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Thank you for participating in this study of former students at the Medical Student Research Programme at the University of Bergen.

The objective of the study is to identify research activity among UiB students who have graduated from this programme.

The survey consists of five parts: background, activities during the research programme, completion, PhD degree and research activity after completion of the programme. The study is undertaken anonymously.

The results of the study will be used for quality enhancement at the Medical Student Research Programme and published in a peer-reviewed journal.

Yours sincerely,

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First, we would like to know something about you.

**What is your gender?**

- (1) → Man
- (2) → Woman

**In what year were you born?**

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**Do you come from an immigrant background?**

- (1) → No
- (2) → Yes, western
- (3) → Yes, non-western

**In what year did you start studying medicine?**

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**In what year did you complete your medical studies?**

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**Did you have a higher education (university/university college) before enrolment in medical studies?**

- (1) → No
- (2) → 1-3 years
- (3) → >3 years

**Present family situation**

- (1) → Single, with no children
- (2) → Single, with children
- (3) → Married/co-habiting, with no children
- (4) → Married/co-habiting, with children

**Did you have a part-time job in addition to studying whilst in the research programme (excluding summer jobs)?**

- (1) → Yes
- (2) → No

**Did you become a parent before completing your medical studies?**

- (1) → Yes
- (2) → No

**Implementation of the medical student research programme**

In this part of the survey we would like to know the focus of your research and how you undertook your research project whilst in the programme.

**What motivated you to enrol in the research programme? (Select all that apply)**

- (1) → Desire for an academic career
- (2) → To take a doctoral degree
- (3) → To expand my competencies
- (4) → Interest in a specific academic area
- (5) → To go on a student exchange programme
- (6) → To improve my chances of obtaining a junior doctor position or a later clinical position
- (7) → To take a break from studying
- (8) → To change classes
- (9) → Other, please specify \_\_\_\_\_

**How would you classify your research project?**

- (1) → Epidemiological/community medicine
- (2) → Clinical
- (3) → Laboratory/pre-clinical/para-clinical
- (4) → Other type of research, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

**How many hours per week (on average) did you spend on research outside your year on leave?**

- (1) → Less than 5
- (2) → 5–8
- (3) → More than 8 (more than a normal working day)

**What do you think of the workload in the research programme (both during your year on leave and in parallel to the studies)**

- (1) → Too low
- (2) → Appropriate
- (3) → Too high

**When did you do most research work (outside your year on leave)? Select all that apply.**

- (1) → After lectures
- (2) → Lecture-free days (Wednesdays)
- (3) → Weekends
- (4) → Holidays

**Did you spend the lecture-free weekday on research activities?**

- (1) → Yes
- (2) → No

**How often did you receive supervision?**

- (1) → At least once each week
- (2) → Approximately every fortnight
- (3) → At regular intervals, but less frequently than every fortnight
- (4) → Sporadically, but as needed
- (5) → No supervision

**Were your supervisors available for supervision and questions throughout your period in the research programme?**

- (1) → Yes
- (2) → No
- (3) → Don't know

**What was your most common form of contact with your supervisor(s)?**

- (1) → Email
- (2) → Telephone, Skype or similar
- (3) → Meetings

**Were you satisfied with the supervision?**

- (1) → Yes
- (2) → Partly
- (3) → No

**Were there, or had there previously been any other students from the research programme in your research group?**

- (1) → Yes
- (2) → No
- (3) → Don't know

**Did the research group to which you belonged hold meetings at regular intervals?**

- (1) → Yes
- (2) → No
- (3) → Don't know

**Were you involved in other work in your research group (other research projects, teaching, supervision)?**

- (1) → Yes
- (2) → No

**Did you ever have any conflicts with your supervisors or other members of the research group?**

- (1) → Yes
- (2) → No
- (3) → Don't know

**Did you have any ambition or desire for an academic career (a position in a university/university college) during your medical studies?**

- (1) → Yes

- (2) → No
- (3) → Don't know

**Are you happy to have attended the Medical Student Research Programme?**

- (1) → Yes
- (2) → Partly
- (3) → No

**Did you complete the Medical Student Research Programme?**

- (1) → Yes
- (2) → No

**How many semesters did you attend the student research programme?**

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**Why did you withdraw? (Select all that apply)**

- (1) → Lost interest in the project
- (2) → The project was not suitable for a medical student (for example too comprehensive in scope)
- (3) → The project took too much time away from my medical studies
- (4) → Troubled relationship with the supervisor or the research group
- (5) → Personal reasons
- (6) → Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Did you ever consider withdrawing from the research programme?**

(1) → Yes

(2) → No

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