



# Questionnaire

## of the graduate survey of Göttingen University exam class 2017

**Erklärungen zu den Markierungen im Fragebogen:**

 Hyperlink zu nachfolgendem Fragebogenteil

 Filter nur für bestimmte Personengruppen

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## Introduction to the survey

Dear Graduates,

Please give us your consent to process your data under data protection law, in order to take part in the survey.

Yours faithfully,

Your Graduate Survey Team

### **Data protection consent:**

All the data we have regarding yourself (faculty, semester, subject, name and contact details) are stored locally by the Student and Academic Services Department of the University of Göttingen under an access code that is randomly-generated for you. The online survey system which you have just logged into with this access code which is individually generated for you exclusively stores the answers that you give to the survey using this access code. Therefore it is impossible to refer the data back to you in the online survey system. Personal data and survey data are always stored separately. Personal data such as name and contact details are deleted once analysis has been completed. Personal data cannot be identified from survey data.

Two weeks after the start of the survey, this system provides us with a list of all the access codes of the graduates who have taken part by that date.

The data sets relating to these access codes are then also locally anonymised by deleting the data that enables identification (name and contact details).

The online survey system does not allow your answers to be accessed using the access code before this. After completing the survey phase, the local data of all graduates (including those who did not take part) are anonymised. So it is impossible to relate an access code to an actual person and the results of the online survey are thus absolutely anonymous. Your answers are only released for analysis of the online survey of graduates after this process. Your consent is voluntary and may be withdrawn at any time.

The online survey system only releases your answers for the analysis of graduates' answers to the online survey after that. The pseudonymised survey data are used for quality assurance by Student and Academic Services. The survey data are the basis for the internal accreditation process and are made available to the relevant faculties for quality assurance purposes. Aggregated pseudonymised data from the survey are discussed by University of Göttingen committees.

You also have the following rights in relation to the personal data that we process: You have the right at any time to demand to see any personal data of yours that we process, you have the right to demand correction or deletion or to restrict the processing of your personal data. You may object to the processing of your personal data or to the transmission of data. If you wish to exercise your rights, please contact Ms. Rapp or Ms. Buch.

If you wish to exercise your rights, please contact Ms. Rapp or Ms. Buch. You can find their contact details below. If you have a complaint, you may also contact the Landesbeauftragte für den Datenschutz Niedersachsen, Prinzenstraße 5, 30159 Hannover, Poststelle@lfd.niedersachsen.de, at any time.

By signing the declaration below, you also consent to your anonymised data being integrated into the E-Learning team's FlexStat systems for each study course, in order that students at the University of Göttingen can review information about their degree programme in relation to entering the jobs market.

Your consent is voluntary and may be withdrawn at any time.

[I consent to my data being processed as described above. Thank you for taking the time to assist us with our survey.](#)

[I do not consent to my data being processed as described above. \(End of survey\)](#)

If you have any questions please contact Sylvia Rapp (Tel.: +49 551 394 888,) or Bettina Buch (Tel.: +49 551 395 401), e-mail: [absolventenbefragung@uni-goettingen.de](mailto:absolventenbefragung@uni-goettingen.de)).

Thank you for taking the time to take part in our survey.  
We would like in the following to learn more about your current (professional) situation and your work.  
Please give answers that relate to your current situation and tick anything that applies.

## A - Current Situation

**A1 Which of the following correctly describe your current situation?**

*Multiple options possible*

I am pursuing a freelance career

I am self-employed in my own business/family business

I am in paid employment (e.g. salaried employee, civil servant, trainee, paid work experience, curacy)

I am a junior doctor, assistant dentist and am/am not doing my doctorate at the same time

I am in further/continuing education (e.g. vocational training, candidate for the civil service), retraining, doing voluntary work

I am a trainee teacher

I am a legal intern

I am in unpaid work (e.g. unpaid internship, honorary post, voluntary service)

I am about to start work

I have started further studies or am doing my doctorate

I am qualifying to become a professor/am a postdoc

I am not working/unemployed, I am job-hunting

I am unfit for work/ long-term sick

I am on parental leave or taking an extended trip/taking a break

Other: *(free text field)*

You state that you are currently in self-employment or freelance work.  
Please answer the questions with reference to your self-employment/freelance work.

## **B - Self-employment**

**B1 How would you describe your self-employment?**

I work as a freelancer/contract work  
I am self-employed within a business  
I am self-employed within a business (including own/family business)

**B3 What is your job as freelancer/self-employed?**

Job: *(Free text field)*

**B4 How many hours a week do you work on average in your freelance/self-employed job?**

weekly working time (in hours):

**B5 How high is your average net profit/your income from fees per month?**

less than 500  
€500-1,000  
€1,000-2,000  
€2,000-3,000  
€3,000-4,000  
€4,000-5,000  
More than €5,000  
Don't know  
Prefer not to say

**B6 In which region are you working as a freelancer/self-employed?**

*For Germany please state town/city or post code.*

In Germany (town/city):  
In Germany (Postcode):  
In another country:

**B15 Which industry or economic sector are you self-employed/ freelance in?**

*Multiple options possible*

Agriculture and forestry, fisheries, mining  
Manufacturing sector, industry, construction  
Retail, hospitality, transport  
Financial services, insurance, real estate  
Academic, technical, economic services  
Information and data processing services  
Media, art, culture, entertainment  
Health, veterinary, social services  
Education, tuition, teaching, research  
Public administration, defence, social insurance  
Associations and federations  
Other: *(Free text field)*

**B7 Did you receive support from the University of Göttingen when you took up being a freelancer/self-employed?**

Yes, specifically: *(Free text field)*

No

**B8 What are the reasons for you being freelance/self-employed?**

*Multiple options possible*

Freelance/self-employed work is normal in my field of work (e.g. solicitor, architect)  
I couldn't find other professional alternatives  
I don't want to work as an employee  
I can realise my ideas/use my abilities better  
Freelance/self-employed work offers me better financial prospects  
Freelance/self-employed work combines well with other commitments (e.g. family)  
I was continuing a family tradition with freelance/self-employed work  
Other: *(Free text field)*

**B9 To what extent are the following abilities/skills required in your freelance/self-employed work?**

*5-step scale: extremely to very slightly + Not at all + N/A*

Command of own subject, own discipline  
Ability to develop new ideas and solutions  
Ability to assert oneself  
Ability to adapt to changed circumstances  
Ability to write reports, memos or similar texts  
Computer-based/ digital work (e.g. with special software, media and Internet skills)  
Ability to apply scientific methods  
Ability to think and act effectively  
Ability to motivate others  
Ability to think in multidisciplinary terms  
Analytical abilities  
Ability to write and speak a foreign language  
Ability to question own ideas and ideas of others  
Ability to work efficiently towards a goal  
Ability to recognise and remedy gaps in own knowledge  
Ability to organise oneself and one's working process effectively  
Ability to work productively with others  
Ability to work well under pressure  
Professionally and socially appropriate behaviour in intercultural relationships  
Ability to present products, ideas or reports to an audience  
Ability to operate in diverse/ intercultural contexts  
Reflecting critically/ ethically  
Conveying knowledge comprehensibly

**B16 What other abilities/skills are important in your current role?**

Abilities/skills: *(Free Text Field)*

**B10 How satisfied are you with the following aspects of your freelance/self-employed situation?**

*5-step scale: very satisfied to very dissatisfied + N/A*

Professional situation to date  
Potential for professional development  
Current income  
Assignments at present  
Workload

- B11**     **How satisfied are you with your freelance/self-employed situation as a whole?**  
*5-step scale: very satisfied to very dissatisfied + N/A*
- If "disatisfied"/"very dissatisfied"*                      **B11\_1**             **Why precisely are you dissatisfied with your freelance/self-employed situation?**  
*(Free text field)*
- If middle category*    **B11\_2**             **You have chosen the middle category:  
What exactly do you like/dislike about your freelance/self-employed situation?**  
*(Free text field)*
- B12**     **If you look at your professional duties today as a whole: To what extent do you make use of the qualification you gained from your studies?**  
*5-step scale: extremely to very slightly + Not at all + N/A*  
Fachkompetenz  
Sozialkompetenz  
Methodenkompetenz
- Mathe1**     **How important is the profile you chose for your Mathematics studies in your current freelance/self-employed work?**  
*5-step scale: very important to not at all important + N/A*
- Info1**     **How important is the profile you chose for your Informatics studies in your current freelance/self-employed work?**  
*5-step scale: very important to not at all important + N/A*
- B13**     **What degree level in your opinion is best suited to your current freelance/self-employed work?**  
A higher university degree  
My university degree  
A lesser university degree  
No university degree necessary
- Chemie1**     **How do you rate the benefits of the following faculty offers for your career guidance and the start of your current working life?**  
*5-step scale: a great deal to very little + Not available + N/A (I did not use any of the given below offers)*  
"Career prospects in Chemistry" lecture series  
Cooperations with partner companies for industrial traineeships  
Advisory services and information material in the Dean's Office  
Advisory services and information material in the Faculty at the PraxisBörse [company recruitment fair]  
Courses in "Management skills" and "Intercultural skills"  
Individual offers (e.g. factory excursions)  
Other: *(Free text field)*
- SoWi1**     **How would you characterise the relationship between your degree programme and your current freelance/self-employed work?**  
Any other field of studies might have been equally good preparation for my professional role  
Another subject would have been more useful for my professional role  
In my professional role the subject doesn't matter
- Philo1**     **Which faculty services in relation to finding a career and qualifications for a career did you use?**  
*Multiple options possible*  
Services for own subject  
Workshop services of the Office of the Dean of Studies (transferable skills), e.g.: public relations, business studies for Humanities scholars, project management, communications management, etc.  
Services of the KOMPASS programme (expert talks, company visits or workshops on the theme of job applications and starting a career)

Advice on the theme of starting a career and transferable skills in the specialism  
Advice on the theme of starting a career and transferable skills in the Office of the Dean of Studies  
Information library of the Office of the Dean of Studies  
Other: *(Free text field)*

**Philo2 How do you rate the benefits of the following faculty offers for your career guidance and the start of your working life?**

*5-step scale: a great deal to very little + Not available + N/A (I did not use any of the given below offers)*

Services for own subject

Workshop services of the Office of the Dean of Studies (transferable skills), e.g.: public relations, business studies for Humanities scholars, project management, communications management, etc.

Services of the KOMPASS programme (expert talks, company visits or workshops on the theme of job applications and starting a career)

Advice on the theme of starting a career and transferable skills in the specialism

Advice on the theme of starting a career and transferable skills in the Office of the Dean of Studies

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**B14 Are you considering taking on another job in the near future?**

Yes

No

[Forwarding to part J \(Between graduation and now\)](#)

*If Yes to question B14\_1 and B14\_2*

**B14\_1 What job do you want to have?**

Job: *(Free text field)*

**B14\_2 How do you intend to search for this job?**

*Multiple options possible*

Application in response to advertised posts (e.g. newspaper, Internet, notice)

Independent contact with employers (speculative/unsolicited application)

Company recruitment fair ("Milk Round")

An employer approached me

Through work experience

Through the Federal Employment Agency

Via web-based networks (e.g. Xing)/job portal

Networking

Through private employment agencies/headhunters

Through university tutors

Through course work or thesis

With the help of friends, acquaintances or fellow students

With the help of parents or relatives

Other: *(Free text field)*

[Forwarding to part J \(Between graduation and current situation\)](#)

You state that you are in (paid) employment (e.g. paid employment, junior doctor, legal intern/trainee teacher).  
In the following, we would like to learn more about this employment, e.g. what professional field have you entered and how satisfied are you?

## C -Paid employment

### **C1 What is your occupational status?**

#### *Salaried employee*

Managerial employee  
Academically-qualified employee with middle managerial role  
Academically-qualified employee without managerial role  
Qualified employee (e.g. administration)  
Operating employee (e.g. sales, secretarial)  
Assistenzärztin/arzt  
Trainee  
Intern  
*Civil servant*  
Higher grade civil servant  
Senior civil servant  
Lower/middle grade civil servant  
Temporary civil service work (e.g. trainee teacher or social work traineeship)

#### *Other work*

Vicar  
Trainee lawyer  
Trainee teacher  
Military service/community service, federal volunteer service  
Other: *(Free text field)*

#### *Labourer*

Foreman, burnisher  
Assistant foreman, group leader  
Skilled labourer and craftsman  
Unskilled/semi-skilled worker

### **C3 How many months did your search for this work take in total?**

Months searching for work:

### **C4 How did you find this work?**

#### *Multiple options possible*

Application in response to advertised posts (e.g. newspaper, Internet, notice)  
Independent contact with employers (speculative/unsolicited application)  
Company recruitment fair ("Milk Round")  
An employer approached me  
Through work experience  
Through (temp) work  
Through the Federal Employment Agency  
Via web-based networks (e.g. Xing)/job portal  
Networking  
Through private employment agencies/headhunters  
Through university tutors  
Through course work or thesis  
I was assigned to the teacher-training post through a centralised process.  
With the help of friends, acquaintances or fellow students



With the help of parents or relatives  
I didn't job hunt, I was taken on as a result of other work (e.g. student assistant, (temp) work, honorary post, work experience)  
Other: *(Free text field)*

**Mathe2** **Was the profile selected for your Mathematics studies relevant to your job hunting?**  
*5-step scale: highly relevant to not at all relevant + N/A*

**Info2** **Was the profile selected for your Informatics studies relevant to your job hunting?**  
*5-step scale: highly relevant to not at all relevant + N/A*

**SoWi2** **How many employers did you contact (applications, etc.) prior to obtaining your current position?**  
Number of employers contacted:

**Philo3** **Did you start looking for a job after you submitted your thesis?**  
Yes  
No

*If yes*

**Philo4** **How many employers did you contact (applications, etc.) prior to obtaining your current position?**  
Number of employers contacted: **Philo3\_1** **How many weeks earlier did you start looking for work?**  
*(Number field)*

**C5** **Is your contract permanent or temporary?**  
Permanent  
Temporary

**C6** **How many hours a week do you work on average?**  
Contractual weekly working time (in hours):  
Actual working time (in hours):

**C20** **What is the working time model in your current occupation?**  
*Multiple options possible*  
Flexible work hours  
Trusted flexitime  
Flexitime  
Rolling weekly hours  
Shift-work  
Lifetime account  
Annual work hours  
Teleworking  
Home office  
Part-time work  
Job-sharing  
Sabbatical  
Other: *(Free Text Field)*

**C7** **How high is your gross monthly income (before deduction of taxes and social insurance costs) including regular monthly bonuses (e.g. shift allowances, productivity bonuses and paid overtime)?**  
*N.B.: Without income from freelance/self-employed work*  
less than €500  
€500-1,000

€1,000-2,000  
€2,000-3,000  
€3,000-4,000  
€4,000-5,000  
More than €5,000  
Don't know  
Prefer not to say

**C8 In which region are you working as a freelancer/self-employed?**

*For Germany please state town/city or post code.*

In Germany (town/city):

In Germany (Postcode):

In another country:

**C18 Who is your employer?**

Employer: *(Free text field)*

**C19 Which industry or economic sector are you in?**

*Multiple options possible*

Agriculture and forestry, fisheries, mining

Manufacturing sector, industry, construction

Retail, hospitality, transport

Financial services, insurance, real estate

Academic, technical, economic services

Information and data processing services

Media, art, culture, entertainment

Health, veterinary, social services

Education, tuition, teaching, research

Public administration, defence, social insurance

Associations and federations

Other: *(Free text field)*

**Medizin8 In what medical service do you work?**

*Multiple options possible*

Doctor's/dentist's practice

University/University Hospital

Hospital (not University Hospital)

Public health service

Private sector/industry

Research (public institutions)

Research (private sector)

Training as medical specialist

Other: *(Free text field)*

**Medizin9 What is your medical specialisation in this job?**

*Drop-down menu in questionnaire*

General practice

Anaesthesiology

Occupational medicine/public medicine  
Ophthalmology  
Imaging procedures, radiation therapy  
Surgery: General and abdominal surgery  
Surgery: Trauma surgery  
Surgery: Thoracic, cardiac and vascular surgery  
Surgery: Transplant surgery  
Dermatology  
Epidemiology, medical biometry and information technology  
History, theory and ethics of medicine  
Health economics, health systems, public health care  
Gynaecology/obstetrics  
Ear, nose and throat medicine  
Human genetics  
Hygiene, microbiology, virology  
Immunology  
Internal medicine: Gastroenterology  
Internal medicine: Haematology/oncology  
Internal medicine: Cardiology/pneumology  
Internal medicine: Nephrology/rheumatology  
Paediatrics  
Clinical chemistry, laboratory medicine  
Clinical pharmacology/pharmacotherapy  
Geriatrics and the elderly  
Neurology  
Emergency care  
Orthopaedia  
Pathology  
Pharmacology, toxicology  
Prevention, health promotion  
Psychiatry and psychotherapy  
Psychosomatic medicine  
Forensic medicine  
Urology  
Dental medicine  
Other: *(Free text field)*

**Medizin10** To what extent were the following abilities/skills required in your current (main) gainful employment?

*5-step scale: extremely to very slightly + Not at all + N/A*

Expertise in own subject

Ability to use academic methods (researching databases and literature)

Ability to think and act effectively  
 Ability to motivate others  
 Ability to think in multidisciplinary terms  
 Ability to write and speak a foreign language  
 Ability to recognise and remedy gaps in own knowledge  
 Ability to handle intercultural relationships  
 Ability to communicate with others involved in patient care and assert myself with my colleagues  
 Confidence when carrying out physical examinations (with and without basic aids)  
 Ability to provide patients with structured consultations and advice  
 Ability to carry out medical procedures (e.g. sutures, injections, dressings, making a medication plan)  
 Ability to identify indications for laboratory tests and interpret findings confidently  
 Ability to document findings and patient contact

FILTER: NOT Medicine

**C9 What is your job/profession?**

Description of job/profession: *(Free text field)*

FILTER: NOT Medicine

**C10 To what extent were the following abilities/skills required in your current (main) gainful employment?**

*5-step scale: extremely to very slightly + Not at all + N/A*

Command of own subject, own discipline  
 Ability to develop new ideas and solutions  
 Ability to assert oneself  
 Ability to adapt to changed circumstances  
 Ability to write reports, memos or similar texts  
 Computer-based/ digital work (e.g. with special software, media and Internet skills)  
 Ability to apply scientific methods  
 Ability to think and act effectively  
 Ability to motivate others  
 Ability to think in multidisciplinary terms  
 Analytical abilities  
 Ability to write and speak a foreign language  
 Ability to question own ideas and ideas of others  
 Ability to work efficiently towards a goal  
 Ability to recognise and remedy gaps in own knowledge  
 Ability to organise oneself and one's working process effectively  
 Ability to work productively with others  
 Ability to work well under pressure  
 Professionally and socially appropriate behaviour in intercultural relationships  
 Ability to present products, ideas or reports to an audience  
 Ability to operate in diverse/ intercultural contexts  
 Reflecting critically/ ethically  
 Conveying knowledge comprehensibly

**C21 What other abilities/skills are important in your current role?**

Abilities/skills: *(Free Text Field)*

**C11 How satisfied are you with the following aspects of your professional situation?**

*5-step scale: very satisfied to very dissatisfied + N/A*

Professional situation to date  
 Potential for professional development  
 Current income  
 Assignments at present  
 Workload

**C12 How satisfied are you with your professional situation as a whole?**

*5-step scale: very satisfied to very dissatisfied + N/A*

*If "dissatisfied"/"very dissatisfied"*

*If middle category*

**C12\_1**

**Why precisely are you dissatisfied with your professional situation?**

*(Free text field)*

**C12\_2**

**You have chosen the middle category:**

**What exactly do you like/dislike about your professional situation?**

*(Free text field)*

**Medizin13**

**Are you doing/did you do your doctorate at the same time as your current job?**

Yes, I am still working on my doctoral project

No, I have stopped doing a doctoral project

I have already completed my doctorate

I am still considering starting my doctorate

No, I am not considering a doctorate

*If "still working on my doctorate project"*

*If "stopped doing a doctorate"*

**Medizin13\_1**

**When did you register for your doctorate?**

Date (month, year):

**Medizin13\_2**

**How many months did you invest in the doctoral project that you have now stopped?**

Duration (in month):

**Medizin13\_2\_1**

**When did you stop your doctoral project?**

Before completing your studies

After completing your studies

**Medizin13\_3**

**Why did you stop your doctorate?**

*Multiple options possible*

Lack of accessibility of supervising tutor

Lack of support from supervising tutor

Weaknesses in the concept

Insufficient data (too few patients, research material)

Personality of supervising tutor (disagreeable, officious)

Problems with the work group

I couldn't cope with the project

Too little time owing to heavy professional work load

Private reasons

Other reasons: *(Free text field)*

*If "already completed"*

**Medizin14**

**Where did your Practical Year (PY) largely take place?**

University Hospital

Academic teaching hospital

Abroad

Other: *(Free text field)*

**Medizin13\_4**

**When did you complete your doctorate?**

Date (month, year):

**Medizin15**

**Did you have the same specialism (elective subject) in your Practical Year as you do in your current job?**

**(does not apply to Surgery or Internal Medicine)**

Yes

No  
**Medizin16** **How do you rate the quality of the training during your Practical Year in relation to the acquisition of medical abilities?**  
*5-step scale: very good to very poor + N/A*  
 Internal medicine  
 Surgery  
 Elective subject

**FILTER: NOT** Medicine  
**C13** **If you look at your professional duties today as a whole: To what extent do you make use of the qualification you gained from your studies?**  
*5-step scale: extremely to very slightly + Not at all + N/A*  
 Professional skills  
 Social skills  
 Methodical expertise

**FILTER: NOT** Medicine  
**C14** **What degree level in your opinion is best suited to your current work?**  
 A higher university degree  
 My university degree  
 A lesser university degree  
 No university degree necessary

**Mathe3** **How important is the profile you chose for your Mathematics studies in your current job?**  
*5-step scale: very important to not at all important + N/A*

**Info3** **How important is the profile you chose for your Informatics studies in your current job?**  
*5-step scale: very important to not at all important + N/A*

**Info4** **Were you in contact with your current employer already while doing your degree?**  
 Yes  
 No

if "yes"

**Info4\_1**

**How would you describe your contact with your current employer whilst doing your degree?**

I completed my thesis there  
 I did work experience there  
 I was there as a working student  
 Private contact  
 Other, i.e.: *(Free Text Field)*

**SoWi3** **How would you characterise the relationship between your degree programme and your current paid employed work.**  
 Any other field of studies might have been equally good preparation for my professional role  
 Another subject would have been more useful for my professional role  
 In my professional role the subject doesn't matter

**Chemie2** **How do you rate the benefits of the following faculty offers for your career guidance and the start of your current working life?**  
*5-step scale: a great deal to very little + Not available + N/A*  
 "Career prospects in Chemistry" lecture series  
 Cooperations with partner companies for industrial traineeships  
 Advisory services and information material in the Dean's Office  
 Advisory services and information material in the Faculty at the PraxisBörse [company recruitment fair]  
 Courses in "Management skills" and "Intercultural skills"  
 Individual offers (e.g. factory excursions)  
 Other: *(Free text field)*

**Philo5** **Which faculty services in relation to finding a career and qualifications for a career did you use?**

*Multiple options possible*

Services for own subject

Workshop services of the Office of the Dean of Studies (transferable skills), e.g.: public relations, business studies for Humanities scholars, project management, communications management, etc.

Services of the KOMPASS programme (expert talks, company visits or workshops on the theme of job applications and starting a career)

Advice on the theme of starting a career and transferable skills in the specialism

Advice on the theme of starting a career and transferable skills in the Office of the Dean of Studies

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Other: *(Free text field)*

**Philo6 How do you rate the benefits of the following faculty offers for your career guidance and the start of your working life?**

*5-step scale: a great deal to very little + Not available + N/A (I did not use any of the given below offers)*

Services for own subject

Workshop services of the Office of the Dean of Studies (transferable skills), e.g.: public relations, business studies for Humanities scholars, project management, communications management, etc.

Services of the KOMPASS programme (expert talks, company visits or workshops on the theme of job applications and starting a career)

Advice on the theme of starting a career and transferable skills in the specialism

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**C15 Are you considering taking on another job in the near future?**

Yes

No

*If Yes, Forwarding to C15\_1 und C15\_2*

**C15\_1 What job do you want to have?**

Job: *(Free text field)*

**C15\_2 How do you intend to search for this job?**

*Multiple options possible*

Application in response to advertised posts (e.g. newspaper, Internet, notice)

Independent contact with employers (speculative/unsolicited application)

Company recruitment fair ("Milk Round")

An employer approached me

Through work experience

Through (temp) work

Through the Federal Employment Agency

Via web-based networks (e.g. Xing)/job portal

Through networking

Through private employment agencies/headhunters

Through university tutors

Through course work or thesis

With the help of friends, acquaintances or fellow students

With the help of parents or relatives

Other: *(Free text field)*

FILTER: NOT Medicine

**C16 Do you have any other paid work besides this?**

Yes

No

[If yes, start again at question A1](#)

[Forwarding to part J \(Between graduation and current situation\)](#)

**Headline second employment**

You state that you have a second job. In the following, we would like to learn more about this second job.

**C17**      **Do you have any other paid work besides this?**  
Yes  
No

*If Yes*

[Forwarding to part J \(Between graduation and current situation\)](#)

**C17\_1**

**How many other jobs do you have?**  
Number: *(Free text field)*



You state that you will soon be taking up employment. Please answer the following in relation to the work/occupation you are shortly to take up.

## **D - I am about to start work**

**D1**      **How many months did your search for your future work take in total?**

Months searching for work:

**D3**      **What professional position will you take on in your forthcoming work?**

*Labourer*

Foreman, burnisher

Assistant foreman, group leader

Skilled labourer and craftsman

Unskilled/semi-skilled worker

*Salaried employee*

Managerial employee

Academically-qualified employee with middle managerial role

Academically-qualified employee without managerial role

Qualified employee (e.g. administration)

Operating employee (e.g. sales, secretarial)

Assistenzärztin/arzt

Trainee

Intern

*Civil servant*

Higher grade civil servant

Senior civil servant

Lower/middle grade civil servant

Temporary civil service work (e.g. on probation)

*Other work*

Vicar

Trainee teacher

Military service/community service, federal volunteer service

Other: *(Free text field)*

**D4**      **Will you be permanently or temporarily employed in your forthcoming work?**

Permanent

Temporary

**D5**      **How many hours do you expect to work on average per week in your forthcoming work?**

Contractual weekly working time (in hours):

Cannot say

**D6**      **How high is your expected gross monthly income?**

less than €500

€500-1,000

€1,000-2,000  
€2,000-3,000  
€3,000-4,000  
€4,000-5,000  
More than €5,000  
Don't know  
Prefer not to say

**D7 In which region will you be employed?**

*For Germany please state town/city or post code.*

In Germany (town/city):

In Germany (Postcode):

In another country:

**D8 What will your job be?**

Description of job/profession: *(Free text field)*

**D10 Which employer do you expect to work for?**

Employer: *(Free text field)*

**D11 Which industry or economic sector will you soon be working in?**

*Multiple options possible*

Agriculture and forestry, fisheries, mining

Manufacturing sector, industry, construction

Retail, hospitality, transport

Financial services, insurance, real estate

Academic, technical, economic services

Information and data processing services

Media, art, culture, entertainment

Health, veterinary, social services

Education, tuition, teaching, research

Public administration, defence, social insurance

Associations and federations

Other: *(Free text field)*

**D9 How did you find this work?**

*Multiple options possible*

Application in response to advertised posts (e.g. newspaper, Internet, notice)

Independent contact with employers (speculative/unsolicited application)

Company recruitment fair ("Milk Round")

An employer approached me

Through work experience

Through (temp) work

Through the Federal Employment Agency

Via web-based networks (e.g. Xing)/job portal

Through networking

Through private employment agencies/headhunters

Through university tutors

Through course work or thesis

Ich bin über ein zentrales Vergabeverfahren für das Lehramtsreferendariat zugeteilt worden.

With the help of friends, acquaintances or fellow students  
With the help of parents or relatives  
I didn't job hunt, I was taken on as a result of other work (e.g. student assistant, (temp) work, honorary post, work experience)  
Other: *(Free text field)*

**Mathe4 Was the profile selected for your Mathematics studies relevant to your job hunting?**

*5-step scale: highly relevant to not at all relevant + N/A*

**Info5 Was the profile selected for your Informatics studies relevant to your job hunting?**

*5-step scale: highly relevant to not at all relevant + N/A*

**Chemie3 How do you rate the benefits of the following faculty offers for your career guidance and the start of your current working life?**

*5-step scale: a great deal to very little + Not available + N/A*

"Career prospects in Chemistry" lecture series  
Cooperations with partner companies for industrial traineeships  
Advisory services and information material in the Dean's Office  
Advisory services and information material in the Faculty at the PraxisBörse [company recruitment fair]  
Courses in "Management skills" and "Intercultural skills"  
Individual offers (e.g. factory excursions)  
Other: *(Free text field)*

**SoWi4 How many employers did you contact (applications, etc.)?**

Number of employers contacted:

**Philo7 How many employers did you contact (applications, etc.)?**

Number of employers contacted:

**Philo8 Which faculty services in relation to finding a career and qualifications for a career did you use?**

*Multiple options possible*

Services for own subject  
Workshop services of the Office of the Dean of Studies (transferable skills), e.g.: public relations, business studies for Humanities scholars, project management, communications management, etc.  
Services of the KOMPASS programme (expert talks, company visits or workshops on the theme of job applications and starting a career)  
Advice on the theme of starting a career and transferable skills in the specialism  
Information library of the Office of the Dean of Studies  
Advice on the theme of starting a career and transferable skills in the Office of the Dean of Studies  
Other: *(Free text field)*

**Philo9 How do you rate the benefits of the following faculty offers for your career guidance and the start of your working life?**

*5-step scale: a great deal to very little + Not available + N/A (I did not use any of the given below offers)*

Services for own subject  
Workshop services of the Office of the Dean of Studies (transferable skills), e.g.: public relations, business studies for Humanities scholars, project management, communications management, etc.  
Services of the KOMPASS programme (expert talks, company visits or workshops on the theme of job applications and starting a career)  
Advice on the theme of starting a career and transferable skills in the specialism  
Advice on the theme of starting a career and transferable skills in the Office of the Dean of Studies  
Information library of the Office of the Dean of Studies

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## E - Training/professional development, voluntary work

- E1 What are you doing now?**  
 I am taking further/continuing education  
 I am a trainee lawyer continuing in Part C  
 I am retraining  
 I am a candidate for the civil service  
 I am doing voluntary work
- E2 What further/continuing education, retraining or voluntary work are you doing?**  
 further/continuing education, retraining, voluntary work: (Free text field)
- E4 How many months did your search for this further/continuing education, retraining or voluntary work take in total?**  
 Months searching for training:
- E5 How high is your gross monthly income (before deduction of taxes and social insurance costs) including regular monthly bonuses (e.g. shift allowances, productivity bonuses and paid overtime)?**  
 less than €500  
 €500-1,000  
 €1,000-2,000  
 €2,000-3,000  
 €3,000-4,000  
 €4,000-5,000  
 More than €5,000  
 Don't know  
 Prefer not to say
- E6 In which region does your further/continuing education, retraining or voluntary work take place?**  
For Germany please state town/city or post code.  
 In Germany (town/city):  
 In Germany (Postcode):  
 In another country:
- E10 Who is your employer?**  
 Employer: (Free text field)
- E11 Which industry or economic sector is your further training/ professional development/ retraining/ voluntary work in?**  
Multiple options possible  
 Agriculture and forestry, fisheries, mining  
 Manufacturing sector, industry, construction  
 Retail, hospitality, transport  
 Financial services, insurance, real estate  
 Academic, technical, economic services  
 Information and data processing services  
 Media, art, culture, entertainment  
 Health, veterinary, social services  
 Education, tuition, teaching, research  
 Public administration, defence, social insurance  
 Associations and federations  
 Other: (Free text field)
- E7 Why did you decide on further/continuing education, retraining or voluntary work after your studies at the University of Göttingen?**  
(Free text field)
- E8 How satisfied are you with your present further/continuing education, retraining or voluntary work as a whole?**  
5-step scale: very satisfied to very dissatisfied + N/A
- If "dissatisfied"/"very dissatisfied" **E8\_1** **Why precisely are you dissatisfied with your present further/continuing education, retraining or voluntary work?**  
(Free text field)
- If middle category **E8\_2** **You have chosen the middle category: What exactly do you like/dislike about your present further/continuing education, retraining or voluntary work?**  
(Free text field)
- E9 What profession/job do you want to pursue after your further/continuing education, retraining or voluntary work?**  
 Profession/job: (Free text field)

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You state that you are currently doing unpaid work. In the following, we would like to learn what you will do in future in this work/occupation and what plans you are pursuing for the future.

## F - Unpaid work

### **F1 What is the nature of the unpaid work that you have?**

Unpaid work experience  
Honorary post  
Assisting family member  
Voluntary service  
Other: *(Free text field)*

### **F3 In which region are you pursuing this work?**

*For Germany please state town/city or post code.*

In Germany (town/city):  
In Germany (Postcode):  
In another country:

### **F5 Who is your employer?**

Employer: *(Free text field)*

### **F6 Which industry or economic sector is your job in?**

*Multiple options possible*

Agriculture and forestry, fisheries, mining  
Manufacturing sector, industry, construction  
Retail, hospitality, transport  
Financial services, insurance, real estate  
Academic, technical, economic services  
Information and data processing services  
Media, art, culture, entertainment  
Health, veterinary, social services  
Education, tuition, teaching, research  
Public administration, defence, social insurance  
Associations and federations  
Other: *(Free text field)*

### **F4 How satisfied are you with your professional situation as a whole?**

*5-step scale: very satisfied to very dissatisfied + N/A*

*If "dissatisfied"/"very dissatisfied"*

*If middle category*

#### **F4\_1 Why precisely are you dissatisfied with your professional situation?**

*(Free text field)*

#### **F4\_2 You have chosen the middle category:**

**What exactly do you like/dislike about your professional situation?**

*(Free text field)*

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You state that you have started a further degree course/doctorate. Please answer the following in relation to this further degree course/your doctorate.

## G - Further degree course/doctorate

**G1** What degree programme/subject are you studying?

- I am doing my doctorate
- I am studying for a Master's degree
- I am studying for a Bachelor's degree
- I am working towards another academic degree

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*Forwarding to question G12\_1*  
*Forwarding to question G13\_1*  
*Forwarding to question G14\_1*

*If "I am doing my doctorate"*

**G11\_7** For how many semesters have you been doing your doctorate?

Number of semesters:

**G11\_8** In how many semesters do you expect to complete your doctorate?

Number of semesters:

**G11\_2** Which university are you doing your doctorate at?

University of Göttingen  
Other University: *(Free text field)*

*If "other university"*

**G11\_2\_1** Why did you switch to this university?  
*(Free text field)*

**G11\_3** What subject/degree programme are you taking your doctorate in?

Subject/degree programme *(Free text field)*

**G11\_4** How did the possibility of a doctorate come about?

*Multiple options possible*

- I proactively made direct contact with a supervising tutor/supervising tutors
- I was approached by a supervising tutor about a doctorate
- Suggested by my supervisor for previous thesis
- I was recommended by another university tutor/another person
- I applied in response to an advertisement/call for candidates
- Other: *(Free text field)*

**G11\_5** How did you come into contact with the supervising tutor(s)?

*Multiple options possible*

- I knew him/her from courses and examinations
- I wrote my undergraduate thesis for him/her/them
- I was a student/graduate assistant to him/her/them
- Other doctoral candidates/PhD students recommended him/her to me
- I didn't know him/her personally before, but approached him/her about the doctorate
- Interest in their personal/ work group's research subject
- Met at a conference/ symposium
- I couldn't choose my supervisor, they were predetermined
- Responded to an advertisement for the position
- Other: *(Free text field)*

**G11\_6 What career path are you aiming for after your doctorate?**  
Academic career (e.g. university, independent research institute, university hospital)  
Non-academic career (e.g. industry, government, self-employed work)  
I want to be open to either an academic or a non-academic career  
I haven't considered this question yet  
Other Plans: *(Free text field)*

**G11\_9 How are you financing your doctorate?**  
Support from parents and/or relatives  
Support from spouse/partner  
Own earnings from contract of employment  
Loan  
Scholarship  
Own private funds  
Other source of finance: *(Free Text Field)*

*If "Own earnings from contract of employment"*

**G11\_10 How many hours per week do you work on your doctorate?**  
Work hours per week: *(Free Text Field)*

**G11\_11 How satisfied are you with progress on your doctorate?**  
*5-step scale: very good to very poor + N/A*

**G11\_12 Why are you doing a doctorate?**  
Reason: *(Free Text Field)*

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*If "I am studying for a master's degree"*

**G12\_2 Which university have you registered with for your postgraduate Master's degree?**  
University of Göttingen  
Other university: *(Free text field)*

*If "other university"*

**G11\_9\_1 What share of your doctorate is financed work?**  
50% post  
65% post  
75% post  
Other, i.e.: *(Free Text Field)*

**G11\_9\_2 For how many semesters does your contract of employment run in total?**  
Numer of semsters: *(Free Text Field)*

**G11\_11\_1 Why precisely are you dissatisfied with the progress on your doctorate?**  
*(Free text field)*

**G11\_11\_2 You have chosen the middle category:  
What exactly are you happy or unhappy with about progress on your doctorate?**  
*(Free text field)*

**G12\_2\_1 Why did you switch to this university?**

(Free text field)

**G12\_3 Which degree programme have you registered for?**

*1st to 4th subject (Free text fields)*

**G12\_4 Was the focus of your studies changed on moving from your Bachelor's degree to the Master's?**

Yes

No

*If Yes*

**G12\_4\_1**

**How has the focus of your studies changed on moving from your Bachelor's degree to the Master's?**

Change of study focus: *(Free text field)*

**G12\_5 How important were the following to your Master's degree?**

*5-step scale: very important to not at all important + N/A*

I was already determined to do a Master's degree even before/during my Bachelor's

Structure of the studies (e.g. consecutive degree programme)

Specialist interest

Possibility of personal development

To gain time to decide on my career

Better earning prospects

Obtain more knowledge

To pursue a profession as a scientist, researcher

Not found suitable work

Research into an interesting topic

To get a doctorate afterwards

Better opportunities on the jobs market

To keep my status as a student

Aiming for a specific professional profile

Little confidence in job opportunities with a Bachelor's degree

Advice from parents/relatives

To do something entirely different

Good reputation of the University

Good ranking of the University

Specialised focus offered by degree programme

Attractiveness of the city/ region

Close to partner/ family

International orientation/ focus of the studies

**SoWi5 Did you have difficulties moving to postgraduate studies after your Bachelor's degree?**

Yes

No

*If Yes*

**SoWi5\_1**

**What difficulties did you have moving to the Master's degree?**

*Multiple options possible*

Achievements weren't recognised

Admission restrictions

Long waiting times

No ongoing financing

Documents/examination results weren't available in time



Had to do additional work/provide performance records  
Missed registration dates  
Limits on course participant numbers  
Waiting list  
Suitability test  
Lack of accommodation  
Yes, other: *(Free text field)*

**Info6** Did you have difficulties moving to postgraduate studies after your Bachelor's degree?

Yes  
No

If "Yes"

**Info6\_1**

**What difficulties did you have moving to the Master's degree?**

*Multiple options possible*

Admissions weren't recognised  
Admission restrictions  
Long waiting times  
No ongoing financing  
Documents/ examination results weren't available in time  
Had to do additional work/ provide performance records  
Missed registration dates  
Limits on course participant numbers  
Waiting list  
Suitability test  
Lack of accommodation  
Yes, other:

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*If "I am studying for a Bachelor's degree"*

**G13\_2** Which university are you studying at?

University of Göttingen  
Other university: *(Free text field)*

If "other university"

**G13\_2\_1**

**Why did you register at this university?**

*(Free text field)*

**G13\_3** What subject/degree programme are you studying?

*1st to 4th subject (Free text field)*

**G13\_4** How important were the following to an additional Bachelor's degree?

*5-step scale: very important to not at all important + N/A*

I was already determined to do a Master's degree even before/during my Bachelor's  
Structure of the studies (e.g. consecutive degree programme)  
Specialist interest  
Possibility of personal development  
To gain time to decide on my career

Better earning prospects  
 Obtain more knowledge  
 To pursue a profession as a scientist, researcher  
 Not found suitable work  
 Research into an interesting topic  
 To get a doctorate afterwards  
 Better opportunities on the jobs market  
 To keep my status as a student  
 Aiming for a specific professional profile  
 Little confidence in job opportunities with a Bachelor's degree  
 Advice from parents/relatives  
 To do something entirely different  
 Good reputation of the University  
 Good ranking of the University  
 Specialised focus offered by degree programme  
 Attractiveness of the city/ region  
 Close to partner/ family  
 International orientation/ focus of the studies

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*If "I am working towards another academic degree"*

**G14\_2 Which university are you studying at?**

University of Göttingen  
 Other university: *(Free text field)*

*If "other university, i.e.:"*

**G14\_2\_1 Why did you register at this university?**  
*(Free text field)*

**G14\_3 What subject/degree programme are you studying?**

*1st to 4th subject (Free text fields)*

**G14\_4 What degree are you taking?**

Academic degree: *(Free text field)*

**G14\_5 How important were the following to your additional studies?**

*5-step scale: very important to not at all important + N/A*  
 Structure of the studies (e.g. consecutive degree programme)  
 Specialist interest  
 Possibility of personal development  
 To gain time to decide on my career  
 Better earning prospects  
 Obtain more knowledge  
 To pursue a profession as a scientist, researcher  
 Not found suitable work  
 Research into an interesting topic  
 To get a doctorate afterwards  
 Better opportunities on the jobs market  
 To keep my status as a student

Aiming for a specific professional profile  
Little confidence in job opportunities with a Bachelor's degree  
Advice from parents/relatives  
To do something entirely different  
Good reputation of the University  
Good ranking of the University  
Specialised focus offered by degree programme  
Attractiveness of the city/ region  
Close to partner/ family  
International orientation/ focus of the studies

[Forwarding to part J \(Between graduation and current situation\)](#)

In the following, we would like to learn more about your situation as a postdoc/while qualifying to become a professor, and how satisfied you are with your current situation and its potential prospects.

## H - Qualifying to become a professor/postdoc

### H1 How do you describe your situation now?

I am qualifying to become a professor [Forwarding to question H11\\_1](#)

I am a postdoc [Forwarding to question H12\\_1](#)

I am a postdoc and qualifying to become a professc [Forwarding to question H13\\_1](#)

*If "I am qualifying to become a professor"*

### H11\_6 For how many semesters have you been doing your qualification for a professorship?

Number of semesters: *(Free text field)*

### H11\_7 In how many semesters do you expect to complete your qualification for a professorship?

Number of semesters: *(Free text field)*

### H11\_2 At which university/institution are you qualifying to become a professor?

University: *(Free text field)*

Institution (including research institutions): *(Free text field)*

Other: *(Free text field)*

### H11\_3 Why did you choose this university/institution?

*(Free text field)*

### H11\_4 In what subject are you qualifying to become a professor?

Subject/degree programme: *(Free text field)*

**H11\_5 What is your main source of finance for the qualification for professorship?**

Support from parents and/or relatives  
Support from spouse/partner  
Own earnings from contract of employment  
Loan  
Scholarship  
Own private funds  
Other source of finance: *(Free Text Field)*

*If "Own earnings from contract of employment"*

**H11\_5\_1 What is your job/profession?**

Description of job/profession: *(Free text field)*

**H11\_5\_2 How many hours a week do you work on average as part of your paid employment?**

Contractual weekly working time (in hours):

Actual working time (in hours):

**H11\_5\_3 How high is your gross monthly income (before deduction of taxes and social insurance costs) including regular monthly bonuses (e.g. shift allowances, productivity bonuses and paid overtime)?**

less than €500

€500-1,000

€1,000-2,000

€2,000-3,000

€3,000-4,000

€4,000-5,000

More than €5,000

Don't know

Prefer not to say

**H11\_4 Who is your employer?**

Employer: *(Free text field)*

**H11\_5 Which industry or economic sector are you working in?**

*Multiple options possible*

Agriculture and forestry, fisheries, mining  
Manufacturing sector, industry, construction  
Retail, hospitality, transport  
Financial services, insurance, real estate  
Academic, technical, economic services  
Information and data processing services  
Media, art, culture, entertainment  
Health, veterinary, social services  
Education, tuition, teaching, research  
Public administration, defence, social insurance  
Associations and federations  
Other: *(Free text field)*

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*If "I am a postdoc"*

**H12\_7 For how many semesters have you been doing your job as a postdoc?**

Number of semesters:

**H12\_8 In how many semesters do you expect to end your job as a postdoc?**

Number of semesters:

**H12\_2 Which university/institution did you take up your postdoc position at?**

University: (Free text field)

Institution (including research institutions): (Free text field)

Other: *(Free text field)*

**H12\_3 Why did you choose this university/institution?**

*(Free text field)*

**H12\_4 In what subject did you take up your postdoc position?**

Subject/degree programme: *(Free text field)*

**H12\_5 How many hours a week do you work on average?**

Contractual weekly working time (in hours):

Actual working time (in hours):

**H12\_6 How high is your gross monthly income (before deduction of taxes and social insurance costs) including regular monthly bonuses (e.g. shift allowances, productivity bonuses and paid overtime)?**

less than €500

€500-1,000

€1,000-2,000

€2,000-3,000

€3,000-4,000

€4,000-5,000

More than €5,000

Don't know

Prefer not to say

**H12\_9 How satisfied are you with your postdoc position?**

*5 scale very satisfies to not satisfied at all*

**H12\_9\_1 Why exactly are you dissatisfied with your postdoc position?**

**H12\_9\_2 You have chosen the middle category:  
What exactly are you happy or unhappy with about your postdoc position?**

**H12\_10 What are your plans for the future after the postdoc position?**

Work in academic research

Qualify to become a professor

Work in industry

Don't know

Other, i.e.:

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*If "I am a postdoc and qualifying to become a professor"*

**H13\_7 For how many semesters have you been doing your post-doctoral qualification for a professorship?**

Number of semesters:

**H13\_8 In how many semesters do you expect to complete your post-doctoral qualification for a professorship?**

Number of semesters:

**H13\_2 Which university/institution did you take up your postdoc position/postdoctoral qualification for professorship at?**

University: *(Free text field)*

Institution (including research institutions): *(Free text field)*

Other: *(Free text field)*

**H13\_3 Why did you choose this university/institution?**

*(Free text field)*

**H13\_4 In what subject did you take up your postdoc position/postdoctoral qualification for professorship?**

Subject/degree programme: *(Free text field)*

**H13\_5 How many hours a week do you work on average?**

Contractual weekly working time (in hours):

Actual working time (in hours):

**H13\_6 How high is your gross monthly income (before deduction of taxes and social insurance costs) including regular monthly bonuses (e.g. shift allowances, productivity bonuses and paid overtime)?**

less than €500

€500-1,000

€1,000-2,000

€2,000-3,000

€3,000-4,000

€4,000-5,000

More than €5,000

Don't know

Prefer not to say

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You state that you are currently not working. We would like to know about more of your further plans for the future.

## I - Not working

### I1 How do you describe your current situation?

I am not earning, but I'm looking for work

*Forwarding to question I11\_1*

[I am not earning and not looking for work](#)

[I am on parental leave](#)

[I am a housewife/househusband, homemaker](#)

[I am taking an extended trip/on holiday](#)

[I am currently taking a break](#)

[Other: \(Free Text Field\)](#)

### I2 Since when have you been in this situation?

Month (mm):

Year (yyyy):

*If "I am not earning, but i'm looking for work"*

### I11\_1 How do you intend to search for a (new) job?

*Multiple options possible*

Application in response to advertised posts (e.g. newspaper, Internet, notice)

Independent contact with employers (speculative/unsolicited application)

Company recruitment fair ("Milk Round")

Through work experience

Through (temp) work

Through the Federal Employment Agency

Via web-based networks (e.g. Xing)/job portal

Networking

Through private employment agencies/headhunters

Through university tutors

Through course work or thesis

Application for a teacher-training post to the centralised process.

With the help of friends, acquaintances or fellow students

With the help of parents or relatives

Other: *(Free text zield)*

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How would you best describe your situation immediately after completing your degree?

## J - Between graduation and current situation

**J1** How do you describe your situation between graduation and your current situation?

*Multiple options possible*

[Nothing has changed in my situation today since graduation](#)

I pursued a freelance career

I was temporarily self-employed in my own business/family business

I temporarily had paid work (e.g. salaried employee, civil servant, trainee)

[Ich war Assistenzarzt/-ärztin und promovierte/promovierte nicht zeitgleich](#)

[I was temporarily in further/continuing education \(e.g. vocational training, candidate for the civil service\), retraining, doing voluntary work](#)

[I had an internship \(legal intern/trainee teacher\)](#)

[I temporarily had unpaid work \(e.g. unpaid work experience\)](#)

[I temporarily started studying or taking a doctorate](#)

[I studied to become a professor/was a postdoc](#)

[I temporarily searched for work](#)

[I was temporarily not working/unemployed](#)

[I was temporarily unfit for work/ long-term sick](#)

[I was temporarily on parental leave or took an extended trip/took a break](#)

[Other: \(Free text field\)](#)

*Forwarding to question Pre\_J12*

*Forwarding to question Pre\_J12*

*Forwarding to question Pre\_J13*

*If "I pursued a freelance career" or "I was temporarily self-employed in my own business/family business"*

**Pre\_J12** How many other freelance/ self-employed jobs did you pursue?

Number:

*If "I temporarily had paid work (e.g. salaried employee, civil servant, trainee)"*

**Pre\_J13** How many other paid jobs have you pursued?

Number:

[Forwarding to part L \(Information about studies\)](#)

Thinking back to your time studying at Göttingen University, please give us a few more impressions below.  
Please restrict your statements to the study phase that you took at Göttingen University.

## L - Information about studies

**L1** From today's perspective, how satisfied are you with your studies/doctorate at the University of Göttingen as a whole?

*5-step scale: very satisfied to very dissatisfied + N/A*

*If "disatisfied"/"very dissatisfied"*

**L1\_1** Why precisely are you dissatisfied with your studies/doctorate at the University of Göttingen?  
*(Free text field)*

*If middle category*

**L1\_2** You have chosen the middle category:  
What exactly do you like/dislike about your studies/doctorate at the University of Göttingen?  
*(Free text field)*

**FILTER:** Bachelor (2 subjects), Bachelor (teacher training), Master of Education

**L2** What subject(s) did you study?

1st subject: *(Free text field)*

2nd subject: *(Free text field)*

3rd subject: *(Free text field)*

4th subject: *(Free text field)*

**FILTER:** only for graduates of a doctorate

**L11** Which graduate school at the University of Göttingen did you do your doctorate at?

Georg August University School of Science (GAUSS)

Göttingen Graduate School of Social sciences (GGG)

Graduate School of Humanities Göttingen (GSGG)

Graduate School Forest and Agricultural Sciences (GFA)

Göttingen Graduate School for Neurosciences, Biophysics and Molecular Biosciences (GGNB)

IMPRS for Genome Science

IMPRS for Molecular Biology

IMPRS for Neurosciences

IMPRS Physics of Biological and Complex Systems

IMPRS for Solar System Science at the University of Göttingen

I was not a member of a graduate school at Göttingen University

**FILTER:** Bachelor (2 subjects) Mathematic without teaching profession

**Mathe5** What profile did you select for your Mathematics studies?

Teaching profile

General studies profile

**FILTER:** MSc Mathematic without teaching profession

**Mathe6** What profile did you select for your Mathematics studies?

General research-oriented profile

"Economathematics" profile

Physics profile

**FILTER:** BSc Mathematik without teaching profession

**Mathe7** What profile did you select for your Mathematics studies?

General research-oriented profile

Practically-oriented profile

Physics-oriented profile

**FILTER:** Bachelor (2 subjects) Computer Science without teaching profession

**Info7** What profile did you select for your Computer Science studies?

Disiplinary profile

Occupation-oriented profile

Teaching profile

General studies profile

**FILTER:** MSc Computer Science without teaching profession

**Info8** What profile did you select for your Computer Science studies?

Applied systems development

Bioinformatics  
Data Science  
Digital Humanities  
Geoinformatics  
Ecological Informatics  
Medical Informatics  
Computational Neuroscience  
Law and Computer Science  
Business Informatics  
Scientific Computing

FILTER: BSc Applied Computer Science without teaching profession

**Info9** **What profile did you select for your Applied computer science studies?**

Application-oriented systems development profile  
Occupation-oriented profile  
Bioinformatics  
Geoinformatics  
Ecological informatics  
Medical informatics  
Law and Computer science  
Business informatics  
Scientific computing  
Computational Neuroscience

FILTER: BA (2 Subjects) Faculty of Humanities

**Philo12** **What profile did you select for your transferable skills?**

Subject-based profile  
Vocational profile  
Teaching profile  
General studies profile

**Jura1** **When did you take your key subject examination?**

Before the compulsory state section  
At the same time as the compulsory state section  
After the compulsory state section

**Jura2** **How long did you prepare for the state examination?**

Up to 6 months  
7 to 12 months  
13 to 24 months  
More than 24 months

**Jura3** **How did you prepare for the compulsory state examination?**

*Multiple options possible*  
With the help of the University's examination course (revision course)  
With the help of the University's written examination course  
With the help a private crammer  
With the help of private study/work groups  
Entirely independently  
Other: *(Free text field)*

**Jura4** **How suitable was the range of courses on offer to prepare for the compulsory state examination at your Faculty/university?**

*5-step scale: extremely to very slightly + Not at all + N/A*

**Jura5** **What final/average grade did you achieve in your compulsory subject examination?**

Points: *(Free text field)*

**Jura6** **To what extent were you able to acquire substantive law skills for the legal clerkship during your studies?**

*5-step scale: extremely to very slightly + Not at all + N/A*

- Jura7** **To what extent did you acquire skills in the following areas during your studies?**  
*5-step scale: extremely to very slightly + Not at all + N/A*  
 Logical thinking  
 Structured working  
 Learning techniques  
 Time management  
 Rhetoric  
 Communication skills/conducting talks  
 Team work  
 Other: *(Free text field)*
- Jura8** **How many hours per week (estimated) did you spent on average on the following activities during your studies?**  
*Divide into: "During lecture time (hours)" and "During lecture-free time (hours)"*  
 Attending teaching sessions  
 Studying activities outside teaching sessions (group work meetings, preparation and review of teaching sessions, etc.)  
 Preparation for examinations  
 Gainful employment (not work experience, etc.)  
 Family obligations  
 Leisure activities  
 Other: *(Free text field)*
- SoWi6** **If - looking back - you had a free choice again, would you ...**  
*5-step scale: very likely to very unlikely + N/A*  
 ... choose the same degree programme?  
 ... choose the same university?  
 ... study again?
- SoWi13** **How do you rate the methodological training on your degree?**  
*5-step scale: very good to very poor + N/A*
- L3** **Did you undertake any career-related work experience during your studies (this does not include laboratory work experience, practical teaching sessions, etc.)?**  
 Yes, compulsory work experience  
 Yes, voluntary work experience  
 No, no work experience
- If Yes*
- L3\_1** **How many career-related work experience placements did you have?**  
 Number of compulsory work experience placements:  
 Number of voluntary work experience placements:
- L3\_2** **How many weeks did the career-related work experience placements last in total?**  
 Duration of compulsory work experience placements:  
 Duration of voluntary work experience placements:
- ZELB1** **How relevant were the compulsory work experience placements to your current job?**  
*5-step scale: highly relevant to not at all relevant + N/A*
- L4** **Did you spend time studying abroad during your studies?**  
 By "time studying abroad" we do not mean your time studying at the University of Göttingen.  
 Yes  
 No
- If Yes*
- L9\_1\_1** **What was the purpose of your time abroad?**  
 Semester abroad  
 Study project  
 Work experience  
 Gainful employment  
 Language course  
 Thesis or dissertation/gathering data/research  
 Voluntary work/social commitment

Practical year  
Medical clerkship  
Conferences/congresses/meetings  
Summer School  
Extended trip  
Other: *(Free text field)*

L9\_1\_2 **Which country were you in?**  
*(Free text field)*

L9\_1\_3 **How long were you abroad?**  
Duration (in month): *(Free text field)*

L9\_1\_4 **Which sponsorship programme funded your time abroad?**  
I received no funding for my study abroad  
Scholarship from a university in Germany  
Other educational grant from Germany (for example Heinrich Böll, Konrad Adenauer, Friedrich Ebert, Studienstift. d. Dt. volkes, RISE, Carlo Schmidt))  
Scholarship from the host university (abroad) (EWAH)  
Other sponsorship from abroad (e.g. Regierungsstipendien (DUO Korea, CSC, JASSO, JSPS etc.)  
PROMOS (DAAD)  
Other DAAD scholarships (e.g. DAAD Jahresstipendien, ANPTI, Go East etc.)  
Foreign BAföG  
EU program (ERASMUS+ KA 103, KA 107, ERASMUS Mundus Programme etc.)  
LEONARDO DA VINCI II grant  
Franco-German Youth Office (FGYO)  
PAD  
DFG (BMBF)  
Go4Med  
Student initiative (AIESEC, BVMD, ELSA, IAESTE etc.)  
Schorlemer Foundation  
Fulbright Commission  
Other: *(Free text field)*

L9\_1\_5 **Did you receive Credits for your study abroad that counted towards your degree?**  
Yes  
No

L9\_1\_6 **Did you spend any other time abroad while you were at the University of Göttingen?**  
Yes *(Repeat questions from Question L9\_1\_1)*  
No

*If No*

L10 **Why did you not go abroad while you were at University of Göttingen?**  
Reason: *(Free text field)*

FILTER: if Part B, C, D, E, F, H

L4\_x **How relevant was your time abroad for your current work?**  
*5-step scale: highly relevant to not at all relevant + I cannot judge + N/A*

L5 **Whilst you were studying did you gain professional experience relevant to your studies?**  
**(e.g. student assistant, graduate assistant, tutor)**

*Multiple options possible*  
*At the University of Göttingen*  
Yes, as student assistant  
Yes, as graduate assistant  
Yes, as tutor  
Yes, other: *(Free text field)*

Outside the University of Göttingen

Job/work: (Free text field)

No

If Yes

L5\_x

How many months did you work as a tutor, student assistant and/or graduate assistant?

Duration of appointment as graduate assistant:

L6

Were you an active volunteer during the period of your studies?

(e.g. charity work, student autonomy/university politics)

Yes

No

If Yes

L6\_1

Where were you an active volunteer?

(Free text field)

L6\_2

For how long were you an active volunteer?

Duration ((in Month): (Free text field)

Since today

L6\_3

Did you receive Credits for your voluntary work that counted towards your degree?

Yes

No

FILTER: not medicine

L7

To what extent were the following abilities/skills learned during your studies at the University of Goettingen?

5-step scale: extremely to very slightly + Not at all + N/A

Command of own subject, own discipline

Ability to develop new ideas and solutions

Ability to assert oneself

Ability to adapt to changed circumstances

Ability to write reports, memos or similar texts

Ability to carry out computer-based work (e.g. with special software, media and Internet skills)

Ability to apply scientific methods

Ability to think and act effectively

Ability to motivate others

Ability to think in multidisciplinary terms

Analytical abilities

Ability to write and speak a foreign language

Ability to question own ideas and ideas of others

Ability to work efficiently towards a goal

Ability to recognise and remedy gaps in own knowledge

Ability to organise oneself and one's working process effectively

Ability to work productively with others

Ability to work well under pressure

Ability to handle intercultural relationships

Ability to present products, ideas or reports to an audience

Ability to operate in diverse/ intercultural contexts

FILTER: only medicine

Medizin17

To what extent were the following abilities/skills learned during your studies at the University of Goettingen?

5-step scale: extremely to very slightly + Not at all + N/A

Expertise in own subject

Ability to use academic methods (researching databases and literature)

Ability to think and act effectively

Ability to motivate others

Ability to think in multidisciplinary terms

Ability to write and speak a foreign language  
 Ability to recognise and remedy gaps in own knowledge  
 Ability to handle intercultural relationships  
 Ability to communicate with others involved in patient care and assert myself with my colleagues  
 Confidence when carrying out physical examinations (with and without basic aids)  
 Ability to provide patients with structured consultations and advice  
 Ability to carry out medical procedures (e.g. sutures, injections, dressings, making a medication plan)  
 Ability to identify indications for laboratory tests and interpret findings confidently  
 Ability to document findings and patient contact

FILTER: only working

**L8** In retrospect, would you have liked the University of Göttingen to have offered additional qualifications?

Yes, i.e.: *(Free text field)*

No

**SoWi7** Did you acquire a professional qualification before your studies?

Yes, which: *(Free text field)*

No

FILTER: only master

**Bio1** Did you also take your Bachelor's degree at the University of Göttingen?

Yes

No

*If No*

**Bio1\_1** At which university did you take your Bachelor's degree?

University:

**Bio1\_2** What use did you make of the supervisory services at this university?

*5-step scale: very good to very poor + Not used/Not noticed + N/A*

**Bio\_3** What use did you make of the advisory services on offer at this university?

*5-step scale: very good to very poor + Not used/Not noticed + N/A*

FILTER: all biology graduates

**Bio4** Did you find the study structure transparent?

*5-step scale: very good to very poor + N/A*

**Bio5** How well did you feel you were informed on your *(insert degree programme)* as a whole?

*5-step scale: very good to very poor + N/A*

**Bio6** What sources of information did you use to learn about your *(insert degree programme)*?

*Multiple options possible*

Faculty website

Student Advisory Service blog

Information events

Student Advisory Service through the admissions office of the Faculty of Biology and Psychology

Course group/student body of the Faculty of Biology and Psychology

Departmental studies advice from teaching staff at the Faculty of Biology and Psychology

Central Student Advisory Service

Communication with fellow students

StudIP

IPS2

UniVZ

Other: *(Free text field)*

**Bio7** Would you recommend studying *(insert degree programme)* at Göttingen to others?

Yes – absolutely

Yes – to some extent

No

*If Yes, to some extent*

**Bio7\_1** You state that you would recommend studying *(insert degree programme)* to some extent, what are your reasons for this?

*Multiple options possible*

Private/family situation



I don't like the city of Göttingen  
Study content did not match my interests  
Organisation of studies confusing  
Other reasons: *(Free text field)*

*If No*

**Bio7\_2** You state that you would not recommend studying (insert degree programme), what are your reasons for this?

*Multiple options possible*

Private/family situation  
I don't like the city of Göttingen  
Study content did not match my interests  
Organisation of studies confusing  
Other reasons: *(Free text field)*

**Bio8** If – looking back – you had the choice again, would you....

...choose the same degree programme at the Faculty of Biology and Psychology?  
...choose the same university?  
... choose another university?  
...study another degree programme?  
...study again?

*if an other university*

**Bio8\_1** You state that retrospectively you would have chosen another university for your studies in (insert degree programme). What are your reasons for this?

*Multiple options possible*

Private/family situation  
I don't like the city of Göttingen  
Study content did not match my interests  
Organisation of studies confusing  
Other reasons: *(Free text field)*

*if an other degree programme*

**Bio8\_2** You state that retrospectively you would have chosen another subject. What are your reasons for this?

*Multiple options possible*

Private/family situation  
I don't like the city of Göttingen  
Study content did not match my interests  
Organisation of studies confusing  
Other reasons: *(Free text field)*

FILTER: all graduates of the faculty of Biology and Psychology but not the psychologist graduates

**Bio9** How do you assess the practical part of your (insert degree programme)?

*5-step scale: far too little, too little, just right, too much, far too much + N/A*

FILTER: all graduates of the faculty of Biology and Psychology but not the psychologist graduates

**Bio10** How well were you prepared for the internships and the dissertation/thesis by the theoretical material in the lectures?

*5-step scale: very good to very poor + N/A*

**Bio11** Please assess the advice and support given by:

*5-step scale: very good to very poor + N/A*

Teaching staff from the Faculty of Biology and Psychology  
The admissions office of the Faculty of Biology and Psychology  
The examination office of the Faculty of Biology and Psychology  
The course group/student body of the Faculty of Biology and Psychology  
The Central Student Advisory Service

**Physik1** Wie gut hat Sie das Studium auf Ihre Abschlussarbeit vorbereitet?

*5-step scale: very good to very poor + N/A*

**Philo10** How do you rate the advice and support given by ...

*5-step scale: very good to very poor + N/A*

Teaching staff at the Faculty of Philosophy  
Academic studies advisors at the Faculty of Philosophy  
The Student Advisory Service of the Office of the Dean of Studies of the Faculty of Philosophy  
The Examination Office of the Faculty of Philosophy  
The subject groups/ student body of the Faculty of Philosophy  
The Central Student Advisory Service

**Philo11** What suggestions would you give the Faculty of Philosophy to improve its advice and support?  
suggestion: *(Free text field)*

**ZELB2** Did you take the supplementary programme Lehramt-PLUS courses whilst you were at the University of Göttingen?  
Yes  
No

*if Yes*

**ZELB2\_1** How relevant was the supplementary programme Lehramt-PLUS to your current job?  
*5-step scale: highly relevant to not at all relevant + N/A*

**ZELB3** How helpful were the following sources of information at the Centre for Teacher Training (ZELB, Zentrale Einrichtung für Lehrerbildung) to you completing your degree?  
*5-step scale: Very helpful to Not at all helpful + Not used + N/A*  
ZELB homepage  
ZELB information material (e.g. ZELB brochure, flyer)  
ZELB personal advice services

[Forwarding to part M \(Personal details\)](#)

For statistical purposes we need a few details about yourself and your family. Please note that your data will be completely anonymous when it is analysed, and absolutely no conclusions can be drawn about you personally.

## M - Personal Details

**N.B.:** Many students at the University of Göttingen have motor, sensory, organic, psychological and/or cognitive disorders that can make studying more difficult. The heterogeneity of these students becomes especially clear when the question of how to address them arises. There are a number of terms, but none on which the majority can agree. We have therefore decided to use the standard term “health impediments” in the questionnaire. Please excuse this if you prefer another term.

**M1** **Did you have one or more disabilities, chronic diseases or mental disorders during your studies?**

Yes  
No

*If Yes*

**M1\_1**

**Please rank your impediments in order.**

*Multiple options possible*

Motor/mobility impediment

Visual impediment/blindness

Hearing impediment/deafness

Linguistic/speech impediment

Psychological impediment/mental disorder (e.g. psychosis, depression, eating disorder, addiction)

Chronic somatic disorder (e.g. allergies, asthma, gastrointestinal disorder, diabetes, rheumatism, MS)

Specific learning disability (e.g. dyslexia, dyscalculia)

Other impediment, i.e.: *(Free text field)*

N/A

**M1\_2**

**Do you have/did you have a disabled person's pass?**

Yes, with a degree of disability (GdB) of:

No, because the degree of disability was rated lower than 50.

No, because no disability was established.

No, I did not apply for one.

**N.B.:** People with personal and/or familial experience of migration are currently usually termed persons with a “migration background”. This term may not be relevant to you personally or you may find it discriminatory. However numerous academic studies indicate that a real or ascribed “migration background” can lead to disadvantages in the transition from studying to work. For this questionnaire we have therefore decided to record the “migration background”, because otherwise structural barriers that may be present might not be recognised. Please excuse this if you prefer another term.

**M2** **What is your nationality?**

*Multiple options possible*

German nationality

Other nationalities/other nationality: *(Free text field)*

N/A

**M3 Have you changed your nationality?**

Yes  
No  
N/A

*If Yes*

**M3\_1**

**What was your previous nationality?**

Nationality: *(Free text field)*

**M4 Where were you born?**

In Germany  
In another Country, i.e.: *(Free text field)*  
N/A

**SoWi8 Where do you live now?**

In Germany: *(Free text field)*  
In another country: *(Free text field)*

**M8 Were was your father/mother born?**

In Germany  
In another country, i.e.: *(Free text field)*  
Keine Angabe

**What is your father's/mother's nationality?**

German  
Other, i.e.: *(Free text field)*  
N/A

**SoWi10 What are your parents' highest educational qualifications?**

*Mother and father separated*

Don't know

No educational qualifications

Junior/senior school qualification or secondary school with graduation from 8th or 9th grade

O-level equivalent, high school certificate or secondary school with graduation from 10th grade

Technical college entrance qualification, Abitur (German university entrance qualification) or high school with graduation from 12th grade

Other: *(Free text field)*

**SoWi11 What professional status do or did your parents last have?**

*Mother and father separated*

*Labourer*

Foreman, burnisher

Assistant foreman, group leader

Skilled labourer and craftsman

Unskilled/semi-skilled worker

*Salaried employee*

Managerial employee

Academically-qualified employee with middle managerial role

Academically-qualified employee without managerial role

Qualified employee (e.g. clerk)

Operating employee (e.g. sales, secretarial)

*Self-employed*

Self-employed in a freelance profession

Self-employed entrepreneur

Self-employed on contract work

*Civil servant*

Higher grade civil servant

Senior civil servant

Lower/middle grade civil servant

Temporary civil service work (e.g. student teacher)

*Other work*

Other: *(Free text field)*

**M7 Are you ascribed a migration background (e.g. because of your accent, skin colour or name)?**

Yes

Yes and I perceive myself as a person with a migration background

No

N/A

**M9 Do you have children living with you in the household?**

Yes

No

N/A

*If Yes*

**M9\_1**

**When were your children born?**

Year first child born:

Year second child born:

Year third child born:

Year fourth child born:

**M9\_2** As a rule, who is involved in looking after your child/children in the daytime?

*Multiple options possible*

I take care of them myself

My partner

Child minder, babysitter, au pair

Crèche, kindergarten or afternoon childcare centre

Parents, other relatives or friends

No care needed

Other: *(Free text field)*

**M9\_3** Did you extend your studies because of being a parent/ looking after a child?

Yes

No

*If Yes*

**M9\_3\_1** How many more semesters did you study because of being a parent/looking after a child?  
semester: *(Free text field)*

**M9\_4** Did you take leave from your studies because of being a parent/ looking after a child?

Yes

No

*If Yes*

**M9\_4\_1** How many semesters did you take leave for during your studies?  
semester: *(Free text field)*

**M9\_5** Would you have liked the opportunity to study part-time because of being a parent/ looking after a child?

Yes

No

**M9\_6** How compatible did you find the study content was with being a parent?

*5-step scale: very good to very poor + N/A*

[Forwarding to part N \(Comments and suggestions\)](#)

We would like to hear your feedback on various points. We would be very happy if you would share your criticism or praise with us to help us improve the services and structures we offer in connection with studying.

## N - Comments and suggestions

- N1** What did you especially like about your studies at the University of Göttingen?  
*(Free Text Field)*
- N2** What did you not like about your studies at the University of Göttingen?  
*(Free Text Field)*
- N3** What important changes do you believe should be made at the University of Göttingen/to your degree programme?  
*(Free Text Field)*
- N4** Was there anything that you missed on your studies (e.g. study focus, skills development)?  
*(Free Text Field)*
- N5** Other comments (e.g. to improve the questionnaire?)  
*(Free Text Field)*

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## Conclusion

Thank you for taking part in the graduate survey of the University of Göttingen for the examination year 2017.

For data protection reasons and to ensure the anonymity of your data you must register separately for the lottery or to be sent a copy of the results. To do this please follow this [link](#).

We wish you every success in your professional career.

Yours faithfully,  
Your Graduate Survey Team

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Only graduates who take part in the survey will be included in the draw for the incentives.  
The judges' decision is final in the contest.