

Q31 Please describe your overall impressions regarding your experiences at the 2019 Institute.

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Invigorating	11/30/2019 4:27 PM
2	Great experience as stated earlier.	11/29/2019 2:39 PM
3	Awesome!	11/27/2019 8:11 PM
4	Excellent	11/26/2019 2:59 PM
5	The Institute was an incredible experience. I look forward to going to many more in the future.	11/26/2019 2:39 PM
6	<p>Things that need improvement: when we entered the hotel from the shuttle, there was no one to greet us and direct us to Registration and check-in. We waited 35 minutes with the transportation service before we actually got on the bus and then we sat on the shuttle for 30 more minutes, so when we finally got to the hotel, it was too late to change out of our travel clothes before the first session and welcome reception. We walked in and saw empty rooms and an escalator. Registration lines were long and cumbersome. Re - badges, it would have been nice to have our universities printed larger and our major/area of study included. All of the rooms for the breakout sessions were way too small. All of them were packed to the point where a lot of people were sitting on the floor or could not fit in the room so they left. The keynote meals seemed to drag out since we waited until the meal was almost over to have the speaker come up and sitting in a room for that long after a meal made us drowsy and it was hard to focus on the speaker. At the welcome breakfast, we spent 15 minutes wading through the tables with our hands full of food to try to find the table with our state's name on it. The table tents were not up high on a stand so we had to physically walk to each table to see what state it was. Things that went great: The agendas were great. I appreciated the backpack/registration gift, the SREB staff were super warm and friendly and we felt very comfortable to ask questions. The food was good and the wait staff were friendly and accommodating for the most part. There were a lot of schools and organizations there to recruit and that felt great to see all of the opportunities. I enjoyed the content from the sessions and the many opportunities to network. Thank you for the opportunity to attend this great event and for the comfortable accommodations.</p>	11/26/2019 1:45 PM
7	Overall great atmosphere. I appreciate having so many recruiters to talk as I am currently looking for jobs. Special shoutout to Indiana University Bloomington. The recruiter was able to connect me to a postdoc position and the deadline had just closed. I was still able to apply. I hope to get a job from this conference.	11/26/2019 1:28 PM
8	The 2019 Institute provided a very encouraging and supportive environment for students. There were great speakers and the leadership strongly encouraged us to network and make the most of the opportunities and information provided at the Institute. It was helpful to hear about others' viewpoints and experiences.	11/22/2019 6:21 PM
9	An amazing experience.	11/19/2019 8:22 PM
10	These are the same questions. please see comments from previous page	11/19/2019 5:45 AM
11	Excellent conference! Can't wait till next year!	11/18/2019 11:36 PM
12	Amazing! I can't wait for next year. I was impressed with the scholars and their testimonies about how they overcame and succeeded. I appreciated their honesty and commitment to help others do the same. I also thought the selection of sessions was wide in variety and scope. Many that I wanted to attend were scheduled at the same time, so I missed out. But then I realized that I can attend the ones I missed next year, so I didn't miss out. Also, hopefully the speakers at the sessions that I couldn't attend will post their presentations to the ITM website. Again, such an amazing experience!	11/18/2019 6:08 PM
13	The Institute did a fantastic job, I was not certain as to what to expect, but I was pleasantly surprised by how peaceful and safe the environment of the conference was and how it gave everyone a space to let their emotions out and feel and allow the audience to understand through the presenter's emotions and style, culminating into a community and friendly feel. I wish there were more conferences like this to help empower students (and faculty) to strive higher and reassert why they are on their chosen path. I hope to attend many more in the near future. Thank you for such a dynamic space.	11/18/2019 4:32 PM
14	I enjoyed it this year.	11/18/2019 1:35 PM
15	My overall experience was great. I believe that more MD-PhD sessions or focuses should be tackled alongside with the other program focuses. I enjoyed the one on one sessions. That was the best part of the conference.	11/16/2019 3:31 PM
16	There is a glitch in the survey, the last several questions, 17-30 were identical to the previous set of questions, 1-14	11/16/2019 1:03 PM
17	Excellent!	11/15/2019 9:12 PM

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18	Again the institute was an amazing experience and definitely an opportunity that anyone in graduate school or considering graduate school should engage with.	11/15/2019 6:10 PM
19	Through the experience at the 2019 Institute, I was able to explore opportunities for my future academic future and gave me motivation to stay focused and pursue my goals.	11/15/2019 5:20 PM
20	It was an unique one. One of the best I have ever had.	11/15/2019 3:49 PM
21	Overall my impressions regarding my experience at the 2019 Institute are overwhelmingly positive and I am very much looking forward to returning in 2020.	11/15/2019 3:33 PM
22	Empowering community	11/15/2019 2:49 PM
23	It was great. I think the survey is duplicated because #30 doesn't apply.	11/15/2019 2:45 PM
24	Excellent	11/15/2019 2:45 PM
25	It was excellent and well organized. The faculty involved were insightful and helpful.	11/15/2019 2:41 PM
26	n/a	11/15/2019 2:40 PM
27	this survey appeared to repeat questions for the second page	11/14/2019 2:36 AM
28	An ideal platform to meet, interact and network with other scholars and prospective employers	11/14/2019 1:11 AM
29	My experience at the institute was excellent because I had opportunities to engage with other students, faculty, and employer. I also had opportunities to learn new things that I might not have been able to learn in the classroom or in the school environment. Hearing about the challenges of others and how they navigated graduate school successfully was very great and motivating. Lastly, I had an opportunity to attend the money management section, and I believe I have never learned this in school before. In fact, the school system only focuses on training, and not about money management to have a secured future. Therefore, my experience at the institute was an amazing one.	11/13/2019 4:48 PM
30	I was really unsure of what to expect. I came with the thought of inspiring my students to pursue advanced degrees. I came away with the confidence to inquire about doctoral programs for myself.	11/13/2019 3:43 PM
31	Amazing and empowering.	11/13/2019 4:28 AM
32	Amazing 😊	11/13/2019 4:25 AM
33	motivational and inspiring	11/12/2019 8:26 PM
34	It was an outstanding conference would like to be there every year.	11/12/2019 8:00 PM
35	I really enjoyed talking with the different institutions.	11/12/2019 7:26 PM
36	meh	11/12/2019 6:43 PM
37	It was great.	11/12/2019 5:03 PM
38	I wish there was a way to see the seasons I couldn't make. I always enjoy the conference.	11/12/2019 4:57 PM
39	Great networking opportunity	11/12/2019 4:50 PM
40	Inspired, motivated and determined.	11/12/2019 4:37 PM
41	Really wish there was more room in the focused sessions so more people could attend, so many people had to just leave because there was no room.	11/12/2019 4:18 PM
42	Again, my experience at the Institute was good, but that was mainly due to the connections I have made and the relationships I have developed and maintained over the last three years. Just a note that I think could improve the Institute overall: I think the first year of the Institute should be required, but I think the next two years, or at least the very last funded year, should be optional in that people that are three years into their doctoral programs can opt to use that last funded year when they are on the market to make full use of the Institute rather than have the last funded year be awkwardly placed in the middle of their program. P.S.) You may want to check the logic model of this survey, there are repeating questions.	11/12/2019 3:46 PM
43	The institute is a fantastic resource! I have no critiques of the programming, which was all amazing. One thing I will mention is that giving out full printed agendas and cheap plastic bottles to every attendee is very wasteful- maybe these things can be optional, and the agenda can be promoted primarily online?	11/12/2019 3:20 PM
44	I was just really impressed overall. I got a lot of helpful information from the workshops and a lot of helpful information from other scholars.	11/12/2019 3:16 PM
45	Great exposure to students and faculty Need more spaces for panels	11/12/2019 3:15 PM

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46	The conference could be improved by offering student panels where we're able to exchange information about unique ways to gain valuable experiences during the PhD journey as well as talks from recent graduates of the program about how to successfully navigate the market and secure a tenure-line position. Also, the first day's breakfast what organized by state, which was nice because it allowed us to meeting scholars in our geographic area who may not attend our institution. Perhaps it'd be helpful to organize the second day's breakfast by discipline, so that students get to meet others within their area of study from other states. I met two others in my field, but it was by accident rather than being facilitated. Also, the career fair/university tabling could be improve by: increasing representation of HBCU; organizing the institution by size and type (i.e., liberal arts, R1, R2, Community, etc.); and providing directed engagement where the jobs being advertise are collected, curated, and disseminate by discipline to SREB scholars in there final year of study. The latter recommendation would help ensure that the right future graduates get to the right schools before the fatigue moving from table to table.	11/12/2019 3:08 PM
47	I think this page repeated? I would say the same sentiments that I wrote about on the previous page.	11/12/2019 3:04 PM
48	I had a great time	11/12/2019 3:00 PM
49	More than necessary for me to continue on this journey	11/11/2019 11:40 PM
50	Great conference	11/11/2019 1:32 PM
51	Please refer to my answer on the last page. The survey seems repetitive.	11/11/2019 1:31 PM
52	I just see the same questions on a second page of the survey.	11/6/2019 12:21 AM
53	It was terrific!!! The first conference that I've attended where I felt 100% accepted and seen!	11/3/2019 1:33 PM
54	Questions are repeated.	11/3/2019 12:26 AM
55	These were the same questions as on the previous page. As a recruiter, these items did not seem relevant to me. But, as a recruiter, I enjoyed the conference, and highly recommended my institution to continue to send a representative.	10/29/2019 4:58 PM
56	Liked hearing people's stories. Workshops on interviewing and negotiating are really useful.	10/27/2019 4:24 PM