About the Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education Survey

The survey we are asking you to take part in is a national survey of everyone who has recently qualified from any university or HE college in the UK. The information you provide will also be very useful to us at the University of Surrey to advise our current students about the opportunities that might be available to them.

In 2014/15, there were 237,425 (257,395 in 2013/14) full-time first degree UK and EU leavers whose destinations were known, 70% (165,930) were in employment (either in the UK or overseas) and were not also studying. 6% (13,900) were unemployed compared to 7% (16,730) in 2013/14.


If we don’t hear from you we will try to contact you again, possibly by phone, so please let us know if you change your email address or phone number. If we can’t get in touch with you at all, we may try to get information about what you were doing from someone else, either at the University of Surrey or someone we can reach using the contact information you have previously provided. If you don’t want us to do this, or you don’t want to give us any
information at all, please tell us. Below are details about what happens to your information after it is sent to us.

A follow-up survey is planned for three years’ time so that we can get even more information about the early careers of those with HE qualifications. You might be asked to take part in this follow-up survey as well, which will be carried out by a different organisation. The current survey may also be audited – that is, checked to make sure it has been carried out correctly. If you don’t want to take part in the follow-up survey, or to be contacted during an audit, please let us know. You can also let us know that you do not want to take part in the follow-up survey by ticking the box at the end of the questionnaire.

What happens to your information

The Employability & Careers Centre co-ordinates the collection of data for the Destination of Leavers from Higher Education Survey and passes the information confidentially only to the Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) and within the University. The uses that HESA makes of your survey responses are described in detail here: https://www.hesa.ac.uk/about/regulation/data-protection/notices/dlhe-c16018.

Information you provide in this survey will help the University to advise current students and graduates about opportunities available to them. It will also help Faculties and Administrative units to plan, review and market courses. University use of the data is bound by the Data Protection Act 1998.

We will share contact details and limited data with the Alumni and Development Office to help them maintain and strengthen your relationship with the University in a way that is relevant to you. Company data may be shared with the Technology Transfer team in order to inform the The Higher Education Business and Community Interaction Survey (HEBCIS). All information we share with the Alumni and Development Office and the Technology Transfer team is handled in accordance with the University’s Privacy Policy, available on the University of Surrey www.surrey.ac.uk/about/corporate/policies/data_protection_policy.htm.

If you would prefer that we not use your information in these ways, please contact the Employability & Careers Centre by emailing careers@surrey.ac.uk

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