We’re keen to make sure postgraduate students have the best possible experience while studying at Middlesex University. To do that we need to know what you think we are doing well and what we can do better. If you’re thinking about taking part this year, these are the answers to some of the questions students often ask:

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What is it?

The Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey or PTES is a national survey of postgraduate taught students inviting them to comment on their course and experience. The questionnaire takes around 15 minutes to complete.

Why should I take part?

The Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey is your chance to tell us your thoughts about your course. The results help us compare how we are doing with other institutions, to make changes that will improve what we do in future and to keep doing the things that you value. This will help improve the experience of students like you in the future.

For every survey that is completed we will donate £5 to charity, so you can make a real difference to some amazing causes. The charities have been chosen by Middlesex Students Union Raise and Give group and are: Mind; Noah’s Ark Children’s Hospice; and Homeless Action in Barnet (HAB).
What does it cover?

PTES concentrates on your course and includes:
- The experience of teaching and learning, including: staff, learning materials, working with other students, workload, and feeding back on experience;
- Engagement and course challenge;
- Assessment and feedback, including supervisor support for dissertation or major project;
- Organisation and management, including induction and involvement in course decisions;
- Resources and services, including learning resources and overall support;
- Skills development, including independent learning, research skills and career skills;
- Overall satisfaction and motivation for taking the programme and information provided by the institution to help course choice;

What happens to the results?

Your feedback is important. Over one hundred universities and colleges take part. This means we can compare your experience against similar postgraduates at other institutions to see if we are supporting your learning as we should. We use the findings to improve our courses and the learning experience for future students. To see details of changes made as a result of student feedback please visit the Your Impact UniHub page at https://unihub.mdx.ac.uk/yourimpact (copy link in UniHub)

Is it anonymous?

Your survey response is confidential to the team processing the results and no reporting outside of this team will identify any individual. Any results communicated to teaching staff will be anonymised.
The survey asks that any comments you make should not identify yourself or any specific members of staff.

What do I need to do?

You will receive an email with a link to the questionnaire on Monday 10 February 2020.

You can also simply click on this link https://mdxuni.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/ptes-2020
Your student number is your username and the password is ptes2020. The survey is open until Monday 18 May 2020.

You can also access the survey through MDXApp.

Where can I find out more?

If you are unsure about anything to do with the survey, or have any difficulty, please see your course or course leader, or contact surveys@mdx.ac.uk. You can also read more about the survey by going to https://unihub.mdx.ac.uk/ptes (copy link in UniHub).