PhD Alumni Survey 2020

Target group 01

- 23% of total PhD alumni group responded
- 72% male
- 28% female
- 33 years (average age)
- The survey was sent to PhD graduates from January 1st 2020 to December 31st 2020 (if email available)

Satisfaction PhD Experience 02

- Overall PhDs are (very) satisfied about their supervision:
  - 68% (very) satisfied in 2020
  - 79% in 2019
  - 80% in 2018
  - 72% in 2017
- PhDs are also (very) satisfied about their PhD at TU Delft 2020:
  - 84% (very) satisfied in 2020
  - 82% in 2019
  - 85% in 2018
  - 86% in 2017
- Average grade of the TU Delft Experience: 7.9
- Would recommend a PhD at TU Delft: 78%

Employment after PhD 03

- 64% search for a job before submitting their PhD thesis
- 6% employment was secured with the PhD sponsor
- 64% stay in the Netherlands
- 26% go back to home country
- 94% are employed
- 51% PhD alumni find a job easily
- 64% job applications require a PhD Degree
- PhD who stay in Academia & at TU Delft:
  - 38% in 2020
  - 32% in 2019
  - 37% in 2018
- Alumni seem to work more hours each year.

Conclusions 04

1. The Doctoral Education programme is highly valued
2. Non-Dutch PhD alumni can find work in the Netherlands
3. Employment situation is stable and positive
4. Focus on planning and personal leadership skills are key for finishing within 4 years
5. Mental well-being is important

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- 2018
- 2019
- 2020

This is the 6th year data has been collected