to the institution
  + Residence (house, apartment, etc.) *farther than* walking distance to the institution
  + None of the above

*Respondents who selected "Undergraduate Student” in Question 31 above will see Question 34.*

# What is your college classification for the 2017–2018 academic year?

* + Freshman/First Year
  + Sophomore
  + Junior
  + Senior
  + Other:

*Respondents who selected “Faculty,” “Staff,” or “Administrator” in Question 31 will see Questions 35, 36, and 37.*

# How do you work at [Institution Name]?

* + Primarily or entirely on campus
  + Primarily or entirely remotely
  + Split between on campus and remotely

# How long have you worked at [Institution Name]?

* + Less than 1 year
  + 1–4 years
  + 5–9 years
  + 10 or more years

# Are you a part-time or full-time employee at [Institution Name]?

* + Part-time
  + Full-time

*Respondents who selected “Faculty” in Question 31 will see Question 38 below.*

# What is your present academic rank?

* + Professor
  + Associate Professor
  + Assistant Professor
  + Lecturer
  + Instructor

*Respondents who selected “Staff” or “Administrator” in Question 31 will see Question 39 below.*

# Which category best describes your primary role?

* + Hourly (non-exempt)
  + Salaried (exempt) without supervisory responsibilities
  + Salaried (exempt) with supervisory responsibilities

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*[The following language appears after respondents click the “Submit” button.]*

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We deeply appreciate your cooperation and willingness to provide information that will help us improve the policies and tools we use to create a diverse, equitable, and supportive environment at [Institution Name].

The [Institution Name] leader(s) of this survey effort [is/are] [name(s)], and [he/she/they] can be reached at [email address(es) and/or phone number(s)]. He/She/They can answer additional questions you may have about the survey.

If you would like to report an incident of discrimination or harassment that you have not previously reported, please go to [URL for website that describes the Institution’s reporting procedures] to learn how to make a report.

THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THIS SURVEY.