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Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education

You have been sent this questionnaire as we are interested in finding out about the employment and further study you have been doing since you finished your higher education course in 2004/05.

If you would like to know how the information you provide in the questionnaire will be used, please see the enclosed protection notice.

If you have any questions or would like to know more about the survey please go to www.graduate-destinations.co.uk or contact IFF Research on 0808 108 0311 or by email at graduate-destinations@iffresearch.com, quoting the reference number at the bottom of the page.

SECTION A — What were you doing on 24 November 2008?

Everyone should complete this section.

Q1 On 24 November 2008 were you…?

PLEASE TICK ALL OPTIONS THAT APPLY

If you were on maternity or paternity leave but were still on the payroll of your employer please count this as both employed and doing something else

- Employed either full-time or part-time (including self-employed, freelance, voluntary work or other unpaid work)..... ☐
- Unemployed and looking for work..... ☐
- Engaged in study or training..... ☐
- Doing something else (e.g. retired, travelling, maternity leave). PLEASE WRITE IN BELOW..... ☐

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Q2 IF YOU WERE DOING MORE THAN ONE OF THESE ACTIVITIES on 24 November 2008, which ONE do you regard as your MAIN activity?

PLEASE TICK ONE OPTION ONLY

- Employed either full-time or part-time (including self-employed, freelance, voluntary work or other unpaid work)..... ○
- Unemployed and looking for work..... ○
- Engaged in study or training..... ○
- Doing something else (e.g. retired, travelling, maternity leave). PLEASE WRITE IN BELOW..... ○

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REFERENCE NO.

SECTION B Your employment on 24 November 2008

Only answer this section if you were employed on 24 November 2008, otherwise go to SECTION C.

Q3 When did you start the job that you had on 24 November 2008?

If you had more than one job on 24 November 2008 please think about the one that you regard as your MAIN job.

PLEASE WRITE IN MONTH [ ] YEAR [ ][ ][ ][ ]

Q4 Which of the following best describes this employment?

PLEASE TICK ONE OPTION ONLY

- Employed full-time ○
- Employed part-time ○
- Self-employed or freelance ○
- Voluntary work/other unpaid work ○

Q5 What is the name of the organisation you were working for on 24 November 2008?

PLEASE WRITE IN BELOW

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Q6 What does the organisation you were working for mainly do?

PLEASE WRITE IN BELOW

Please provide as much detail as possible.
For example, rather than "finance" WRITE IN "life insurance".

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Q7 What country was your place of work in?

PLEASE TICK ONE OPTION ONLY

- England ○
- Scotland ○
- Wales ○
- Northern Ireland ○
- Outside the United Kingdom (PLEASE WRITE IN THE COUNTRY BELOW) ○

Q7a If you were based in the UK, please write in the town or city where your place of work was based and the first part of the organisation's postcode.

PLEASE WRITE IN

TOWN / CITY / AREA [ ]

1ST PART OF POSTCODE IF IN UK [ ][ ][ ][ ]

(e.g. for Camberwell write in SE5; for Eastleigh, write in SO50, etc.)

Q8 **What was your job title?**

PLEASE WRITE IN BELOW

Please provide as much detail as possible, outlining your main duties or responsibilities as appropriate.

For example, rather than "supervisor", WRITE IN "customer service supervisor in a bank".

Q9 **Which of the following best describes the basis on which you were employed on 24 November 2008?**

PLEASE TICK ONE OPTION ONLY

- On a permanent or open-ended contract ○
- On a fixed-term contract lasting 12 months or longer ○
- On a fixed-term contract lasting less than 12 months ○
- Self-employed/freelance ○
- Temporarily, through an agency ○
- Temporarily, other than through an agency ○
- Employed on another basis (PLEASE WRITE IN BELOW) ○

Q10 **APPROXIMATELY, how many people work in the entire organisation (i.e. all branches, departments, etc.)?**

PLEASE TICK ONE OPTION ONLY

- 1 to 49 ○
- 50 to 249 ○
- 250 or more ○
- Don't know ○

Q11 **What was your approximate annual gross pay, before tax? You can either give this as an annual salary, or give a monthly, weekly or hourly rate.**

PLEASE WRITE IN

Please provide your answer in pounds sterling (£). If you are paid in another currency, please provide an approximate figure in pounds sterling.

If you were self-employed please indicate the amount of money that you paid yourself out of the business.

Please just state basic pay; do not include any bonuses or benefits in kind.

Salary

£ | | | | | | | . | | |

Period

- Annually ○
- Monthly ○
- Weekly ○
- Hourly ○
- Other ○

(please write in) _____

Q12 **As far as you are aware, which of these factors were important to your employer when you gained this employment?**

PLEASE TICK THE APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF IMPORTANCE FOR EACH FACTOR

	Formal requirement	Important	Not very important but helped	Not important	Don't know
The type of qualification you obtained in 2004/2005 (e.g. BA, MSc, PhD, etc).....	○	○	○	○	○
The subject you studied.....	○	○	○	○	○
The class or grade of the qualification you obtained …….....	○	○	○	○	○
Evidence of skills and competencies.....	○	○	○	○	○

Q12a **And how important were the following factors?**

PLEASE TICK THE APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF IMPORTANCE FOR EACH FACTOR

	Formal requirement	Important	Not very important but helped	Not important	Don't know	Did not obtain any further qualifications
Any qualifications that you might have obtained after the one you got in 2004/2005.....	○	○	○	○	○	○

	Formal requirement	Important	Not very important but helped	Not important	Don't know	Did not have any previous work experience
Relevant work experience from previous employment.....	○	○	○	○	○	○

Q13 Why did you decide to take the job you were doing on 24 November 2008?

PLEASE TICK ALL THAT APPLY

- It fitted into my career plans ☐
- It was exactly the type of work I wanted ☐
- It was the best job offer I received ☐
- It was the only job offer I received ☐
- It was an opportunity to progress in the organisation ☐
- To gain experience in order to get the type of job I really want ☐
- To see if I would like the type of work it involved ☐
- To broaden my experience/to develop general skills ☐
- In order to pay off debts ☐
- In order to earn a living ☐
- Other (PLEASE WRITE IN BELOW) ☐

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- Don't know / can't remember ☐

Q14 How did you find out about this job?

PLEASE TICK ALL THAT APPLY

- Careers Service at the institution(s) at which you studied/or its website ☐
- Other careers service/or its website ☐
- Employer's website ☐
- Newspaper/magazine advertisement/or its website ☐
- Recruitment agency office or website ☐
- Already/previously worked for the organisation ☐
- Professional, work or educational contacts or networks ☐
- Personal contacts, including family, friends and social networks ☐
- Speculative approach to employer ☐
- Other (PLEASE WRITE IN BELOW) ☐

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- Can't remember ☐

SECTION C Your study, training or research on 24 November 2008

Only answer this section if you were engaged in study, training or research on 24 November 2008, otherwise go to SECTION D.

In this section please only consider what you were doing on 24 November 2008 and NOT any study, training or research you were engaged in previously, such as your higher education course that you finished in 2004/05.

Q15 When did you start the course of study, training or research you were engaged in on 24th November 2008?

PLEASE WRITE IN

MONTH [ ] YEAR [ ][ ][ ][ ]

Q16 Were you studying full-time or part-time?

PLEASE TICK ONE OPTION ONLY

Full-time..... ○

Part-time..... ○

Q17 What is the full name of the institution or organisation with which you were registered on 24 November 2008?

PLEASE WRITE IN

[ ]

Q17a And is this is a...?

PLEASE TICK ONE OPTION ONLY

University..... ○

College of Further Education..... ○

Private training company..... ○

Other (PLEASE WRITE IN BELOW)..... ○

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Q18 Which of the following best describes the type of qualification you were aiming for on 24 November 2008?

PLEASE TICK ONE OPTION ONLY

Higher degree mainly by research (for example PhD, DPhil)..... ○

Higher degree, mainly by taught course (for example MA, MSc)..... ○

Postgraduate diploma or certificate (inc. PGCE)..... ○

First degree (for example BA, BSc, MEng)..... ○

Other diploma or certificate..... ○

Professional qualification (for example Accountancy)..... ○

Other qualification (PLEASE WRITE IN BELOW)..... ○

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Not aiming for a qualification..... ○

Q19 **What subject area were you studying, training or researching on 24 November 2008?**

PLEASE WRITE IN

Q20 **Which of the following best describes the study, training or research you were undertaking on 24 November 2008?**

PLEASE TICK ONE OPTION ONLY

- Registered as a research student ○
- Registered on a taught course ○
- Preparing a professional portfolio of my work to submit for accreditation ○
- Other (PLEASE WRITE IN BELOW) ○

Q21 **What was the length in total of this course of study, training or research that you were engaged in on 24 November 2008?**

PLEASE TICK ONE OPTION ONLY

- Less than 6 months ○
- 6 months to less than 1 year ○
- Between 1 year and 3 years ○
- More than 3 years ○
- Don't know ○

Q21a **Approximately how many hours of teaching did the course you were doing on 24 November 2008 involve in total?**

PLEASE TICK ONE OPTION ONLY

- Less than 10 hours ○
- 10 – 50 hours ○
- 51 – 200 hours ○
- More than 200 hours ○
- Don't know ○

Q22 Please indicate the funding source(s) for this course of study, training or research?

PLEASE TICK ALL THAT APPLY

- Grant/Award (e.g. Research Council Studentship/Bursary/LEA award)..... ☐
- My employer provided financial support..... ☐
- Self-funded (e.g. savings/loan/income)..... ☐
- Through some other source of funding (PLEASE WRITE IN BELOW)..... ☐

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Q23 IF YOU MENTIONED MORE THAN ONE SOURCE OF FUNDING AT Q22, please indicate which ONE of these you consider to be the MAIN source of funding for this course of study, training or research?

PLEASE TICK ONE OPTION ONLY

- Grant/Award (e.g. Research Council Studentship/Bursary/LEA award..... ○
- My employer provided financial support..... ○
- Self-funded (e.g. savings/loan/income)..... ○
- Through some other source of funding ..... ○

Q24 Why did you decide to undertake the further study, training or research that you were doing on 24 November 2008?

PLEASE TICK ALL THAT APPLY

- To change or improve my career options..... ☐
- To develop a broader range of skills or knowledge..... ☐
- To develop a more specialist set of skills or knowledge..... ☐
- Because I was interested in the content of the course..... ☐
- Because I had enjoyed my first course..... ☐
- Because I wanted to continue studying..... ☐
- Because I had been unable to find a suitable job..... ☐
- Other (PLEASE WRITE IN BELOW)..... ☐

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SECTION D

What have you been doing since finishing your course in 2004/05?

Everyone should complete this section.

We are interested to know what other activities, if any, you have undertaken since finishing your course in 2004/05.

By activity we mean different jobs, or periods where you were engaged in study, were looking for work, or were taking time out. If you worked for the same employer over the whole period, but were promoted or held different job roles then this would count as more than one activity. Similarly, if you progressed from one course to a different one, then this would also count as more than one activity.

Thinking about the activity you were doing on 24 November 2008, have you been doing this activity continuously since completing your course in 2004/05?

YES

I have been engaged in the same activity continuously since completing my course in 2004/05 and have done nothing else since.

○

PLEASE SKIP TO SECTION E

NO

I have changed activity at least once since completing my course in 2004/05.

○

PLEASE ANSWER THE REST OF THIS SECTION

Starting on the next page, please complete a row for each activity you have been engaged in.

There is space to record up to eight activities.

Please read the instructions in the column along the left-hand side before completing this section.

ACTIVITIES 1-4

SECTION D - INSTRUCTIONS

This section asks about the period between completing your 2004/05 course and embarking on your current activity(ies). Please read the notes below carefully before completing the grid.

Please start with the activity you were doing immediately after you completed your course, and finish with the activity you were doing before the one(s) that you were engaged in on 24 November 2008. Please complete columns A-H where relevant for each different activity.

We would like you to record the MAIN activities you have been engaged in.

Please account for all of your time since completing your course, including jobs, periods of self-employment, further periods of study, training or research, voluntary or freelance work, unemployment, time out for family reasons, travel or other. Please continue on a sheet of paper if you run out of space, and include it with this questionnaire.

If there have been times when you have undertaken consecutive periods of employment through one or more temping agencies, for example, if from July 2006 - January 2007 you were registered with an agency/agencies and assigned temping posts, please classify this time as ONE activity.

If you changed job within an organisation or were promoted, please count these as SEPARATE activities.

PLEASE COMPLETE QUESTION A & B FOR EACH ACTIVITY (CONTINUE ON NEXT PAGE IF NEEDED)		PLEASE COMPLETE QUESTION C & D IF YOUR MAIN ACTIVITY WAS: EMPLOYMENT (INCLUDING VOLUNTARY WORK), STUDY, TRAINING OR RESEARCH (CONTINUE ON NEXT PAGE IF NEEDED)	
A Date started and finished activity	**B** Nature of MAIN activity. If you were engaged in more than one activity please choose the activity you consider to be your main activity at that time. *PLEASE TICK ONE OPTION ONLY*	**C** Name and location of employer OR Name and location of organisation where studying, training or researching	**D** IF EMPLOYED: Please fill in your job title and briefly describe your duties IF STUDYING: Please fill in your course title
ACTIVITY 1: From: Month Year ☐☐/☐☐ To: Month Year ☐☐/☐☐	Employed full-time..... ○ Employed part-time..... ○ Self employed / freelance..... ○ Voluntary work / other unpaid work.. ○ Full-time student or trainee..... ○ Part-time student or trainee..... ○ Unemployed and looking for work... ○ Other (PLEASE WRITE IN)..... ○	Name Town / City / Area Postcode	
ACTIVITY 2: From: Month Year ☐☐/☐☐ To: Month Year ☐☐/☐☐	Employed full-time..... ○ Employed part-time..... ○ Self employed / freelance..... ○ Voluntary work / other unpaid work.. ○ Full-time student or trainee..... ○ Part-time student or trainee..... ○ Unemployed and looking for work... ○ Other (PLEASE WRITE IN)..... ○	Name Town / City / Area Postcode	
ACTIVITY 3: From: Month Year ☐☐/☐☐ To: Month Year ☐☐/☐☐	Employed full-time..... ○ Employed part-time..... ○ Self employed / freelance..... ○ Voluntary work / other unpaid work.. ○ Full-time student or trainee..... ○ Part-time student or trainee..... ○ Unemployed and looking for work... ○ Other (PLEASE WRITE IN)..... ○	Name Town / City / Area Postcode	
ACTIVITY 4: From: Month Year ☐☐/☐☐ To: Month Year ☐☐/☐☐	Employed full-time..... ○ Employed part-time..... ○ Self employed / freelance..... ○ Voluntary work / other unpaid work.. ○ Full-time student or trainee..... ○ Part-time student or trainee..... ○ Unemployed and looking for work... ○ Other (PLEASE WRITE IN)..... ○	Name Town / City / Area Postcode	

ACTIVITIES 1-4

	PLEASE COMPLETE QUESTION E, F & G IF YOUR MAIN ACTIVITY WAS: EMPLOYMENT, SELF-EMPLOYMENT / FREELANCE (CONTINUE ON NEXT PAGE IF NEEDED)			PLEASE COMPLETE QUESTION H FOR EACH ACTIVITY (CONTINUE ON NEXT PAGE IF NEEDED)
	E Please describe what the organisation you were working for mainly does	**F** Type of contract	**G** Approximate annual gross pay, before tax, to the nearest £ thousand If you were employed for less than a year, please estimate your pay to the annual equivalent. Please just state basic pay; do not include any bonuses or benefits in kind.	**H** Reasons for change to next main activity *Please tick all that apply*
		Permanent / open-ended……. ○ Fixed-term (12 months or longer)…… ○ Fixed-term (less than 12 months)…… ○ Self-employed / freelance……. ○ Temporary – via agency……. ○ Temporary – other……. ○ Other (PLEASE WRITE IN)……. ○		Course or fixed-term job ended……. ☐ To change or improve my career options ☐ Promotion……. ☐ Obtained employment……. ☐ To broaden my experience……. ☐ Going into further study or training…… ☐ Given notice / made redundant……. ☐ Other (PLEASE WRITE IN)……. ☐
		Permanent / open-ended……. ○ Fixed-term (12 months or longer)…… ○ Fixed-term (less than 12 months)…… ○ Self-employed / freelance……. ○ Temporary – via agency……. ○ Temporary – other……. ○ Other (PLEASE WRITE IN)……. ○		Course or fixed-term job ended……. ☐ To change or improve my career options ☐ Promotion……. ☐ Obtained employment……. ☐ To broaden my experience……. ☐ Going into further study or training…… ☐ Given notice / made redundant……. ☐ Other (PLEASE WRITE IN)……. ☐
		Permanent / open-ended……. ○ Fixed-term (12 months or longer)…… ○ Fixed-term (less than 12 months)…… ○ Self-employed / freelance……. ○ Temporary – via agency……. ○ Temporary – other……. ○ Other (PLEASE WRITE IN)……. ○		Course or fixed-term job ended……. ☐ To change or improve my career options ☐ Promotion……. ☐ Obtained employment……. ☐ To broaden my experience……. ☐ Going into further study or training…… ☐ Given notice / made redundant……. ☐ Other (PLEASE WRITE IN)……. ☐
		Permanent / open-ended……. ○ Fixed-term (12 months or longer)…… ○ Fixed-term (less than 12 months)…… ○ Self-employed / freelance……. ○ Temporary – via agency……. ○ Temporary – other……. ○ Other (PLEASE WRITE IN)……. ○		Course or fixed-term job ended……. ☐ To change or improve my career options ☐ Promotion……. ☐ Obtained employment……. ☐ To broaden my experience……. ☐ Going into further study or training…… ☐ Given notice / made redundant……. ☐ Other (PLEASE WRITE IN)……. ☐

ACTIVITIES 5-8

SECTION D - INSTRUCTIONS

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A Date started and finished activity	**B** Nature of MAIN activity. If you were engaged in more than one activity please choose the activity you consider to be your main activity at that time. *PLEASE TICK ONE OPTION ONLY*	**C** Name and location of employer OR Name and location of organisation where studying, training or researching	**D** IF EMPLOYED: Please fill in your job title and briefly describe your duties IF STUDYING: Please fill in your course title
ACTIVITY 5: From: Month Year ☐☐/☐☐ To: Month Year ☐☐/☐☐	Employed full-time..... ○ Employed part-time..... ○ Self employed / freelance..... ○ Voluntary work / other unpaid work.. ○ Full-time student or trainee..... ○ Part-time student or trainee..... ○ Unemployed and looking for work... ○ Other (PLEASE WRITE IN)..... ○	Name Town / City / Area Postcode	
ACTIVITY 6: From: Month Year ☐☐/☐☐ To: Month Year ☐☐/☐☐	Employed full-time..... ○ Employed part-time..... ○ Self employed / freelance..... ○ Voluntary work / other unpaid work.. ○ Full-time student or trainee..... ○ Part-time student or trainee..... ○ Unemployed and looking for work... ○ Other (PLEASE WRITE IN)..... ○	Name Town / City / Area Postcode	
ACTIVITY 7: From: Month Year ☐☐/☐☐ To: Month Year ☐☐/☐☐	Employed full-time..... ○ Employed part-time..... ○ Self employed / freelance..... ○ Voluntary work / other unpaid work.. ○ Full-time student or trainee..... ○ Part-time student or trainee..... ○ Unemployed and looking for work... ○ Other (PLEASE WRITE IN)..... ○	Name Town / City / Area Postcode	
ACTIVITY 8: From: Month Year ☐☐/☐☐ To: Month Year ☐☐/☐☐	Employed full-time..... ○ Employed part-time..... ○ Self employed / freelance..... ○ Voluntary work / other unpaid work.. ○ Full-time student or trainee..... ○ Part-time student or trainee..... ○ Unemployed and looking for work... ○ Other (PLEASE WRITE IN)..... ○	Name Town / City / Area Postcode	

ACTIVITIES 5-8

PLEASE COMPLETE QUESTION E, F & G
IF YOUR MAIN ACTIVITY WAS:
EMPLOYMENT,
SELF-EMPLOYMENT / FREELANCE

(CONTINUE ON NEXT PAGE IF NEEDED)

PLEASE COMPLETE
QUESTION H
FOR EACH ACTIVITY

(CONTINUE ON NEXT PAGE IF NEEDED)

E Please describe what the organisation you were working for mainly does	F Type of contract	G Approximate annual gross pay, before tax, to the nearest £ thousand If you were employed for less than a year, please estimate your pay to the annual equivalent. Please just state basic pay; do not include any bonuses or benefits in kind.	H Reasons for change to next main activity *Please tick all that apply*
	Permanent / open-ended..... ○ Fixed-term (12 months or longer)..... ○ Fixed-term (less than 12 months)..... ○ Self-employed / freelance..... ○ Temporary – via agency..... ○ Temporary – other..... ○ Other (PLEASE WRITE IN)..... ○		Course or fixed-term job ended..... ☐ To change or improve my career options ☐ Promotion..... ☐ Obtained employment..... ☐ To broaden my experience..... ☐ Going into further study or training..... ☐ Given notice / made redundant..... ☐ Other (PLEASE WRITE IN)..... ☐
	Permanent / open-ended..... ○ Fixed-term (12 months or longer)..... ○ Fixed-term (less than 12 months)..... ○ Self-employed / freelance..... ○ Temporary – via agency..... ○ Temporary – other..... ○ Other (PLEASE WRITE IN)..... ○		Course or fixed-term job ended..... ☐ To change or improve my career options ☐ Promotion..... ☐ Obtained employment..... ☐ To broaden my experience..... ☐ Going into further study or training..... ☐ Given notice / made redundant..... ☐ Other (PLEASE WRITE IN)..... ☐
	Permanent / open-ended..... ○ Fixed-term (12 months or longer)..... ○ Fixed-term (less than 12 months)..... ○ Self-employed / freelance..... ○ Temporary – via agency..... ○ Temporary – other..... ○ Other (PLEASE WRITE IN)..... ○		Course or fixed-term job ended..... ☐ To change or improve my career options ☐ Promotion..... ☐ Obtained employment..... ☐ To broaden my experience..... ☐ Going into further study or training..... ☐ Given notice / made redundant..... ☐ Other (PLEASE WRITE IN)..... ☐
	Permanent / open-ended..... ○ Fixed-term (12 months or longer)..... ○ Fixed-term (less than 12 months)..... ○ Self-employed / freelance..... ○ Temporary – via agency..... ○ Temporary – other..... ○ Other (PLEASE WRITE IN)..... ○		Course or fixed-term job ended..... ☐ To change or improve my career options ☐ Promotion..... ☐ Obtained employment..... ☐ To broaden my experience..... ☐ Going into further study or training..... ☐ Given notice / made redundant..... ☐ Other (PLEASE WRITE IN)..... ☐

SECTION E Other qualifications

Everyone should complete this section.

Q25 Did you obtain any qualifications between the time you completed your course in the academic year 2004/05 and 24 November 2008?

PLEASE TICK ONE OPTION ONLY

Please include any qualifications that you have already told us about in the previous section. Do not include the qualification you obtained in 2004/05.

Yes..... ○ ANSWER THE REST OF THIS SECTION

No..... ○ GO TO SECTION F

Q25a How many separate further qualifications did you obtain?

PLEASE TICK ONE OPTION ONLY

One..... ○

Two..... ○

Three..... ○

More than three (PLEASE WRITE IN THE NUMBER OF QUALIFICATIONS BELOW)..... ○

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Q26 IF YOU OBTAINED FURTHER QUALIFICATIONS AFTER COMPLETING YOUR COURSE IN 2004/05, please provide details for each additional qualification below. Please give the subject area of the qualification and then the type of qualification it was and how you MAINLY funded your studies.

Qualification 1

PLEASE WRITE IN THE SUBJECT AREA AND INDICATE THE TYPE OF QUALIFICATION YOU GAINED AND THE MAIN SOURCE OF FUNDING FOR THIS STUDY BY TICKING ONE BOX IN EACH COLUMN

Qualification Subject Area _____

QUALIFICATION

Higher degree mainly by research (for example PhD, DPhil)..... ○

Higher degree, mainly by taught course (for example MA, MSc)..... ○

Postgraduate diploma or certificate (inc. PGCE)..... ○

First degree (for example BA, BSc, MEng) ○

Other diploma or certificate..... ○

Professional qualification (for example Accountancy)..... ○

Other qualification ..... ○

SOURCE OF FUNDING

Grant/Award (e.g. Research Council Studentship/Bursary/LEA award..... ○

My employer provided financial support..... ○

Self-funded (e.g. savings/loan/income)..... ○

Through some other source of funding..... ○

Qualification 2

PLEASE WRITE IN THE SUBJECT AREA AND INDICATE THE TYPE OF QUALIFICATION YOU GAINED AND THE MAIN SOURCE OF FUNDING FOR THIS STUDY BY TICKING ONE BOX IN EACH COLUMN

Qualification Subject Area

QUALIFICATION

- Higher degree mainly by research (for example PhD, DPhil)..... ○
- Higher degree, mainly by taught course (for example MA, MSc)..... ○
- Postgraduate diploma or certificate (inc. PGCE)..... ○
- First degree (for example BA, BSc, MEng) ○
- Other diploma or certificate..... ○
- Professional qualification (for example Accountancy)..... ○
- Other qualification ..... ○

SOURCE OF FUNDING

- Grant/Award (e.g. Research Council Studentship/Bursary/LEA award..... ○
- My employer provided financial support..... ○
- Self-funded (e.g. savings/loan/income)..... ○
- Through some other source of funding..... ○

Qualification 3

PLEASE WRITE IN THE SUBJECT AREA AND INDICATE THE TYPE OF QUALIFICATION YOU GAINED AND THE MAIN SOURCE OF FUNDING FOR THIS STUDY BY TICKING ONE BOX IN EACH COLUMN

Qualification Subject Area

QUALIFICATION

- Higher degree mainly by research (for example PhD, DPhil)..... ○
- Higher degree, mainly by taught course (for example MA, MSc)..... ○
- Postgraduate diploma or certificate (inc. PGCE)..... ○
- First degree (for example BA, BSc, MEng) ○
- Other diploma or certificate..... ○
- Professional qualification (for example Accountancy)..... ○
- Other qualification ..... ○

SOURCE OF FUNDING

- Grant/Award (e.g. Research Council Studentship/Bursary/LEA award..... ○
- My employer provided financial support..... ○
- Self-funded (e.g. savings/loan/income)..... ○
- Through some other source of funding..... ○

SECTION F Satisfaction

Everyone should complete this section.

Q27 If you were now to choose whether or not to do the course leading to the qualification you obtained in 2004/05, how likely or unlikely is it that you would...?

PLEASE TICK ONE OPTION FOR EACH ROW

	Very likely	Likely	Not very likely	Not likely at all	Don't know
Do a different subject?.....	○	○	○	○	○
Study at a different institution?.....	○	○	○	○	○
Work towards a different type of qualification e.g. Degree instead of diploma, MSc instead of PhD)?.....	○	○	○	○	○
Decide to do something other than training, study or research?.....	○	○	○	○	○

Q28 Given what you have told us so far, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with your career to date?

PLEASE TICK ONE OPTION ONLY

- Very satisfied..... ○
- Fairly satisfied..... ○
- Not very satisfied..... ○
- Not at all satisfied..... ○
- Don't know..... ○
- Not applicable..... ○

Q29 How far do you agree or disagree with the statement about your overall experience of the course you completed in 2004/05: "My course was good value for money"?

PLEASE TICK ONE OPTION ONLY

- Strongly agree..... ○
- Agree..... ○
- Neither agree nor disagree..... ○
- Disagree..... ○
- Strongly disagree..... ○
- Don't know..... ○

SECTION G Research Degree

Only answer this question if the degree you were studying towards in 2004/05 was a research degree, otherwise go to SECTION H.

Q30 Which of the following best describes the qualification you were aiming for in 2004/05?

PLEASE TICK ONE OPTION ONLY

Doctorate degree mainly by research (e.g. PhD, DPhil)..... ○
Masters degree mainly by research (e.g. MPhil)..... ○
Other degree mainly by research (PLEASE WRITE IN BELOW). ○

} PLEASE ANSWER THE REST OF THIS SECTION

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Did not study a research degree..... ○ GO TO SECTION H

Q31 Why did you decide to undertake the research degree you took in 2004/05?

PLEASE TICK ALL THAT APPLY

I was interested in the subject..... ☐
I was interested in research..... ☐
I wanted to go on being a student..... ☐
I wanted to postpone job-hunting..... ☐
I was awarded a funded scholarship..... ☐
I was encouraged or required to do so by my employer at the time..... ☐
I was encouraged to do so by previous tutors/lecturers..... ☐
I wanted an academic career..... ☐
I thought it would improve my career prospects more broadly..... ☐
It was essential to get into the area of employment I want(ed) to work in..... ☐
Other (PLEASE WRITE IN BELOW)..... ☐

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Q32 How did you fund this research degree you took in 2004/05?

PLEASE TICK ALL THAT APPLY FOR BOTH FEES (COLUMN A) AND MAINTENANCE (COLUMN B). PLEASE INCLUDE ANY ACCOMODATION COSTS UNDER MAINTENANCE

GRANTS / STUDENTSHIPS / AWARDS	A FEES	B MAINTENANCE
Award from the institution where I studied…….....…….	☐	☐
EU / EC funded.....	☐	☐
Research Council funded (PLEASE WRITE IN BELOW).....	☐	☐
_____		
UK Educational / scientific charity such as the Wellcome Trust or Cancer Research UK (PLEASE WRITE IN BELOW).....	☐	☐
_____		
Other competitively-awarded scholarship or award (PLEASE WRITE IN BELOW).....	☐	☐
_____		
Other (PLEASE WRITE IN BELOW).....	☐	☐
_____		
EMPLOYER		
Support from my employer or an industry body.....	☐	☐
SELF FUNDED		
Earnings from full-time / part-time teaching.....	☐	☐
Earnings from full-time / part-time research.....	☐	☐
Earnings from other full-time / part-time employment related to my area of research.....	☐	☐
Earnings from full-time / part-time employment not related to my area of research.....	☐	☐
My savings or the support of my family or partner.....	☐	☐
Loans (including student or commercial loans).....	☐	☐

Q33 To what extent did your research topic require....?

PLEASE TICK ONE OPTION FOR EACH ROW	A great extent	Some extent	Not at all
Working on your own.....	○	○	○
Collaborating with others in the same broad discipline or subject area as yours (e.g. chemistry).....	○	○	○
Collaborating with others in different disciplines.....	○	○	○
Development of knowledge and skills that cross other disciplines or subject areas as well as your own.....	○	○	○
Communicating with others outside the research community.....	○	○	○
Increasing specialisation.....	○	○	○

Q34 **In the job that you were doing on 24 November 2008, how often do you / did you....?**

PLEASE TICK ONE OPTION FOR EACH ROW

	Most of the time	Some of the time	Occasionally	Not at all
Conduct research	○	○	○	○
Interpret research data	○	○	○	○
Critically evaluate research findings	○	○	○	○
Draw on the detailed knowledge on which your research degree was based	○	○	○	○
Use your general disciplinary knowledge	○	○	○	○
Use the research skills you developed as a research student	○	○	○	○
Use the generic skills you developed as a research student	○	○	○	○
Work autonomously	○	○	○	○
Work as part of a team	○	○	○	○
Work under close supervision	○	○	○	○
Have responsibility for supervising the work of others	○	○	○	○

Q35 **To what extent has your PhD / Research degree experience enabled you to....?**

PLEASE TICK ONE OPTION FOR EACH ROW

	A great extent	Some extent	Not at all	Don't know
Be innovative in the workplace	○	○	○	○
Make a difference in the workplace	○	○	○	○
Access immediate or short-term job opportunities in your chosen career	○	○	○	○
Progress towards your long term career aspirations	○	○	○	○
Enhance your social and intellectual capabilities beyond employment	○	○	○	○
Enhance the quality of your life generally	○	○	○	○

Q36 **The Research Councils may like to contact you for further research purposes, the results of which are used to inform policy development and will be published to help inform individuals' career decisions. Would you be happy for us to pass on your responses and contact details in order for this to happen?**

Yes – willing for RCUK to contact ○

No – not willing ○

SECTION H Your contact details

Everyone should complete this section.

Q37 **Are you willing for IFF Research to pass on your contact details to the university/college you left in 2004/05, if they are different to the ones we already hold for you, so that they can update their records? These contact details may be used by your institution to undertake further research or to contact you with information or news about the institution in the future.**

PLEASE TICK ONE OPTION ONLY

Yes, willing for contact details to be passed on ..... ○

No, not willing ..... ○

Q38 **Would you be happy for us to pass the information you have given us on to your university/college along with your name? Your university/college may like to contact you in connection with this information. Would you be prepared for this to happen?**

PLEASE TICK ONE OPTION ONLY

Yes – willing for information to be passed on, but not to be contacted..... ○

Yes – willing for information to be passed on and to be contacted in connection with it by university/college..... ○

No – not willing for information to be passed on ..... ○

Q39 **Are you interested in viewing the results of this research? If so, we can email you an individual login and password which will allow you to view these. Would you like us to do this?**

Yes ..... ○

No..... ○

Q40 **If you are willing to be re-contacted for ANY of the reasons given above please complete the information below. You will only be recontacted for the purposes you have given permission for above. You need only provide your address if different to the one on the front of the letter we have sent you. Many thanks.**

Name _____

Address _____

_____ Postcode _____

Home telephone number (including code) _____

E-mail address _____

Q41 **Finally, do you have any further comments? Is there anything else you have done since completing your course in 2004/05 that you would like to tell us about?**

Thank you very much for completing this questionnaire.
Please return it to IFF Research in the reply-paid envelope provided.
You do not need to use a stamp.