

Dear Graduate Student,

My name is Katy Wawrzyniec, and I am a current graduate student in the Higher Education Administration Ph.D program here at the University of Tennessee. I am conducting a research study with Dr. Pamela Angelle on the perceived power distance between graduate students (GTAs, GRAs and GAs) and their faculty supervisors. The purpose of the study is to help identify relationship trends between graduate students and their supervisors in various academic disciplines.

I am hoping you can spare a few minutes to participate in a brief survey regarding your experiences as a graduate assistant. The survey should take no more than five (5) minutes to complete, and all responses will remain confidential. After the study is completed, results will be available to you upon request. Please note: This email may have been forwarded to you from your current supervisor at the University of Tennessee. However, your supervisor does not have any connection to the study described. Your choice to participate or not is completely voluntary and not tied to your academic success. Your supervisor will not know whether you have decided to participate or not.

For more information about this study, please contact me by phone at 865-974-3331 or email at kwawrzyn@utk.edu.

The link to the survey is: <https://utk.questionpro.com/t/ASLTxZIJC9>

Thank you for your help with this research study.

Sincerely,

Katy Wawrzyniec
Principal Investigator

Study Title: Perceived Power Distance between Graduate Assistants and Faculty Supervisors at UT Knoxville