Decline Offer Survey

Thank you for considering the University of Washington during your search for a graduate degree program. We understand that many factors influence each applicant’s decision in selecting his or her ideal program. Please take a few minutes to respond to this brief survey. Your feedback will support our ongoing efforts to improve our programs and admissions processes. Thank you for your time and your insight. Note: If you have any questions about how your responses will be used, please view our data management plan.

Q1 Why did you decline the University of Washington’s offer?
- Plan to attend another university or program (1)
- Decided not to pursue graduate studies at this time (2)

If “Decided not to pursue graduate studies at this time” is selected, then skip to Q14, otherwise continue to Q2.
Q2 Which university will you be attending?
- American University (366)
- Arizona State University (367)
- Boston University (368)
- Brown University (439)
- Cal Tech (440)
- Carnegie-Mellon University (369)
- Columbia University (370)
- Cornell University (371)
- City University of New York (441)
- Dartmouth (442)
- Duke University (372)
- Emory University (373)
- George Washington University (374)
- Georgetown University (375)
- Georgia Institute of Technology (376)
- Harvard University (377)
- Indiana University, Bloomington (378)
- Johns Hopkins University (379)
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology (380)
- Michigan State University (381)
- New York University (382)
- Northwestern University (383)
- Ohio State University (384)
- Oregon State University (385)
- Pennsylvania State University (443)
- Portland State University (386)
- Princeton University (387)
- Purdue University (388)
- Rice University (389)
- Rutgers University (390)
- San Jose State University (CSU San Jose) (444)
- Simmons College (391)
- Smith College (445)
- Stanford University (392)
- Syracuse University (393)
- Texas A&M University, College Station (394)
- Tufts University (395)
- University of Arizona (396)
- University of British Columbia (446)
- University of California, Berkeley (397)
- University of California, Davis (398)
- University of California, Irvine (399)
- University of California, Los Angeles (400)
☐ University of California, San Diego (401)
☐ University of California, San Francisco (402)
☐ University of California, Santa Barbara (403)
☐ University of Chicago (404)
☐ University of Cincinnati (405)
☐ University of Colorado, Boulder (406)
☐ University of Colorado, Denver (407)
☐ University of Connecticut (408)
☐ University of Denver (409)
☐ University of Florida (410)
☐ University of Georgia (447)
☐ University of Hawaii (411)
☐ University of Illinois, Chicago (412)
☐ University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign (413)
☐ University of Iowa (414)
☐ University of Kentucky (415)
☐ University of Maryland (416)
☐ University of Massachusetts, Amherst (417)
☐ University of Massachusetts, Worcester (418)
☐ University of Michigan, Ann Arbor (419)
☐ University of Minnesota, Twin Cities (420)
☐ University of Missouri, Columbia (421)
☐ University of New Mexico (422)
☐ University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill (423)
☐ University of Notre Dame (424)
☐ University of Oregon (425)
☐ University of Pennsylvania (426)
☐ University of Pittsburgh (427)
☐ University of Southern California (428)
☐ University of Texas, Austin (429)
☐ University of Utah (430)
☐ University of Virginia (431)
☐ University of Washington (432)
☐ University of Wisconsin, Madison (433)
☐ Vanderbilt University (434)
☐ Washington University, St. Louis (435)
☐ Yale University (436)
☐ Undecided (437)
☐ Other (438)
If a university is selected, continue to Q5. If “Undecided” is selected, continue to Q3. If “Other” is selected, skip to Q4.

Q3 Which universities are you most seriously considering?

Q4 Please write the name of the university you plan to attend:

Q5 What will be your field of study/degree program?

Q6 Please indicate where you ranked the University of Washington when you applied for graduate study:
   - First choice (1)
   - Second choice (2)
   - Third choice (3)
   - Lower (4)
Q7 Please rate the following factors in terms of how important they were in deciding where you would attend:

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<th>Factor</th>
<th>Not Important (1)</th>
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<td>Reputation or ranking of program (1)</td>
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<td>Curricular emphasis, program structure, or faculty scholarship (6)</td>
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<td>Support service or program (student parent center, diversity program, disability resources, etc.) (9)</td>
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<td>Other (10)</td>
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If “Very Important” or “Critically Important” are selected for “Funding package offered” then continue to Q8. Otherwise skip to Q12.

Q8 If the University of Washington had offered you the same funding package as the institution you plan to attend, would you have chosen the University of Washington instead?
○ Yes (1)
○ No (2)

Q9 Please let us know which of the following funding options you were offered by the University of Washington and the institution you plan to attend. Please select ALL that apply even if they are part of the same funding package.

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<th>Institution You Plan To Attend</th>
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Q10 How many years of guaranteed funding were you offered by the University of Washington and the institution you plan to attend?

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<th>1 Year (2)</th>
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Q11 Estimating as accurately as possible, the funding package you received from the institution you plan to attend was:
- ☐ Less than UW's offer (1)
- ☐ Comparable to UW's offer (2)
- ☐ $0 - $2,500 per year more than UW's offer (3)
- ☐ $2,500 - $5,000 per year more than UW's offer (4)
- ☐ Over $5,000 per year more than UW's offer (5)

Q12 Please rate your overall experience with the UW program's admissions process and the individuals with whom you interacted during the admissions process including faculty.
- ☐ Very Dissatisfied (1)
- ☐ Dissatisfied (2)
- ☐ Neutral (3)
- ☐ Satisfied (4)
- ☐ Very Satisfied (5)

Q13 Do you have any additional comments about the factors that influenced your decision to attend another institution or about the UW program's admissions process?

1,000 character maximum.
Q24 Were you able to visit the University of Washington prior to making your decision?
✔ Yes, I attended a department/program sponsored prospective student program. (1)
✔ Yes, I visited campus and spoke with faculty/staff/or students outside of a department sponsored event. (2)
✔ No, I did not visit the campus before making my decision. (3)

Q23 Your response to the following prompt will assist us in better understanding the population of prospective students who apply to our graduate programs and help inform our efforts to be responsive to the needs of graduate students from diverse backgrounds. Please indicate the highest level of education attained by each of your parents or guardians:

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**End of Survey** for those who selected “Plan to attend another university or program” for Q1.
Additional Items for those who selected “Decided not to pursue graduate studies at this time” for Q1.

Q14 Please let us know why you are not pursuing graduate education at this time (select all that apply).
- Personal or family considerations (1)
- Financial concerns or insufficient funding opportunities (2)
- Employment, internship, or service opportunity (3)
- Visa or immigration issues (4)
- Other (5) ____________________

Q15 Do you plan to re-apply to the University of Washington in the next year or two?
- Yes (1)
- No (2)
- Not Sure (3)

Q16 Please rate your overall experience with the UW program’s admissions process and the individuals with whom you interacted during the admissions process including faculty.
- Very Dissatisfied (1)
- Dissatisfied (2)
- Neutral (3)
- Satisfied (4)
- Very Satisfied (5)

Q17 Do you have any additional comments about why you decided not to pursue graduate education right now or about the UW program’s admissions process?

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