

## Kansas State University Alumni Survey Fall 2013

**Survey Description** Thank you for sharing your ideas with us and becoming part of building a better university. Your thoughtful responses will help the University to improve the educational experience for future students and will affirm the work of those who provide excellent services. This survey will take approximately 15 minutes to complete. **Opening Instructions** Your identity will remain anonymous in any reports that are produced from this survey. Responses will be combined with those of other graduates in your major and your college to create summary reports that will be used by faculty and administrators to improve Kansas State University. For completing this survey, you will be eligible to enter to win one of several prizes donated K-State Athletics and the K-State Alumni Association. At the end of the survey, click the link to give us some additional information and your name will be entered. Your identity will still remain anonymous; we will not be able to match your entry into the drawing with any of your survey responses. Thanks again for your participation.

Q1 Gender

Q2 Are you a U.S. citizen?

Q3 Present Residence

Q4 Ethnicity/Race

Q5 What is your age?

Q6 What was your primary undergraduate major? (If you graduated with more than one baccalaureate degree, please answer related questions regarding your selected major)

Q7 Did you also graduate with any of the following?

- Undergraduate Minor (5)
- Undergraduate Certificate (6)
- Secondary Major (i.e. Biological Engineering, Gerontology, International or Latin American Studies, or Natural Resources & Environmental Sciences) (7)
- Dual Major (8)
- Concurrent B.S./M.S. program (9)
- None (10)

Answer If Did you also graduate with any of the following? Undergraduate Minor Is Selected Or Did you also graduate with any of the following? Undergraduate Certificate Is Selected Or Did you also graduate with any of the following? Secondary Major (i.e. Biological Engineering, Gerontology, International or Latin American Studies, or Natural Resources & Environmental Sciences) Is Selected Or Did you also graduate with any of the following? Dual Major Is Selected Or Did you also graduate with any of the following? Currently enrolled in concurrent B.S./M.S. program Is Selected

Q8 Did your certificate, minor, or secondary major give you an advantage when applying for a job?

- Yes (1)
- No (2)

Q9 Did you transfer credit to Kansas State University from another college or university?

	Yes (1)	No (2)
High School (either dual credit or AP credit) (7)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
A two-year college (community or technical) (8)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Another Kansas four-year public university (9)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
An out-of-state for-year public university (10)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
A private four-year college or university (11)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other (12)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q12 If you could start over, would you still choose to attend Kansas State University?

- Definitely No (1)
- Probably No (2)
- Uncertain (3)
- Probably Yes (4)
- Definitely Yes (5)

Answer If If you could start over, would you still choose to attend... Definitely No Is Selected Or If you could start over, would you still choose to attend... Probably No Is Selected Or If you could start over, would you still choose to attend... Uncertain Is Selected

Q13 If you could do it over, please describe the choice(s) you think might have been better and why.

Q14 After having a year to reflect, how satisfied are you with the following features of advising provided to you at Kansas State University?

	Very Dissatisfied (1)	Dissatisfied (2)	Neutral (3)	Satisfied (4)	Very Satisfied (5)
Access to academic advising (1)	<input type="radio"/>				
Assistance in course selection/developing a program of study (2)	<input type="radio"/>				
Information provided about career/graduate school opportunities (3)	<input type="radio"/>				

Q15 Did poor advising require you to enroll for an additional semester (or longer) at Kansas State University?

- Yes (1)
- No (2)

Answer If Did poor advising require you to enroll for an additional... Yes Is Selected

Q16 If yes, please explain.

Q17 Upon completion of your Bachelor's degree, what was the total amount of student loan debt (Stafford, etc.) you had accumulated?

- None (1)
- Less than \$10,000 (2)
- \$10,000 to \$19,999 (3)
- \$20,000 to \$29,999 (4)
- \$30,000 to \$39,999 (5)
- \$40,000 or more (6)

Q18 How much has your Kansas State University college experience contributed to your growth in each of the following areas?

	None (1)	Little (2)	Somewhat (3)	Very much (4)
Increasing knowledge and understanding in an academic field (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Gaining knowledge, technical skills and/or competence required for a job/career (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Increasing your intellectual curiosity (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Becoming more aware of world issues and pressing social, political, and economic problems (4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Organizing time effectively (5)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Becoming independent, self-reliant, and responsible (6)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Identifying a sense of values and priorities in life (7)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Handling personal/family finances and consumer issues (8)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Increasing a commitment to public services (9)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Developing satisfying leisure time activities (10)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Developing lasting friendships and personal ties (11)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q19 Looking back on your college experience, do you believe K-State should have placed less, the same, or more emphasis on the following undergraduate learning outcomes:

	Less (1)	The Same (2)	More (3)
Gaining a broad general education about different fields of knowledge (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Improving written communication skills (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Improving oral communication skills (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Improving graphic and technological communication skills. (4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Improving ability to think critically (analytically and logically). (5)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Developing your own values and ethical standards (6)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Understanding the ethical standards of your discipline or profession (7)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ability to interact positively with people who are different from you (8)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Understanding your abilities, interests, and personality (9)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Understanding other people and their abilities, interests, and perspectives (10)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ability to participate as a team member (11)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Developing good health habits and physical fitness (12)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q65 Looking back on your college experience, do you believe K-State should have placed less, the same, or more emphasis on the following K-State 8 (general education) areas:

	Less (1)	The Same (2)	More (3)
Developing interpretive skills and heightened sensitivity to stimulating responses to literature, the performing arts, the visual arts. (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Developing the ability to gather and evaluate information, weigh alternative evidence, and recognize when available evidence is inadequate to draw a conclusion. (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Developing the ability to think through ethical dilemmas, make sound decisions when facing real-life situations, and apply ethical standards to social and/or environmental issues. (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Making you aware of values, perspectives, beliefs, behaviors, policies and customs from around the world (4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Realizing the need to understand the past and thoughtfully consider the future to glimpse how it may continue to develop. (5)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Developing an awareness of self and multiple perspectives about U.S. society and how group affiliation affects people's perceptions and experiences. (6)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Developing the ability to evaluate the merit of scientific and technological claims by using central facts, ideas and theories	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

<p>related to the study of living systems and the physical universe. (7)</p> <p>Understanding and analyzing how individuals, groups and societies behave and influence one another and the natural environment. (8)</p>	○	○	○
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Q20 To what degree did your undergraduate experiences contribute to your interest and motivation to become involved in community activities?

- Not at all (1)
- Slightly (2)
- Quite a bit (3)
- Very Much (4)

Q21 How much has your overall quality of life been enhanced by your Kansas State University undergraduate experience?

- None (1)
- Little (2)
- Somewhat (3)
- Very Much (4)

Q22 Would you recommend Kansas State University to a potential student?

- Definitely No (1)
- Probably No (2)
- Probably Yes (3)
- Definitely Yes (4)

Q23 Do you have ideas about changes in Kansas State University's educational programs that you think would strengthen their value in career preparation? If so, please identify them briefly.

Q58 In your undergraduate education, were you involved in a research or creative endeavor in or outside of coursework? Research and creative endeavor is defined as projects involving investigation, discovery, and public dissemination conducted by a student or group of students. These can include class presentations, conference or seminar posters and presentations, peer-reviewed publications, or public performances and exhibitions.

- Yes (1)
- No (2)

Answer If In your undergraduate education, were you involved in a r... Yes Is Selected

Q59 How would you rate the contribution of your mentor to the success of your undergraduate research/creative endeavor?

- Inadequate (1)
- Fair (2)
- Good (3)
- Excellent (4)
- Did not have a mentor (5)

Answer If In your undergraduate education, were you involved in a r... Yes Is Selected

Q60 How many semesters were you involved in undergraduate research/creative endeavor projects?

- 2 or less (1)
- 3-4 (2)
- 5-6 (3)
- 7-8 (4)
- 9 or more (5)

Answer If In your undergraduate education, were you involved in a r... Yes Is Selected

Q61 To what extent do you feel the undergraduate research/creative endeavor experience contributed to your undergraduate academic success?

- None (1)
- Little (2)
- Somewhat (3)
- Very Much (4)

Answer If In your undergraduate education, were you involved in a r... Yes Is Selected

Q62 Did your undergraduate research/creative endeavor experience contribute to career choices?

- No (1)
- Somewhat (2)
- Definitely (3)

Answer If In your undergraduate education, were you involved in a r... Yes Is Selected

Q63 Indicate the contribution of the undergraduate research/creative endeavor experience to success in your current profession:

- None (1)
- Little (2)
- Somewhat (3)
- Very Much (4)

Answer If In your undergraduate education, were you involved in a r... Yes Is Selected

Q64 What types of dissemination of your undergraduate research/creative endeavor did you successfully achieve? (select all that apply)

- University research seminar presentation/poster (1)
- Class presentation (2)
- Poster at a conference beyond campus (3)
- Oral presentation at a conference beyond campus (4)
- Public performance/exhibition on campus (5)
- Public performance/exhibition beyond campus (6)
- Peer reviewed publication (7)
- Other (8)

Q24 Please select one statement that best describes your current activities.

- Not engaged in paid employment (1)
- Enrolled in graduate or professional school (2)
- Both employed (other than graduate assistant) and continuing my education (3)
- Employed 35 hours per week or more (4)
- Self-employed (5)

Answer If Please fill in one statement that best describes your cur... Not engaged in paid employment Is Selected

Q25 Indicate the primary reason you are not employed.

- I have chosen not to be employed (1)
- I was laid off by my employer (2)
- I quit a job to seek other employment (3)
- I chose to confine my job search to a specific city or region (4)
- My job search was limited due to a need to find career opportunities in the same geographic region with someone else (5)
- I have not limited my job search in any way, but have been unable to find a satisfactory job since graduation (6)
- Having/Expecting a child changed my employment plans (7)
- Other (8) \_\_\_\_\_

Answer If Please fill in one statement that best describes your cur... Not engaged in paid employment Is Selected

Q26 Have you sought job placement assistance from Kansas State University's Office of Career and Employment Services?

- Yes, it has been helpful (1)
- Yes, but it has not been helpful (2)
- No, I didn't register with the office (3)
- No, I registered with the office, but didn't seek further assistance (4)

Answer If Please fill in one statement that best describes your cur... Not engaged in paid employment Is Selected

Q27 Do you plan to seek paid employment?

- Yes, within 12 months (1)
- Yes, in 1 to 5 years (2)
- Yes, in more than 5 years (3)
- No (4)

Answer If Please fill in one statement that best describes your cur... Not engaged in paid employment Is Selected

Q28 How would you describe your current status of not being employed?

- Serious Problem (1)
- Minor Problem (2)
- No Problem, My Choice (3)

Answer If Please fill in one statement that best describes your cur... Enrolled in graduate or professional school Is Selected Or Please fill in one statement that best describes your cur... Both employed (other than graduate assistant) and continuing my education Is Selected

Q29 What degree are you currently pursuing?

- M.A./M.S. (1)
- M.B.A. (2)
- M.D. (3)
- Ph.D. (4)
- Ed.D. (5)
- D.V.M. (6)
- Other (7) \_\_\_\_\_

Answer If Please fill in one statement that best describes your cur... Enrolled in graduate or professional school Is Selected Or Please fill in one statement that best describes your cur... Both employed (other than graduate assistant) and continuing my education Is Selected

Q30 What sources of financial assistance have supported your graduate study? (select all that apply)

- Departmental graduate assistance (1)
- Institutional fellowship/scholarship (2)
- Non-institutional fellowship/scholarship (3)
- Full-time employment (4)
- Part-time employment (5)
- Loan(s) (6)
- Other (7) \_\_\_\_\_

Answer If Please fill in one statement that best describes your cur... Enrolled in graduate or professional school Is Selected Or Please fill in one statement that best describes your cur... Both employed (other than graduate assistant) and continuing my education Is Selected

Q31 How would you rate the quality of your Kansas State University undergraduate preparation for graduate or professional education?

- Inadequate (1)
- Fair (2)
- Good (3)
- Excellent (4)

Answer If Please fill in one statement that best describes your cur... Both employed (other than graduate assistant) and continuing my education Is Selected Or Please fill in one statement that best describes your cur... Employed 35 hours per week or more Is Selected Or Please fill in one statement that best describes your cur... Self-employed Is Selected

Q32 In what type of organization did you find full time employment?

- Agriculture (1)
- Animal Care (2)
- Architecture (3)
- Aviation (4)
- Child Care (5)
- Communications (6)
- Computer Services (7)
- Construction (8)
- Education (9)
- Energy (10)
- Engineering (11)
- Fashion/Design/Art (12)
- Finance/Insurance (13)
- Food Services (14)
- Government (15)
- Healthcare (16)
- Human Resources (17)
- Legal Services (18)
- Manufacturing (19)
- Media (20)
- Military (21)
- Non-Profit (22)
- Professional Services (23)
- Public relations (24)
- Real Estate (25)
- Recreation/Fitness (26)
- Religion (27)
- Retail/Sales (28)
- Scientific (29)
- Social Services (30)
- Technology (31)
- Transportation (32)
- Other (33)

Answer If Please fill in one statement that best describes your cur... Both employed (other than graduate assistant) and continuing my education Is Selected Or Please fill in one statement that best describes your cur... Employed 35 hours per week or more Is Selected Or Please fill in one statement that best describes your cur... Self-employed Is Selected

Q33 Is this your first job after graduation?

- Yes (1)
- No (2)

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your cur... Employed 35 hours per week or more Is Selected Or Please fill in one statement that best describes your cur... Self-employed Is Selected

Q34 Does your job require: (mark all that apply)

- Technology skills (1)
- Conducting research (2)
- Extensive training (3)
- Math skills (4)
- Problem solving/analytic reasoning (5)
- Speaking to a group (6)
- Use of specialized machinery (7)
- Use of specialized software (8)
- Working with a diverse group of people (9)
- Writing reports, memos, papers, publications, etc. (10)

Answer If Please fill in one statement that best describes your cur... Both employed (other than graduate assistant) and continuing my education Is Selected Or Please fill in one statement that best describes your cur... Employed 35 hours per week or more Is Selected Or Please fill in one statement that best describes your cur... Self-employed Is Selected

Q35 How did you learn of this job?

- Job lead from professor or advisor (1)
- Job lead from relative or friend (2)
- Job lead from college internship (3)
- Government employment listing (4)
- Employment agency (5)
- Job listing on the internet (6)
- Newspaper (7)
- Worked Previously for employer (8)
- Applied for job without knowledge of opening (9)
- K-State's Career and Employment Services (10)
- Other (11) \_\_\_\_\_

Answer If Please fill in one statement that best describes your cur... Both employed (other than graduate assistant) and continuing my education Is Selected Or Please fill in one statement that best describes your cur... Employed 35 hours per week or more Is Selected Or Please fill in one statement that best describes your cur... Self-employed Is Selected

Q38 When did you initiate your job search for a career position?

- More than one year prior to graduation (1)
- Nine months to one year prior to graduation (2)
- Six to eight months prior to graduation (3)
- Three to five months prior to graduation (4)
- One to two months prior to graduation (5)
- At graduation time (6)
- One month after graduation (7)
- More than one month after graduation (8)

Answer If Please fill in one statement that best describes your cur... Both employed (other than graduate assistant) and continuing my education Is Selected Or Please fill in one statement that best describes your cur... Employed 35 hours per week or more Is Selected Or Please fill in one statement that best describes your cur... Self-employed Is Selected

Q39 How long did it take you to obtain your current full-time job after graduation?

- Had a job at graduation (1)
- Less than 1 month (2)
- 1 to 3 months (3)
- 4 to 6 months (4)
- 7 months or more (5)

Answer If Please fill in one statement that best describes your cur... Both employed (other than graduate assistant) and continuing my education Is Selected Or Please fill in one statement that best describes your cur... Employed 35 hours per week or more Is Selected Or Please fill in one statement that best describes your cur... Self-employed Is Selected

Q40 How difficult was it for you to find employment?

- Very Difficult (1)
- Fairly Difficult (2)
- Fairly Easy (3)
- Very Easy (4)

Answer If Please fill in one statement that best describes your cur... Both employed (other than graduate assistant) and continuing my education Is Selected Or Please fill in one statement that best describes your cur... Employed 35 hours per week or more Is Selected Or Please fill in one statement that best describes your cur... Self-employed Is Selected

Q41 Approximately how many job interviews did you have before accepting your current position?

- 0-1 (1)
- 2-5 (2)
- 6-9 (3)
- 10-14 (4)
- 15-19 (5)
- 20+ (6)

Answer If Please fill in one statement that best describes your cur... Both employed (other than graduate assistant) and continuing my education Is Selected Or Please fill in one statement that best describes your cur... Employed 35 hours per week or more Is Selected Or Please fill in one statement that best describes your cur... Self-employed Is Selected

Q42 How close is your job to the type of job you desired prior to graduation?

- Very Close (1)
- Fairly Close (2)
- Not Very Close (3)
- Had no clear expectation (4)

Answer If Please fill in one statement that best describes your cur... Both employed (other than graduate assistant) and continuing my education Is Selected Or Please fill in one statement that best describes your cur... Employed 35 hours per week or more Is Selected Or Please fill in one statement that best describes your cur... Self-employed Is Selected

Q43 How well do you feel that Kansas State University prepared you for your present job?

- Inadequately (1)
- Fairly Well (2)
- Well (3)
- Excellently (4)

Answer If Please fill in one statement that best describes your cur... Both employed (other than graduate assistant) and continuing my education Is Selected Or Please fill in one statement that best describes your cur... Employed 35 hours per week or more Is Selected Or Please fill in one statement that best describes your cur... Self-employed Is Selected

Q44 Compared to new employees from other colleges/universities, do you feel that your Kansas State University academic preparation gave you an:

- Advantage (1)
- Disadvantage (2)
- Neither (3)

Answer If Please fill in one statement that best describes your cur... Both employed (other than graduate assistant) and continuing my education Is Selected Or Please fill in one statement that best describes your cur... Employed 35 hours per week or more Is Selected Or Please fill in one statement that best describes your cur... Self-employed Is Selected

Q45 What is your current annual salary, before taxes?

- Less than \$20,000 (1)
- \$20,000 to \$29,999 (2)
- \$30,000 to \$39,999 (3)
- \$40,000 to \$49,999 (4)
- \$50,000 to \$59,999 (5)
- \$60,000 to \$69,999 (6)
- \$70,000 to \$79,999 (7)
- \$80,000 to \$89,999 (8)
- \$90,000 to \$99,999 (9)
- \$100,000 or more (10)

Answer If Please fill in one statement that best describes your cur... Both employed (other than graduate assistant) and continuing my education Is Selected Or Please fill in one statement that best describes your cur... Employed 35 hours per week or more Is Selected Or Please fill in one statement that best describes your cur... Self-employed Is Selected

Q46 Which statement best describes your current position?

- Employment with definite long-term potential (1)
- Employment with possible long-term potential (2)
- Employment primarily to earn money with little or no other satisfaction or disadvantages (3)
- Temporary employment while I look for something more suitable (4)
- Temporary position that will last only for a limited time (5)

Answer If Please fill in one statement that best describes your cur... Both employed (other than graduate assistant) and continuing my education Is Selected Or Please fill in one statement that best describes

your cur... Employed 35 hours per week or more Is Selected Or Please fill in one statement that best describes your cur... Self-employed Is Selected

Q47 Indicate your satisfaction with the following aspects of your present position:

	Very dissatisfied (1)	Dissatisfied (2)	Neutral (3)	Satisfied (4)	Very Satisfied (5)
Salary/benefits (1)	<input type="radio"/>				
Location (2)	<input type="radio"/>				
Opportunity to use your qualifications (3)	<input type="radio"/>				
Opportunity to advance (4)	<input type="radio"/>				
Prestige/recognition (5)	<input type="radio"/>				
Interest/challenge of work (6)	<input type="radio"/>				
Working conditions (7)	<input type="radio"/>				
Opportunity to learn (8)	<input type="radio"/>				

Answer If Please fill in one statement that best describes your cur... Both employed (other than graduate assistant) and continuing my education Is Selected Or Please fill in one statement that best describes your cur... Employed 35 hours per week or more Is Selected Or Please fill in one statement that best describes your cur... Self-employed Is Selected

Q48 Is your position challenging?

- Yes (1)
- No (2)

Answer If Please fill in one statement that best describes your cur... Both employed (other than graduate assistant) and continuing my education Is Selected Or Please fill in one statement that best describes your cur... Employed 35 hours per week or more Is Selected Or Please fill in one statement that best describes your cur... Self-employed Is Selected

Q49 Is a Bachelor's degree required for your current position?

- Yes (1)
- No, but helpful (2)
- No, irrelevant (3)

Answer If Please fill in one statement that best describes your cur... Both employed (other than graduate assistant) and continuing my education Is Selected Or Please fill in one statement that best describes your cur... Employed 35 hours per week or more Is Selected Or Please fill in one statement that best describes your cur... Self-employed Is Selected

Q36 How closely is your job related to your undergraduate field of study?

- Not related (1)
- Somewhat related (2)
- Directly related (3)



Q52 Have you been a member of a volunteer group devoted to serving members of the community (e.g. scouts, League of Women Voters, hospice, 4-H, religious organizations, hospital volunteer, volunteer coach)?

- No (1)
- Yes (please identify each group and the number of years) (2) \_\_\_\_\_

Q53 Have you been a member of a community service group (e.g., Kiwanis, Chamber of Commerce, Optimist Club)?

- No (1)
- Yes (please identify each group and the number of years) (2) \_\_\_\_\_

Q54 Please describe ways in which the university has affected your personal and/or professional life.