



# CREOL, The College of Optics and Photonics

## PhD Student Exit Survey

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ PID: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

How many refereed journal publications did you author as a result of your PhD work?

Of these, how many were you first author?

How many conference papers did you present at professional meetings?

On how many conference papers in total were you an author?

Were you funded continually through your time here?

How useful do you feel studying for your qualifying exam was?

How would you rate the PhD core courses?

Did you find the PhD core courses to be useful?

Which core course did you find most useful?

Which core course did you find least useful?

Which upper-level courses did you find most useful?

## Employment

What is your preferred choice for your career path: employment in industry or academia?

Do you have a job now?

Yes

No

If yes, is the job:

a. Relevant to the field of optics? \_\_\_\_\_

b. What is the name of your employer company and your title?

c. If you have a job, what is your salary? (This information is kept confidential and only used for record-keeping purposes)

If you do not currently have employment:

a. Do you have offers?

Yes

No

Name of Employer Company \_\_\_\_\_

Starting Salary \_\_\_\_\_

b. Do you have interviews?

Yes

No

Preparation For Your Career

Do you feel that the Optics PhD program has prepared you adequately to start your career?

Yes      No

If you answered NO above, what could we have done to better help you prepare?

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Considering your path towards graduation, please check each box that you believed helped in preparing you for your career:

- ☐ Coursework matched knowledge needed
- ☐ Writing reports for publications provided experience for writing for publication after graduation
- ☐ Experience in speaking at conferences helped improve confidence in public speaking
- ☐ Other (please describe): \_\_\_\_\_

Services Provided

If you used technical common-use facilities, such as cleanroom/workshop, please rate your experience:

Excellent      Very Good      Good      Fair      Poor

Please comment on any good/bad experiences:

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Please rate your interactions with administrative staff of the college. (Ex: Personnel, Travel, Purchasing, Programs, etc.)

Excellent      Very Good      Good      Fair      Poor

Please comment on any good/bad experiences:

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Please rate your interactions with administrative staff of the university. (Ex: Graduate College, International Services Center, etc.)

Excellent      Very Good      Good      Fair      Poor

Please comment on any good/bad experiences:

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Periodically (maximum three times each year) we will contact you ask how you are doing and/or to invite you to Alumni Events. Please provide an email where we can contact you after graduation (not your KnightsMail account, a personal/regularly used one that can be accessed after graduation).

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