

Media Release: *University Experience Survey 2013*

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Largest Student Survey Under Way

The largest survey of Australian higher education students has just commenced, with over 400,000 students to be invited to provide feedback about their university experience. The University Experience Survey (UES) is being conducted in 2013 to help universities and government gain insight into students' experiences at university, and use this information to improve teaching and learning in Australia.

The survey, administered by Graduate Careers Australia in association with the Social Research Centre, is funded by Department of Industry, Innovation, Climate Change, Science, Research and Tertiary Education and asks first and later year undergraduate students from all Australian universities and all study areas a series of questions aimed at assessing their views of:

- teaching quality;
 - for example, did students feel intellectually stimulated;
- skills development;
 - for example, has the course helped to develop the students' critical thinking skills;
- learner engagement;
 - for example, do students feel a sense of belonging to their universities;
- student support;
 - for example, have support services (counsellors, advisors and health services) been available and helpful; and
- learning resources;
 - for example, how do students rate their lecture theatres, tutorial rooms, labs, common areas and library and information technology resources.

Students selected to participate in the UES will be contacted between August and October, with the first reports of results due in December 2013.

Dr Noel Edge, Executive Director of Graduate Careers Australia, said, "The UES confirms the Australian higher education sector's intentions to continually develop and to offer a world class education to all students."

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