

Graduate Student Council Lab Review Survey

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Please take a few moments to fill out this survey. The Graduate Student Council is conducting this survey in an effort to improve the advising system, and provide a resource for incoming students in selecting an advisor. The results of this survey are posted at <http://labreviews.caltech.edu>.

Your responses will be kept anonymous and used only to generate aggregate statistics (we will wait for at least 3 surveys from different individuals before publishing). Please fill out a separate survey for each Principal Investigator with whom you have worked, including any with whom you did not finish your degree.

A. Are you a...? (check one) ___ Graduate student ___ Alumnus/a

B. Principal Investigator: _____

C. Department: _____

D. How long were you this P.I.'s advisee? _____

E. Gender (optional)? ___ Male ___ Female

Please circle to rank your advisor/lab from 1 to 5 on each of the following items (note: 5 is not necessarily better or worse than 1; rather, the ratings are intended to provide descriptions of an advisor/lab that can help a student pick the best match for him/her). Circle N/A if you do not have an answer, or do not wish to answer.

Unless otherwise specified, 1 means little or not much and 5 means a lot or much.

1. How available was your advisor when you wanted to meet with him/her?	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
2. Was your advisor hands off (1) or hands on (5)?	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
3. Was your advisor more inclined to support experimental work (1), theory and modeling (5) or both (3)?	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
4. How much freedom did students have to choose their own research project?	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
5. Did you have a thesis committee?	Y	N				
6. How much freedom did your supervisor give students to select faculty members for their thesis committee?	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
7. How effective was your advisor at laying out a plan of what needed to be done for you to get your thesis done?	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
8. How much did you value the advice of your advisor (e.g. has great ideas, is a great troubleshooter...)?	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
9. How much mentorship did senior students and postdocs provide in this lab?	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
10. How willing was your advisor to support you, advocate for you and push for your advancement?	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
11. How encouraging was your advisor about sending his/her students to conferences?	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
12. How hard (1) or easy (5) was it for you to get the financial support for purchases you needed to pursue your thesis work?	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
13. How effective and fair was your advisor at resolving conflicts?	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
14. How highly do you regard the personal ethic of your advisor?	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
15. How warm was the advisor/advisee relationship in this lab?	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
16. How collaborative was the atmosphere of this lab?	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
17. Did you graduate with a degree from this lab?	Y	N				
18. How many years did it take to graduate?	2	3	4	5	6	7 8+ N/A