### **2018 Cornell Senior Survey**

#### Welcome!

Thanks for coming to the Cornell Senior Survey. Cornell really needs your feedback. Results from the Senior Survey are frequently called upon to evaluate the quality of the Cornell undergraduate experience and inform improvements in programs and services.

This survey asks about your undergraduate experience at Cornell, as a whole, and within your major; your plans for the next year and beyond; and your general assessment of what you've learned in college. It should take you 15 minutes or less to complete. If you find a question that you don't want to answer, skip it and go on. We still want to hear what you have to say on the other topics.

We take your privacy very seriously. Results from the Senior Survey will never be reported in a way that would identify you as an individual. When you finish the last section and hit the final "submit" button, you'll find out instantly whether you have won a \$15 Amazon e-gift card! Every 10th survey completed is an automatic winner!

Thank you for providing your feedback and good luck! If you have any questions or encounter any problems while taking the survey, please contact Cornell's office of Institutional Research and Planning at irpsurvey@cornell.edu.

#### **Evaluate Cornell**

Overall, how satisfied are you	with your un	dergraduate	education?		
O Very satisfied					
O Generally satisfied					
Ambivalent					
O Generally dissatisfied					
<ul> <li>Very dissatisfied</li> </ul>					
Thinking about your entire exp following?	Very satisfied	Generally satisfied	Generally dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	of the
	Very	Generally	Generally	Very	of the
following?  Level of intellectual	Very	Generally	Generally	Very	of the
Level of intellectual excitement on campus	Very	Generally	Generally	Very	of the
Level of intellectual excitement on campus  Overall quality of instruction  Opportunities to participate in	Very	Generally	Generally	Very	of the

Would you encourage a l school senior (same back	-		-	-	_
O Definitely would					
O Probably would					
O Maybe					
O Probably would NO	т				
O Definitely would NC	T				
Your Undergraduate Ex Thinking about your entire following?	r <b>e experienc</b> Very	Generally	Generally	Very	Not
	satisfied	satisfied	dissatisfied	dissatisfied	applicable
Academic advising before declaring a major	0	0	0	0	0
Out-of-class availability of faculty	0	0	0	$\circ$	0
Opportunities to participate in research with a faculty member	0	0	0	0	0

#### In which field(s) are you majoring?

If you have more than one major, pick one to report on. We'll ask you to evaluate that major on the next page.

Please select your major from the dropdown list:

#### While an undergraduate, did you participate in any of the following?

	Yes	No
Research with a faculty member	0	0
Other research experiences	0	0
Published or presented a paper off- campus	0	0
Worked as a tutor or teaching assistant in an institution- or department-based program	0	0
Received tutorial help through an institution- or department-based program	0	0
Independent study	0	0
Off-campus study in the U.S.	0	0
Study-abroad program	0	0
Internship in the U.S.	0	0
Internship abroad	0	0
Service learning course	0	0
Volunteer service in the U.S.	0	0
Volunteer service abroad	0	0
Research experience outside the U.S.	0	0
Other international experience	0	0

How satisfied were you with your experience(s)?	Very satisfied	Generally satisfied	Generally dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied
Research with a faculty member	0	0	0	0
Other research experiences	0	$\circ$	0	0
Published or presented a paper off- campus	0	0	0	0
Worked as a tutor or teaching assistant in an institution- or department-based program	0	0	0	0
Received tutorial help through an institution- or department-based program	0	0	0	0
Independent study	0	0	0	0
Off-campus study in the U.S.	0	0	0	0
Study-abroad program	0	$\circ$	0	0
Internship in the U.S.	0	$\circ$	0	0
Internship abroad	0	$\circ$	0	0
Service learning course	0	$\circ$	0	0
Volunteer service in the U.S.	0	$\circ$	0	0
Volunteer service abroad	0	$\circ$	0	0
Research experience outside the U.S.	0	0	0	0
Other international experience	0	0	0	0

#### Satisfaction with Major

O Very dissatisfied

# On the whole, how satisfied are you with your major? Very satisfied Generally satisfied Ambivalent Generally dissatisfied

#### How satisfied are you with each of these aspects of this major?

	Very satisfied	Generally satisfied	Generally dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	Not applicable
Quality of instruction	0	0	0	0	0
Quality of advising	0	0	$\circ$	0	0
Helpfulness of faculty outside the classroom	0	0	$\circ$	0	0
Availability of courses you wanted to take	0	0	0	0	0
Level of intellectual excitement	0	0	0	0	0
Career opportunities associated with this major	0	0	0	0	0
Availability of tutoring or other academic assistance	0	0	0	0	0
Opportunities for active learning (e.g., class discussions, reflections, case studies, etc.)	0	0	0	0	0

#### **Quality of Campus Life**

#### How satisfied are you with each of the following aspects of campus life?

	Very satisfied	Generally satisfied	Generally dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	Not applicable
Sense of community on campus	0	0	0	0	0
Sense of community where you live	0	0	0	0	0
Climate for ethnic/racial minority students on campus	0	0	0	0	0
Degree of ethnic/racial diversity of the campus	0	0	0	0	0
Feeling of security on campus	0	0	0	0	$\circ$
Campus climate for students like you (e.g., students who share your race, sexual orientation, political views, religious beliefs, etc.)	0	0	0	0	0

# Did you actively participate in any of the following while in school? Intercollegiate athletics (NCAA) Intramural athletics Club sports Music/theater group Student publications Student government Political group Religious or spiritual group Cultural/ethnic organization Volunteer service Academic clubs, honor societies, or professional associations Fraternity or sorority Other student organizations or clubs None of the above How much do you agree or disagree with this statement: I have been able to find a balance between my academic work and extracurricular activities. O Strongly agree Agree Disagree Strongly disagree

#### While an undergraduate, did you participate in any of the following?

	Yes	No
Racial/cultural awareness program or workshop	0	0
Sexual harassment seminar or workshop	0	0
Skills-based workshop or course on how to effectively engage with individuals from different backgrounds	0	0

#### **Quality of Campus Services and Facilities**

# How satisfied are you with each of the following campus services and facilities? If you lack experience with one, mark "Not Applicable."

	Very satisfied	Generally satisfied	Generally dissatisfie d	Very dissatisfie d	Not applicable
Administration's responsiveness to student concerns	0	0	0	0	0
Athletic and recreational facilities	0	0	0	0	0
Food services	0	0	$\circ$	$\circ$	0
Library facilities and resources	0	0	0	0	0
Psychological counseling services	0	0	0	0	$\circ$
Student health services (other than counseling)	0	0	0	0	0
Student housing facilities	0	0	0	0	0
Student disability services	0	0	0	0	0
Recycling and composting services	0	0	0	0	0

#### **Upcoming Plans**

Yes, in the National Guard

We understand that your plans for the coming year may not be settled. Please answer the questions in this section the best you can, describing what you hope to be doing. We will ask follow-up questions on the status of your job or school searches.

Tell us what you expect to be doing THIS FALL. You need not be certain. Just tell us your preferred plan, marking all that apply. Working for pay full-time (including self-employment) Working for pay part-time Starting your own company or organization Attending graduate or professional school full-time Attending graduate or professional school part-time Enrolled in some other educational program (such as completing your current degree or a post-baccalaureate program) Family or other caregiving Traveling or just taking time for yourself Undecided None of the above Will you be serving in the U.S. military next year? O No Yes, on active duty Yes, in the Reserve

In the coming year, will you be doing service or volunteer work, paid or unpaid, through a service organization (e.g., Peace Corps, Teach for America)?
O Yes
○ No
Please tell us the organization you will be working with. We list only the most common responses; please use the space provided to list your organization.
O Peace Corps
O Teach for America
O City Year
O AmeriCorps
O Citizen Schools
Alliance for Catholic Education
Teaching Assistant Program in France
Other service/volunteer organization or teacher development program. Please specify:

apply.
Fellowship
Internship
Freelancing
Performing
Temp or contract work
None of the above
Please tell us which fellowship program.
Please describe your fall plans briefly.  Above, you marked both education and work-based activities as part of your fall
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Would you describe any of your planned fall activities as the following? Mark all that

bo you expect to be living inside of outside the o.s. flext fair:
☐ In U.S. (including Puerto Rico, territories, etc.)
Outside U.S.
O Not sure
In which state will you reside?
In which country or region will you reside?

#### **Employment Plans**

Which of the following best describes the current state of your employment plans for next year? Exclude summer-only employment. Mark the one best answer. Have accepted a position Will be self-employed O Considering one or more specific offers Currently searching for a position Have not yet begun my job search Not planning on employment this fall In what sector do you expect to be employed? Mark the best answer. Self-employed in own business (including freelancing/performing) O For-profit corporation/company/group-practice OGovernment or other public institution or agency, including military Non-profit organization/NGO (e.g., arts/human services/international organizations)

fall? Mark a choice only if it describes well the kind of work you expect to be doing. Artist/performer Business or market analyst Consultant Data analyst or data scientist Designer Engineer Entrepreneur Financial analyst or advisor Manager or administrator Military service Nurse Organizer, activist, or politician Paralegal or legal aide O Policy analyst or political aide Researcher Sales or marketing associate Scientific/lab technician Software developer or programmer Teacher (or teacher-in-training) Writer/journalist/editor Other \_\_\_\_\_

Below we list some terms that recent Cornell grads often use to describe their first job after college. Do any of them describe the position you will have or hope to have in the

# Which of the following best describes the type of organization where you will be working or hope to be working this fall? Advertising, Public Relations/Communications Advocacy—Social, Political, Environmental or Other O Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries Athletics, Recreation, Amusements, Sports O Biotech, Pharmaceuticals, Medical Equipment Business & Management Consulting Business Services not listed elsewhere Charity, Foundation, Grant-Making, or Religious Organization O Education - Higher Education Education - Other Education oution

Energy, Mining, Construction, Transport, Utilities, Distributio
Engineering, Architecture or Design Services
Entertainment, Film, Music Publishing
Environmental Services
Finance, Banking, or Financial/Investment Services
Fine or Performing Arts (Including Independent Performers)
Oovernment/Public Admin. not listed elsewhere
O Healthcare/Medicine
O Hotel, Hospitality, Travel, Tourism
Insurance or Real Estate

O International Affairs, International NGO
C Law, Legal Services, Judicial
Manufacturing not listed elsewhere
Museum or Cultural Institution
O Public Policy/Public Interest Research Org
O Public Safety, Policing, Security, Military
O Publishing (Print & Internet), Journalism, Media
Retail, Restaurants, Ecommerce, Consumer Services
Scientific Research and Consulting
O Social/Human Services or Other Community Service Org.
O Technology: Computer, IT, Internet, Information, Software
Other, specify
Would you consider this firm a "start-up" company?
O Yes
○ No

#### **Education Plans for the Fall**

Which of the following fall? Mark the one best answ	g best describes the current state of your educational pla	ns for the
O I have one or m	nore acceptances	
O I don't have any	acceptances yet	
O Not applicable		

If you know, please tell us which of the following degrees you will be pursuing next year.
Master of Arts (e.g., MA)
Master of Fine Arts (MFA)
Master of Science (MS)
Master's degree in Business (MBA)
Master's degree in Engineering
Professional Master's (e.g., MEd, MPA, MSW, MSN, MAT, MPH, MM)
Other Master's Degree
Law degree (e.g., JD, LLB)
Medical degree (e.g., MD, DO, DDS, DVM)
Doctoral Degree: Biological sciences
Doctoral Degree: Engineering, other applied sciences
Doctoral Degree: Humanities or arts
Doctoral Degree: Physical sciences
Doctoral Degree: Social sciences
Doctoral Degree: Education
Other doctorate
Other degree

#### Planning for Next Year: Advice and Information

How helpful have advice and assistance from your parents or guardians been as you make plans for next year?
O Very helpful
O Somewhat helpful
O Not very helpful
O Haven't asked for/received advice or assistance from my parents or guardians
Have you talked with any alumni/ae of Cornell to help you make plans for next year?
O Yes
○ No
How helpful have advice and assistance from alumni/ae been as you make plans for next year?
O Very helpful
O Somewhat helpful
O Not very helpful

How many faculty members know you well enough to provide a professional recommendation concerning your qualifications for a job or advanced degree work?				
0 (none)				
O 1				
O 2				
O 3				
O 4				
O 5 or more				
Do you expect to stay in touch with any C	ornell faculty	after graduat	ion?	
, ,				
O Yes				
○ Yes ○ No Please tell us about your interactions with	n Career Servi	ces at Cornel	l (Barnes Hall or a	
O Yes O No	n <b>Career Servi</b> None	ces at Cornel	II (Barnes Hall or a More than once	
○ Yes ○ No Please tell us about your interactions with			More than	
O Yes O No  Please tell us about your interactions with college office).  During the current academic year, how many times have you had a meeting with a staff member in Career Services at			More than	

office) (e.g., attended a program/event, or met with a career advisor)?
O 1st year
O 2nd year
O 3rd year
O 4th year
Overall, how satisfied are you with Career Services at Cornell (Barnes Hall or a college office)?
O Very satisfied
Generally satisfied
Generally dissatisfied
O Very dissatisfied
O Not applicable
As you make plans for next year, how confident are you in your ability to effectively plan your own career?
O Very confident
O Generally confident
O Somewhat confident
O Not confident at all

To what extent has your experience at Cornell contributed to your knowledge, skills, and personal development in the following areas?	Very much	Quite a bit	Some	Very little or none
Writing clearly and effectively	0	0	0	0
Communicating well orally	0	0	0	0
Thinking critically	0	0	0	0
Leadership skills	0	0	0	0
Understanding and using quantitative reasoning and methods	0	0	0	0
Reading or speaking a foreign language	0	$\circ$	0	$\circ$
Critical appreciation of art, music, literature, and drama	0	0	0	0
Understanding the process of science and experimentation	0	$\circ$	0	$\circ$
Creating original ideas and solutions	0	$\circ$	0	$\circ$
Placing current problems in historical/cultural/philosophical perspective	0	0	0	0
Career- or work-related knowledge and skills	0	0	0	0
In-depth knowledge of a field or discipline	0	0	0	0
Functioning effectively as a member of a team	0	0	0	0
Conducting scholarly research	0	$\circ$	0	$\circ$
Developing or clarifying a personal code of values or ethics	0	0	0	0

Ability to effectively engage with and learn from others whose backgrounds, identities or viewpoints differ from yours	0	0	0	0
Understanding the impact of human activities on the climate and natural environment	0	0	0	0
Engaging in more environmentally responsible actions	0	0	0	0
Long-Term Goals				
In this part of the survey, we want to ask you you may have already told us about.	about your lon	g-term plans	s, beyond the	e fall plans
Do you have plans to pursue a graduate or	professional	degree in t	he future?	
O Yes				
○ No				
Oundecided				

# Mark all that you expect to pursue. Master of Arts (e.g., MA) Master of Fine Arts (MFA) Master of Science (MS) Master's degree in Business (MBA) Master's degree in Engineering Professional Master's (e.g., MEd, MPA, MSW, MSN, MAT, MPH, MM) Other Master's Degree Law degree (e.g., JD, LLB) Medical degree (e.g., MD, DO, DDS, DVM) Doctoral Degree: Biological sciences Doctoral Degree: Engineering, other applied sciences Doctoral Degree: Humanities or arts Doctoral Degree: Physical sciences Doctoral Degree: Social sciences Doctoral Degree: Education Other doctorate Other degree \_\_\_\_\_ Still unsure

Which, if any, degrees do you plan to pursue in the future?

#### Paying for College

Have you received any financial aid from Cornell (e.g., grant, student loan, or work-study job) while you have been an undergraduate here?
○ Yes
○ No
During your time at Cornell, have you ever received a Pell grant?
○ Yes
○ No
What is the total amount YOU borrowed personally for your undergraduate education (tuition, fees, room and board)?
○ \$0
O \$1 - \$4,999
O \$5,000 - \$9,999
O \$10,000 -\$14,999
O \$15,000 -\$19,999
O \$20,000 - \$24,999
O \$25,000 - \$29,999
O \$30,000 - \$39,999
○ \$40,000 or more
O More than \$0 but unable to estimate the amount

If you are able to estimate your total current indebtedness, please enter that figure below
O \$
Will your parents or family help you pay off the loans you indicated above?
O Yes
○ No
O Not applicable
What has been the impact on your family of paying for your education (tuition, fees, room and board) at Cornell?
O None/Slight
O Moderate
O Considerable
O Severe
O Not applicable (My family does not contribute funds for my education.)
Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? I will be seriously burdened by loan payments when I graduate.
O Strongly Agree
O Agree
O Disagree
O Strongly Disagree

#### Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Due to a lack of money, I have had to forego:

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Study abroad	0	0	0	0
Extracurricular activities	0	0	0	0
Community service	0	0	0	0
Non-paying research/internships	0	0	0	0

n which of your college years did you work for pay during at least one term? Mark all that apply or "Did not work for pay."
1st year
2nd year
☐ 3rd year
4th year or later
Did not work for pay

#### **A Little More About You**

During	which undergraduate years did you live on campus for at least one term
	1st year
	2nd year
	3rd year
	4th year or later
	Did not live on campus
Which	of the following best describes your gender identity? Mark all that apply.
	Agender
	Androgyne
	Demigender
	Genderqueer or genderfluid
	Man
	My gender is not listed - I identify as:
	Questioning
	Transgender man
	Transgender woman
	Woman
	Prefer not to disclose

Are you attending college on an international student visa?
O Yes
○ No
Your race or ethnic group. Mark all that apply.
American Indian or Alaska Native
Asian
Black or African American
Hispanic or Latino
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
White

What is your sexual orientation? Mark all that apply.
Asexual
Bisexual
Gay
Straight (heterosexual)
Lesbian
Pansexual
Queer
Questioning
Prefer not to disclose
My sexual orientation is not listed - I identify as:
Were you admitted to Cornell:
Early Action or Early Decision
O Regular admission
As a transfer from another institution

When you first started college, in what general field were you planning to major? Mark the best answer.		
O Fine Arts		
O Humanities		
O Biological Sciences		
O Physical Sciences or Mathematics		
Engineering or Applied Sciences		
O Social Sciences		
O Business & Management		
Oundecided		
Other		
Please tell us what your highest admission test scores were:		
SAT Critical Reading		
SAT Writing		
SAT Mathematics		
ACT Composite		

What is the average grade you have received during your college career?		
○ A		
O A-		
○ B+		
Ов		
O B-/C+		
O C or below		
Have you taken one or more graduate or pro	ressional exams (e.g., GRE, LSAT, MCAT)?	
O Yes		
○ Yes ○ No		
	ave blank if not applicable.	
O No	ave blank if not applicable.	
O No  Please share your highest scores with us. Le	ave blank if not applicable.	
O No  Please share your highest scores with us. Le	ave blank if not applicable.	
O No  Please share your highest scores with us. Le  GRE Verbal Reasoning  GRE Quantitative Reasoning	ave blank if not applicable.	

#### **Your Parents**

#### Do/did any of your parents...

	Yes	No
Have a Bachelor's degree?	0	$\circ$
Have a graduate or professional degree (beyond the Bachelor's)?	0	0
Attend Cornell as an undergraduate?	0	$\circ$

What is your best estimate of the total annual before tax income from all sources of the parent, parents, and/or stepparents who helped pay for your undergraduate education?

- O Less than \$25,000
- \$25,000 \$49,999
- \$50,000 \$74,999
- **\$75,000 \$99,999**
- \$100,000 \$149,999
- \$150,000 \$199,999
- \$200,000 \$249,999
- \$250,000 \$499,999
- \$500,000 or more

#### **Local Questions**

# During the current academic year, how helpful have the following library resources been to you?

	Very helpful	Somewhat helpful	Not helpful	Have not used
Library spaces	0	0	0	0
Help from library staff	0	$\circ$	0	0
Classes or sessions led by library staff on how to find information for your coursework or research projects	0	0	0	0
Articles, books, data, and other online or print collections	0	0	0	0

#### To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Cornell demonstrates a strong institutional commitment to diversity	0	0	0	0
I have found a community at Cornell where I feel like I belong	0	0	0	0
Students here are respectful of one another when discussing controversial issues or perspectives	0	0	0	0

sense of belonging at Cornell? Please select up to three groups.		
O Your major		
Academic club, honor society or professional association		
Athletic team or club		
Fraternity or sorority		
Arts-related group (e.g., music, dance, theater, literature or journalism)		
Cultural or racial/ethnic organization		
Volunteer or community service organization		
Political or social action group		
Religious or spiritual group		
Other campus-based club or organization, please specify:		
None of the above		

Which, if any, of the following groups has played a central role in providing you with a

Are you	a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces, Military Reserves, or National Guard?
O Ye	es
ON	o
Do you h	nave any of the following disabilities or chronic conditions? Mark all that apply.
Le	earning disability or ADHD
	lobility or sensory disability (e.g., prosthetic, spinal cord injury, hard of hearing, low n, etc.)
CI	hronic mental health condition (e.g., depression, PTSD, etc.)
C	hronic medical condition (e.g., cystic fibrosis, diabetes, chronic pain, etc.)
O-	ther disability or chronic condition (please specify):
	one of the above

We'd like to end with just a few more questions about you.

Which religious, spiritual, or philosophical tradition do you practice or identify with? Mark all that apply.
Protestant
Roman Catholic
Another type of Christian (e.g., Orthodox, LDS, etc.)
Buddhist
Hindu
Jewish
Muslim
Atheist
Some other religious, spiritual, or philosophical tradition
Spiritual but do not identify with a religious tradition or group
Other
None

0	Very liberal
0	Liberal
0	Moderate/Middle-of-the-road
0	Conservative
0	Very conservative
0	Something else
0	Have not thought that much about it
Which	of the following best describes your social class when you were growing up?
0	Low income
0	Working class
0	Middle class
0	Upper-middle or professional class
0	Wealthy
comm	e use the space below to elaborate on any of the questions on the survey and to ent on any other aspect of your undergraduate experience not covered in this onnaire.
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How would you describe your political views?