**SURVEY ON THESIS EXPERIENCE (2018-2019)**

Each year we evaluate and, if necessary, make changes to our timeline and support structure for thesis work. Your feedback on this survey is an important part of this evaluation process that helps us improve the thesis experience for future MES students. Please take a few minutes to complete this survey. Circle the number that best represents your answer to each question. If you wish, you may provide additional information in the comment space provided.

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The thesis requirement was a major reason for my decision to enroll in the MES program.

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Comments:

The thesis project contributed to my intellectual development (e.g. critical thinking, data analysis, writing).

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Comments:

The thesis project contributed to my professional development (e.g. specialized knowledge, technical skills, collaboration or networking).

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Comments:

The public presentation was a valuable opportunity for me to share and receive feedback on the most important elements of my thesis research.

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Comments:

I received valuable support for my thesis work in the first-year core sequence (gCORE, ESS, RDQM).

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Comments:

I received valuable support for my thesis work in Case Studies and Research Design (fall quarter).

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Comments:

I received valuable support for my thesis work in the thesis workshop (winter and spring quarters).

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Comments:

I received valuable support for my thesis work from my peer review group (winter and spring quarters).

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Comments:

I received valuable support for my thesis work from my faculty advisor / reader.

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Comments:

I received valuable support for my thesis work from other MES core faculty beyond my faculty advisor/reader.

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Comments:

I received valuable support for my thesis work from experts beyond Evergreen (e.g. advisors in government agencies, NGOs, private sector).

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Comments:

**TIMELINE**

How long was your MES experience?

\_\_\_\_\_ Two years \_\_\_\_\_ Three years \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

When did you pick your thesis topic?

\_\_\_\_\_ Before I started the MES program

\_\_\_\_\_ During my first year

\_\_\_\_\_ During the summer before Case Studies

\_\_\_\_\_ During Case Studies

\_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

When did you start collecting data for your thesis?

\_\_\_\_\_ During my first year

\_\_\_\_\_ During the summer before Case Studies

\_\_\_\_\_ During Case Studies

\_\_\_\_\_ During the winter after Case Studies

\_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

The overall timeline for designing, researching, and writing the thesis makes sense in relation to other components of the program. (If you disagree or strongly disagree, please indicate how you would modify the existing timeline).

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Comments:

**EXPENSES**

When you began your thesis work, what were your estimated out-of-pocket expenses for your research?

What kind of support, if any, did you receive through fellowships or grants to reduce your out-of-pocket expenses?

Upon completion of your research, how much did you contribute in out-of-pocket expenses to support your thesis work? (Please be specific in your breakdown of expenses. Note that this does not include cost-of-living expenses.)

**PAY IT FORWARD**

If you could give one piece of advice for a student about to start their thesis, what would it be?