

**University of Wyoming
Department of Atmospheric Science**

Ph.D. Exit Survey

The purpose of this self-assessment is to take a moment to reflect on your entire Ph.D. curriculum. Please share with us what you feel you have learned and accomplished academically, and any perceived strengths and/or weaknesses of the Dept. of Atmospheric Science and the UW.

Date :

Name :

Permanent email address:

A. Academic skills

Please comment on the following criteria of academic success, and rate UW's performance from 1 (poor) to 5 (excellent).

Criteria	Comments	rating (1-5)
Did the course curriculum (as well as the seminars) give you a comprehensive and thorough understanding of the broad field of atmospheric science? Please indicate strengths and weaknesses of the course curriculum. What if anything in your opinion is missing, what is redundant or overemphasized?		
Do you feel you now are an expert in your area of specialty? That is, did you gain a deep understanding of your field of study, through exchanges with your advisor, in-house and external experts, your reading of the peer-review literature, attendance at conferences ... Feel free to make suggestions.		
Do you feel that your Ph.D. experience has given you the skills to independently design methods for observation and/or numerical experimentation, to		

carry out experiments, to evaluate the results, and to write it up in a paper that can be published in a reputable peer-reviewed journal? Again, suggestions for improvements are welcome.		
Do you feel you have acquired adequate skills and opportunities to present your research orally , in-house or at workshops/conferences, be it in the form of a lecture or poster presentation? How can we do better?		
Do you feel you have had the opportunity and gathered adequate skills and experience to write proposals in response to opportunities from federal or other granting agencies, or internally, from your future employer?		

B. Other factors

Criteria	Comments	rating (1-5)
To what extent do you feel you are (were) a key member of a team , an integral part of a research enterprise?		
In your opinion, did you have adequate input from and exchanges with your science community , e.g. through collaboration with one or more external (non-UW) experts?		
How do you rate your own office space allocation in the building?		

How do you rate your access to computer resources , code, and applications at UW (the Dept, the UW, and the NWSC) including IT support?		
How do you rate the administrative support staff within the Department?		
How do you rate your interaction with your lead Advisor ?		
How do you rate your interaction with other Atmospheric Science faculty, scientists, and engineers ?		
How do you rate your interaction with your fellow graduate students ?		
How do you rate the UW academic support (Graduate School, Registrar ...)		
How do you rate life / enrichment opportunities at UW ?		
Overall, would you recommend the UW to prospective Ph.D. students in Atmospheric Sciences? Why or why not?		
Any other comments you care to share?		

Please email the completed form to the ATSC Office Manager (Charlotte While) and Dept. Head (Bart Geerts). Thank you much – we wish you the very best in your career, where-ever it takes you! Please keep in touch!