



## AUSTRALIAN GRADUATE SURVEY

### *Frequently Asked Questions*

#### ***Why is the Australian Graduate Survey conducted?***

The *Australian Graduate Survey* is a national survey conducted by all Australian universities.

The purpose of the survey is to:

- improve students course experience
- understand employment outcomes to assist career advisers and students make informed career and study decisions
- understand further study needs
- assist employers to develop recruitment policies and programs
- assist higher education institutions in their strategic planning

#### ***Who conducts the survey?***

The survey is designed and co-ordinated by Graduate Careers Australia (GCA). GCA is a peak body with representatives from universities and government, as well as graduate recruiters. La Trobe University works with GCA to conduct the survey of all students who have completed a La Trobe University course in 2009. The survey is conducted twice a year in October and April with course and postgraduate research graduates.

#### ***Are my answers confidential?***

Yes, all your answers will remain confidential and will not be used for any other purpose. La Trobe University and GCA abide by strict Privacy legislation and the data is aggregated into grouped responses so that no individual can be identified.

#### ***What happens if I do not complete the survey?***

Your responses are important to us and we want to hear about all course experiences, positive and negative. If we do not hear from you we will send several reminders from November onwards. Once your completed survey is received by La Trobe University your name will be removed from our follow up reminder process.

#### ***Does this survey apply to me if I am an Honours student?***

If you have completed a course and meet the requirements for a degree or diploma you will receive a copy of the *Australian Graduate Survey* even if you are continuing with an honours course. We are interested in your degree or diploma course experience.

#### ***Who can I speak to about the survey?***

Should you have any queries about the survey please contact Glenys Harding of La Trobe University's Management Information Unit, on 9479 1448 or [g.harding@latrobe.edu.au](mailto:g.harding@latrobe.edu.au).

#### ***Where can I find previous survey results?***

If you are interested in the results of previous surveys and information about graduate employment, visit the Graduate Careers web site, <http://www.graduatecareers.com.au>.

**Thank you for your participation.**

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