Frequently asked questions

We’re keen to make sure postgraduate students have the best possible experience while studying at the University of Warwick. To do that we need to know what you think we are doing well and what we can do better. If you’re thinking about taking part this year, these are the answers to some of the questions students often ask:

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What is it?

The Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey or PTES is a national survey of postgraduate Taught students inviting them to comment on their course and experience. The questionnaire takes around 15 minutes to complete.

Why should I take part?

The Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey is your chance to tell us your thoughts about your course. The results help us compare how we are doing with other institutions, to make changes that will improve what we do in future and to keep doing the things that you value. This will help improve the experience of students like you in the future.

What does it cover?

PTES concentrates on your course and includes:
- motivations for taking the course;
- information you were given to help choose your course;
- your experience of teaching and learning;
- the organisation of your course;
- assessment and dissertation (or major project);
- career development.

It will also include a few extra questions about issues that are particularly relevant to us and to students at Warwick such as space, community and induction.
What happens to the results?

Your feedback is important. Over one hundred universities and colleges take part. This means we can compare your experience against similar postgraduates at other institutions to see if we are supporting your learning as we should. We use the findings to improve our courses and the learning experience for future students. To see details of changes made as a result of student feedback please visit warwick.ac.uk/ptes.

Is it anonymous?

The survey is confidential and no-one will be able to identify you from any results. The survey asks that any comments you make should not identify yourself or any specific members of staff.

What do I need to do?

You will receive an email with a link to the questionnaire on 28 April 2016. Simply click on the link, enter in your username and password and complete the online form. The survey is open until 16 June 2016.

Where can I find out more?

If you are unsure about anything to do with the survey, or have any difficulty, please see your course or course leader, or contact graduateschool@warwick.ac.uk.