Neuro Alumni Survey

Start of Block: Informed Consent

Q1.1

Welcome to the Kenyon Neuroscience Alumni Survey. We appreciate your willingness to participate.

This 12-15 minute survey is designed to identify the satisfactory areas of the Neuroscience department and what areas need improvement. Your participation is voluntary and confidential.

If you have any questions regarding this survey or the Neuroscience program, please contact Andy Niemec, Professor of Neuroscience at (740)-427-5378 or niemeca@kenyon.edu. If you have any questions regarding the survey results or your participation in this survey, please contact Erika Farfan, Director of Institutional Research at (740)-427-5571 or farfane@kenyon.edu.

End of Block: Informed Consent

Start of Block: Employment and Education after Kenyon

Q2.1 Please indicate which of the following best describes your current primary activity. (check all that apply)

Employed full- or part-time (1)

Attending graduate or professional school (2)

Traveling (3)

Participating in volunteer or service program (Teach for America, AmeriCorp, etc.) (4)

Serving in the U.S. military (5)

Seeking employment (6)

Staying home to be with or start a family (7)

None of the above: (8)

	Do not plan to pursue (1)	Degree received (2)	Currently enrolled or working towards (3)	Degree you hope to attain in the future (4)
B.A./B.S. (other than your Kenyon degree) (1)	\bigcirc	0	0	0
Master's degree such as M.A., M.S., M.S.W., M.B.A., etc. (2)	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	0
A medical degree such as M.D., D.O., D.V.M., etc. (3)	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
A law degree such as J.D. or L.L.B. (4)	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Doctoral degree such as Ph.D., Psy.D., etc. (5)	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Other: (6)	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc

Q2.2 What other degrees are you currently pursuing, have started, or completed since leaving Kenyon College? (check all that apply)

Q2.3 At what point did you secure your first paying job after graduating from Kenyon?

• While enrolled as an undergraduate. (1)

 \bigcirc During the first six months after graduation. (2)

 \bigcirc More than six months after graduation. (3)

O I have not yet sought a paying job; I am a full-time student or engaged in other activities. (4)

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Q2.4 Is your current primary activity in the field of neuroscience or a related field?

○ Yes (1)

O No (2)

End of Block: Employment and Education after Kenyon

Start of Block: Community Engagement

Q3.1 About how often do you engage in community service, scientific outreach, or volunteer work for organizations?

O Weekly (1)

O Monthly (2)

- O Several time a year (3)
- \bigcirc Once or twice a year (4)
- Less than once a year (5)

End of Block: Community Engagement

Start of Block: Education

Q4.1 Please list the name(s) and approximate enrollment dates of the program(s) and school(s) you are attending or have attended:

	Very ineffective (1)	Ineffective (2)	Neither Effective nor Ineffective (3)	Effective (4)	Very Effective (5)
Collaborating with other colleagues (1)	0	\bigcirc	0	\bigcirc	0
Collaborating with supervisors (2)	0	\bigcirc	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Oral presentation of your work (3)	0	\bigcirc	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Written presentation of your work (4)	0	\bigcirc	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Integrating ideas across your discipline (5)	0	0	0	0	0
Critical reading of your discipline's literature (6)	0	\bigcirc	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc

Q4.2 How effective was Kenyon at preparing your for these common professional experiences in graduate school?

Q4.3 What aspects of graduate school have you found especially challenging, if any?

Q4.4 Would you like the information from only the above education questions on this page to be used to update your profile with the Kenyon Alumni Office?

○ Yes (1)

O No (2)

End of Block: Education

Start of Block: Employment

Q5.1 What is the name of the primary organization with which you're currently employed? (name of company, business, or other employer)

Q5.2 What is your current job title or position at this employer?

Q5.3 Please indicate whether each of the following descriptions applies to your current job. (Check all that apply)

Uses important skills I	l gained as an undergraduate.	(1)
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Is related to my desired career path. (2)

Is work I find meaningful. (3)

Allows me to continue to grow and learn. (4)

Pays enough to support my desired lifestyle. (5)

Pays health insurance. (6)

Is likely to continue until I wish to leave. (7)

Overall, is a satisfying job. (8)

I am not currently employed. (9)

	Very ineffective (1)	Ineffective (2)	Neither Effective nor Ineffective (3)	Effective (4)	Very Effective (5)
Collaborating with other colleagues (1)	0	0	0	\bigcirc	0
Collaborating with supervisors (2)	0	\bigcirc	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Oral presentation of your work (3)	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Written presentation of your work (4)	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Integrating ideas across your discipline (5)	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	0	\bigcirc
Critical reading of your discipline's literature (6)	0	\bigcirc	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
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Q5.4 How effective was Kenyon at preparing your for these common professional experiences in employment?

Q5.5 Would you like the information from only the above employment questions on this page to be used to update your profile with the Kenyon Alumni Office?

○ Yes (1)

O No (2)

End of Block: Employment

Start of Block: Major Selection

Q6.1 In what school year did you decide on majoring/concentrating in Neuroscience?

	O Before college (1)
	◯ First year (2)
	O Sophomore year (3)
	O Junior year (4)
	O Senior year (5)
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Q6.2 What initially drew you to the Neuroscience program?

End of Block: Major Selection

Start of Block: Skills and Courses

F - 3	Not at all useful (1)	A little useful (2)	Somewhat useful (3)	Useful (4)	Very useful (5)	Did not acquire (6)
Oral communication (1)	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Written communication (2)	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Analysis and interpretation of data (3)	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Analysis and interpretation of visual images and media (4)	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	0
Critical reading (5)	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Critical thinking (6)	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Creative thinking (7)	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Integration of ideas across disciplines (8)	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Integration of diverse perspectives (9)	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	0
Research skills (10)	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Problem solving (11)	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Ethical reasoning (12)	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Record keeping (13)	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Data analysis (14)	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc

Q7.1 The following is a list of skills that may have been acquired while at Kenyon in the Neuroscience program. Please note to what degree the skill has been useful to you in your career since Kenyon.

Time management (15)	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Experimental design (16)	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Independent thinking (17)	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Intercultural knowledge and competency (18)	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Information literacy (19)	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Civic engagement (20)	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Delegation of responsibilities (21)	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Lab safety practices (22)	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc

Q7.2 What skill(s) do you wish you had learned or acquired while at Kenyon?

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Q7.3 In the Neuroscience major/concentration, do you feel that you were encouraged to take responsibility for your own learning?

O Yes (1) O No (2)

Q7.4 In Neuroscience courses, do you feel that you were encouraged to collaborate with others to meet learning goals?

○ Yes (1)														
○ No (2)														
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Q7.5

Please note to what degree the course content has been useful to you in your career since Kenyon (rank 1-4, Not at all to Very useful, Not applicable).

If you'd like to read the course descriptions, please paste these links into your browser for Neuroscience (https://www.kenyon.edu/academics/departments-programs/neuroscience/academic-program-requirements/courses/), Biology (http://www.kenyon.edu/x10220.xml), and Chemistry (http://www.kenyon.edu/x10398.xml):

	Not at all useful (1)	Not very useful (2)	Somewhat useful (3)	Very useful (4)	Not applicable (5)
NEUR 212: Intro to Neuroscience (1)	0	\bigcirc	0	0	0
NEUR 305: Behavioral Neuroscience (2)	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
NEUR 307: Sensory Processes (3)	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
NEUR 471: Topics in Neuroscience (4)	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
The Senior Exercise (5)	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
NEUR 385: Research in Neuroscience (6)	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
NEUR 401: Research Methods in Electrophysiology & Biopotentials (7)	0	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
NEUR 405: Research Meth in Behavioral Neuroscience (8)	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
NEUR 406: Research Methods in Sensory Processes (9)	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	0

PSYC 402: Research Methods in Cognition (10)	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
PSYC 410: Research Methods in Human Neuroscience (11)	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	0
BIOL 359: Experimental Neurobiology (12)	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
BIOL 115: Energy in Living Systems (13)	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
BIOL 116: Information in Living Systems (14)	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
BIOL 109/110: Introduction to Experimental Biology (15)	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
CHEM 121/124: Introductory Chemistry (16)	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
CHEM 122: Chemical Principles (17)	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Elective 1 course number/name: (18)	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Elective 2 course number/name: (19)	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Elective 3 course number/name: (20)	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Elective 4 course number/name: (21)	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc

Q7.6 What would you consider the most important class you took in the Neuroscience program and why?

Q7.7 What neuroscience related course(s) or types of courses do you wish you would have taken or wish were offered? Please be as specific as possible and note whether it should be a requirement or optional for the major.

Q7.8 Did you do independent research during your time at Kenyon (either at Kenyon or off campus)?

O Yes (1)

O No (2)

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If Did you do independent research during your time at Kenyon (either at Kenyon or off campus)? = No

Q7.9 Why didn't you do independent research during your time at Kenyon?

End of Block: Skills and Courses

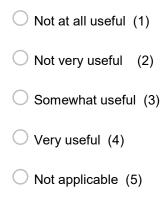
Start of Block: Student Research

Q8.1

For how long and in what capacity did you participate in independent research (e.g. Kenyon summer science, for credit, off campus, etc.)? Please list all experiences.

Q8.2 Why did you choose to do independent research during your time at Kenyon?

Q8.3 To what degree has the independent research experience been useful to you in your career since Kenyon?



End of Block: Student Research

Start of Block: Educational Attitudes

Q9.1 Compared to your present peers, what advantages do or did you experience as a result of your Kenyon Neuroscience education?

Q9.2 Compared to your present peers, what limitations do or did you experience as a result of your Kenyon Neuroscience education?

Q9.3 Overall, what is the reputation of the Kenyon Neuroscience program amongst your peers?

Strongly favorable (1)

Favorable (2)

O Indifferent (3)

Unfavorable (4)

Strongly unfavorable (5)

They don't know anything about Kenyon (6)

End of Block: Educational Attitudes

Start of Block: Open Response Questions

Q10.1 If there is anything you would like to elaborate on regarding questions related to this survey or any aspect of your experience in the Neuroscience program at Kenyon, please do so below.

Q10.2 Would you be willing to mentor a Kenyon undergraduate? If so, the Alumni Office will receive your contact information and keep it on file for future contact.

Yes, I would be willing to mentor a current Kenyon student and release my contact information to the Alumni Office. (1)

🔾 No (2)

End of Block: Open Response Questions

Start of Block: End of survey questions

Q11.1 If I had it to do over again, I would still choose to attend Kenyon.

O Strongly agree (1)	
O Agree (2)	
O Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)	
O Disagree (4)	
O Strongly Disagree (5)	

Q11.2 If I knew a high school student who showed interest in Kenyon, I would recommend that he or she apply.

O Strongly agree (1)
O Agree (2)
O Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)
O Disagree (4)
O Strongly Disagree (5)
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Q11.3 This is the final page of the survey. By submitting this page you are submitting your responses to this survey.

End of Block: End of survey questions