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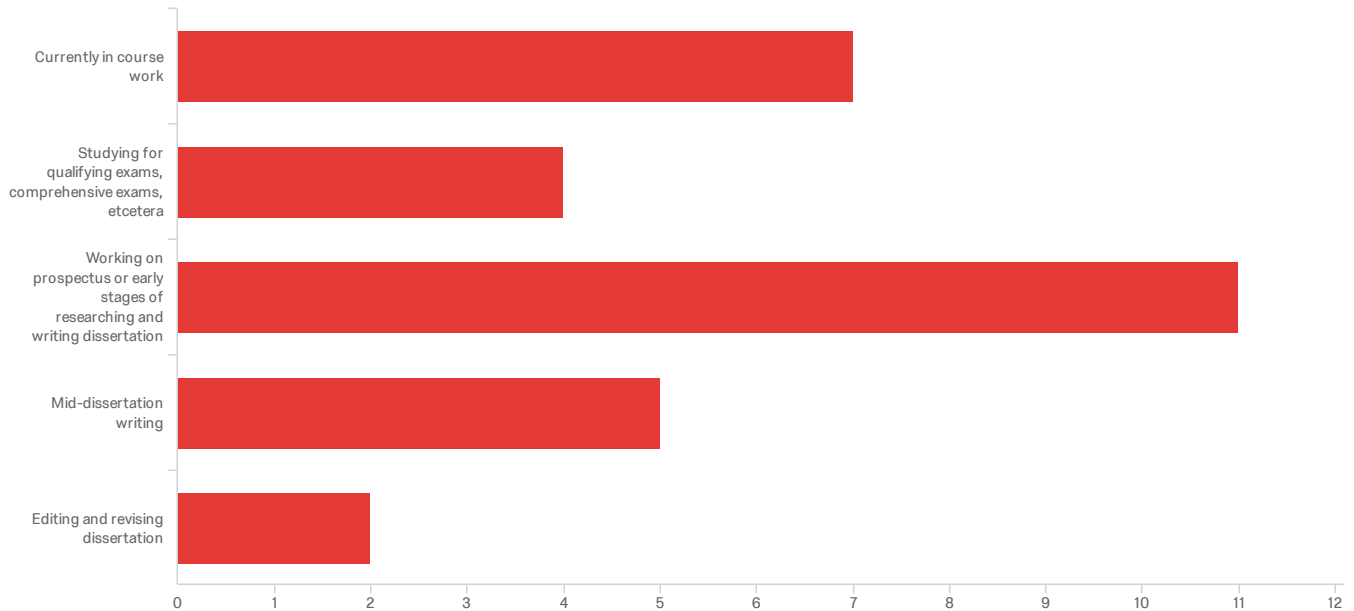
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## Dissertation Forum 2019 Feedback Survey

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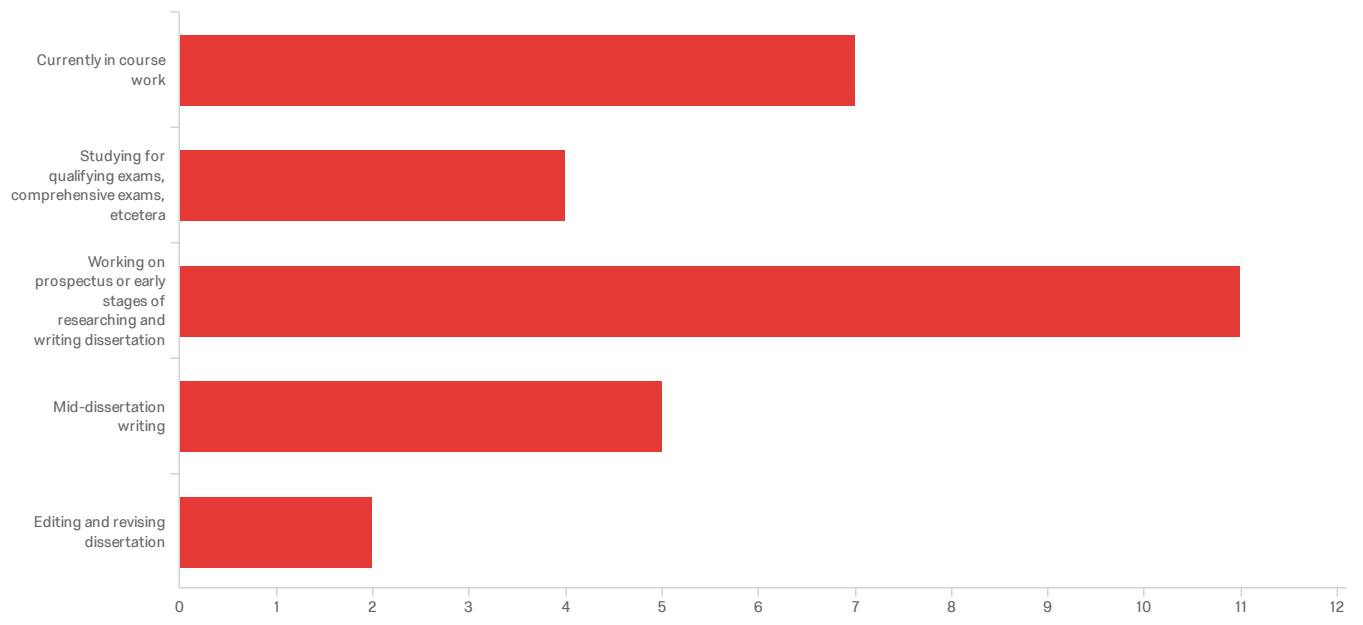
### Q1 - Which of the following best describes your degree progress thus far?



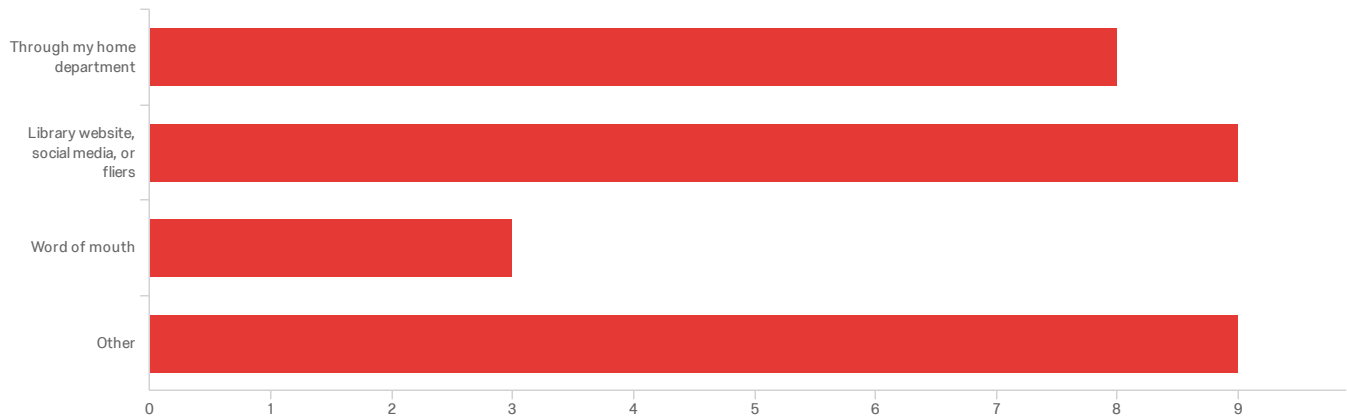
#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	Which of the following best describes your degree progress thus far?	1.00	5.00	2.69	1.21	1.46	29

#	Field	Choice Count
1	Currently in course work	24.14% 7
2	Studying for qualifying exams, comprehensive exams, etcetera	13.79% 4
3	Working on prospectus or early stages of researching and writing dissertation	37.93% 11
4	Mid-dissertation writing	17.24% 5
5	Editing and revising dissertation	6.90% 2
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## Q2 - How did you hear about Dissertation Forum?



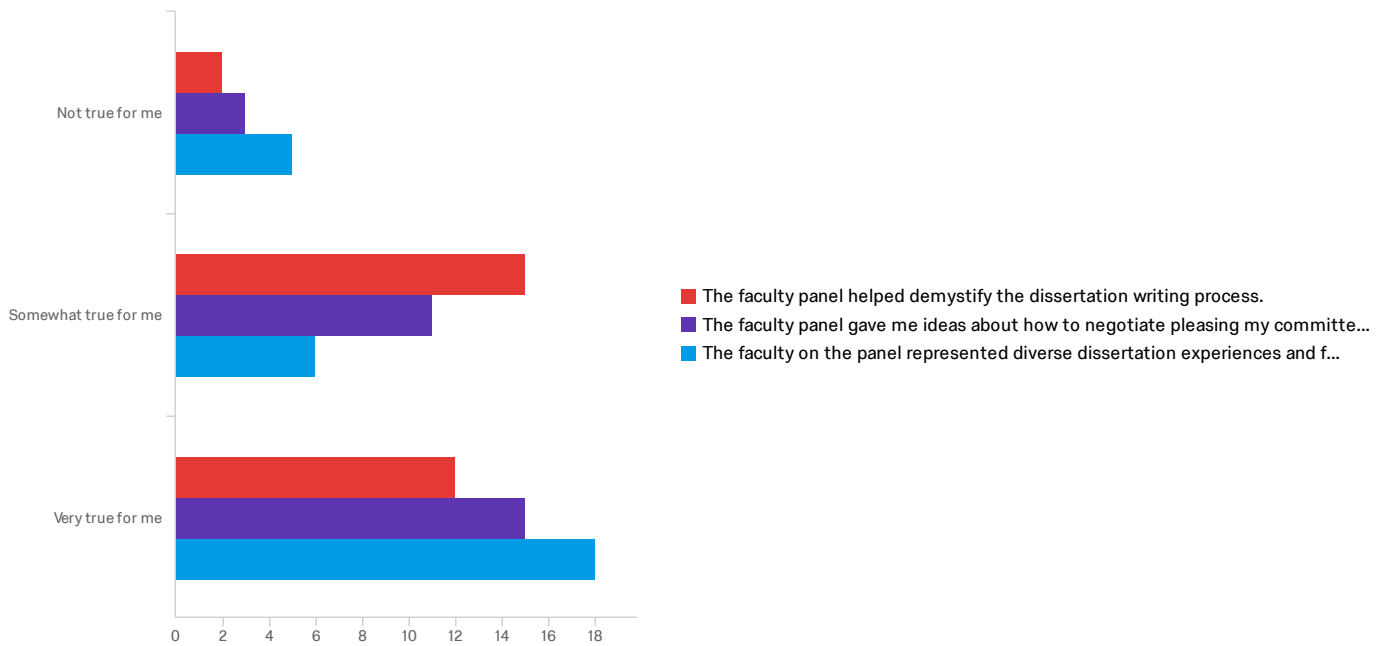
#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	How did you hear about Dissertation Forum?	1.00	4.00	2.45	1.19	1.42	29

#	Field	Choice Count
1	Through my home department	27.59% 8
2	Library website, social media, or fliers	31.03% 9
3	Word of mouth	10.34% 3
4	Other	31.03% 9

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### Q3 - Please rate the faculty panel on the following criteria:

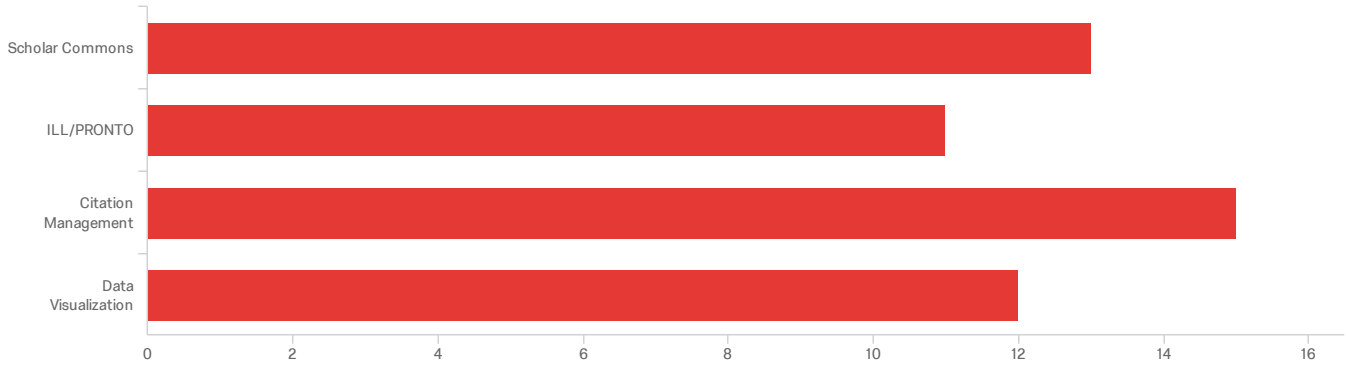


#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	The faculty panel helped demystify the dissertation writing process.	1.00	3.00	2.34	0.60	0.36	29
2	The faculty panel gave me ideas about how to negotiate pleasing my committee and establishing myself as a scholar.	1.00	3.00	2.41	0.67	0.45	29
3	The faculty on the panel represented diverse dissertation experiences and fields.	1.00	3.00	2.45	0.77	0.59	29

#	Field	Not true for me	Somewhat true for me	Very true for me	Total
1	The faculty panel helped demystify the dissertation writing process.	6.90% 2	51.72% 15	41.38% 12	29
2	The faculty panel gave me ideas about how to negotiate pleasing my committee and establishing myself as a scholar.	10.34% 3	37.93% 11	51.72% 15	29
3	The faculty on the panel represented diverse dissertation experiences and fields.	17.24% 5	20.69% 6	62.07% 18	29

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Q4 - Which of the lightning rounds did you find helpful for your dissertation? You may select as many as you would like.

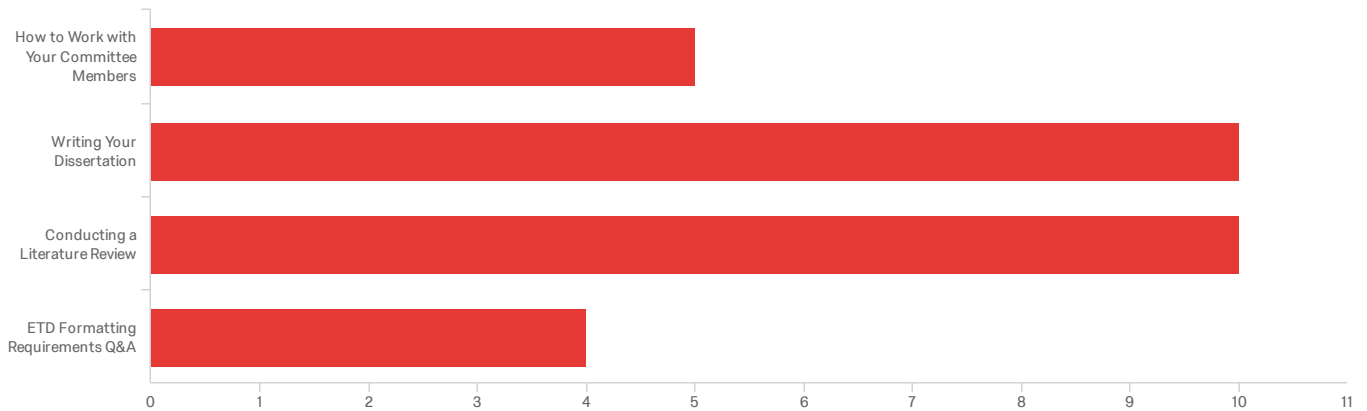


#	Field	Choice Count
1	Scholar Commons	25.49% 13
2	ILL/PRONTO	21.57% 11
3	Citation Management	29.41% 15
4	Data Visualization	23.53% 12

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## Q5 - Which workshop did you attend in the 2:10 PM block?



#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	Which workshop did you attend in the 2:10 PM block?	1.00	4.00	2.45	0.93	0.87	29

#	Field	Choice Count
1	How to Work with Your Committee Members	17.24% 5
2	Writing Your Dissertation	34.48% 10
3	Conducting a Literature Review	34.48% 10
4	ETD Formatting Requirements Q&A	13.79% 4

29

Showing rows 1 - 5 of 5

## Q6 - How helpful do you feel the information presented in this workshop will be to your dissertation process?

How helpful do you feel the information presented in this workshop will be...

Using it now!! Very helpful!

Very informative, helped me with the loose ends.

Very helpful. This was the best.

VERY! I wish we would have had longer to go over more of the content

Good general reminders

Somewhat helpful as my doctorate is not quite the same as a PhD

It was helpful. However, I was looking for additional specific ways to negotiate working with my committee members.

I learned very few in this workshop.

Very helpful!

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somewhat

good to know what support services are available

NOT REALLY

It's quite helpful regarding providing technical tips for writing.

Extremely

Somewhat

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I think the information regarding the library resources was extremely helpful.

Somewhat helpful, my department is so isolating I did not know if others were having the same issues.

Extremely helpful. This was the best session there. I know because I skipped around but stayed in this one.

Somewhat



How helpful do you feel the information presented in this workshop will be...

Very

good suggestions

Very helpful

Very helpful, but I will also attend the ETD workshop

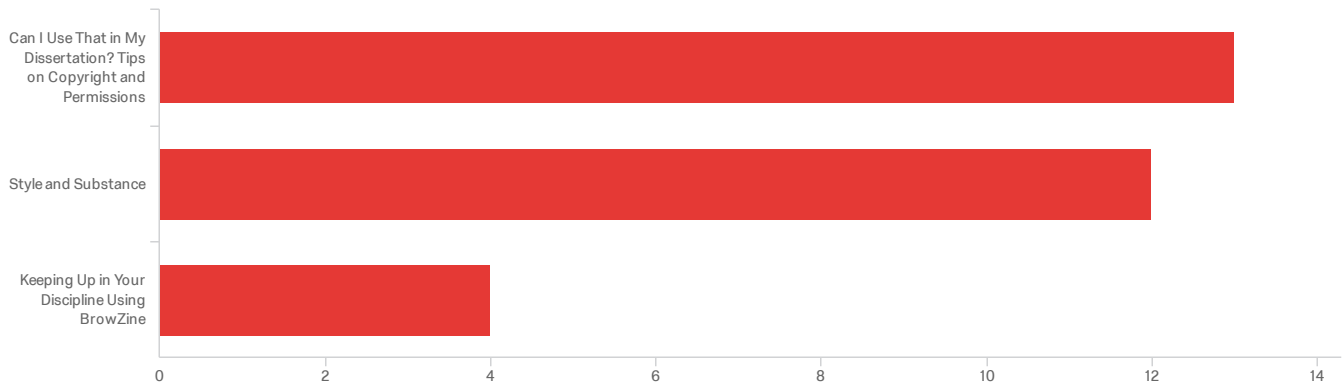
Good advice for dealing with the stresses but the content discussed is not relevant to me.

Only really useful knowing that graduate students can still go to the writing studio

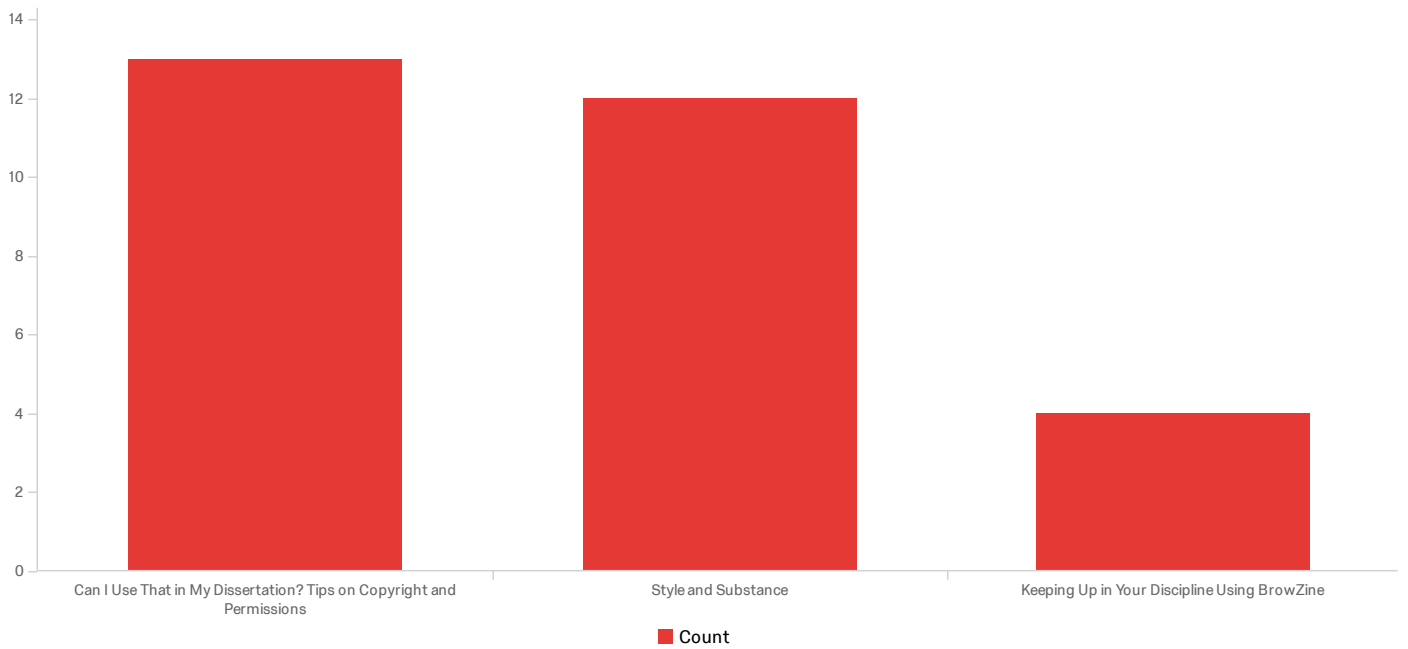
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This was the most helpful. The information was relevant and necessary. Although I am at the end of my program, this would have been extremely important beforehand.

## Q7 - Which workshop did you attend in the 3:05 PM block?



#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	Which workshop did you attend in the 3:05 PM block?	1.00	3.00	1.69	0.70	0.49	29



## Q8 - How helpful do you feel the information presented in this workshop will be to your dissertation process?

How helpful do you feel the information presented in this workshop will be...

Helpful! Will seek more guidance

Helpful as I was not aware of some copyrights in addition to just citing.

Helped me think about copyright- which I had never thought about before and now know is vital to my project completion

Good but I like searching new software on my own

Very helpful. I was able to get some good ideas and get questions answered.

It was helpful. They highlighted some poynys to consider when writing my dissertation.

Speaker was interrupted very often by the audience, affecting other audiences.

Somewhat helpful

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very

not sure yet

SOMEWHAT

Very helpful.

Helpful

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The answer above is not correct. I was unable to stay for the 3:05 block but the survey would not allow me to leave it blank.

I was looking more for how to distinguish facts that need no reference as opposed to ones that do-The middle gray area.

Not helpful.

Not much- but helpful for after

Very

good

How helpful do you feel the information presented in this workshop will be...

Extremely helpful!

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Extremely helpful knowing how to use my previously published material

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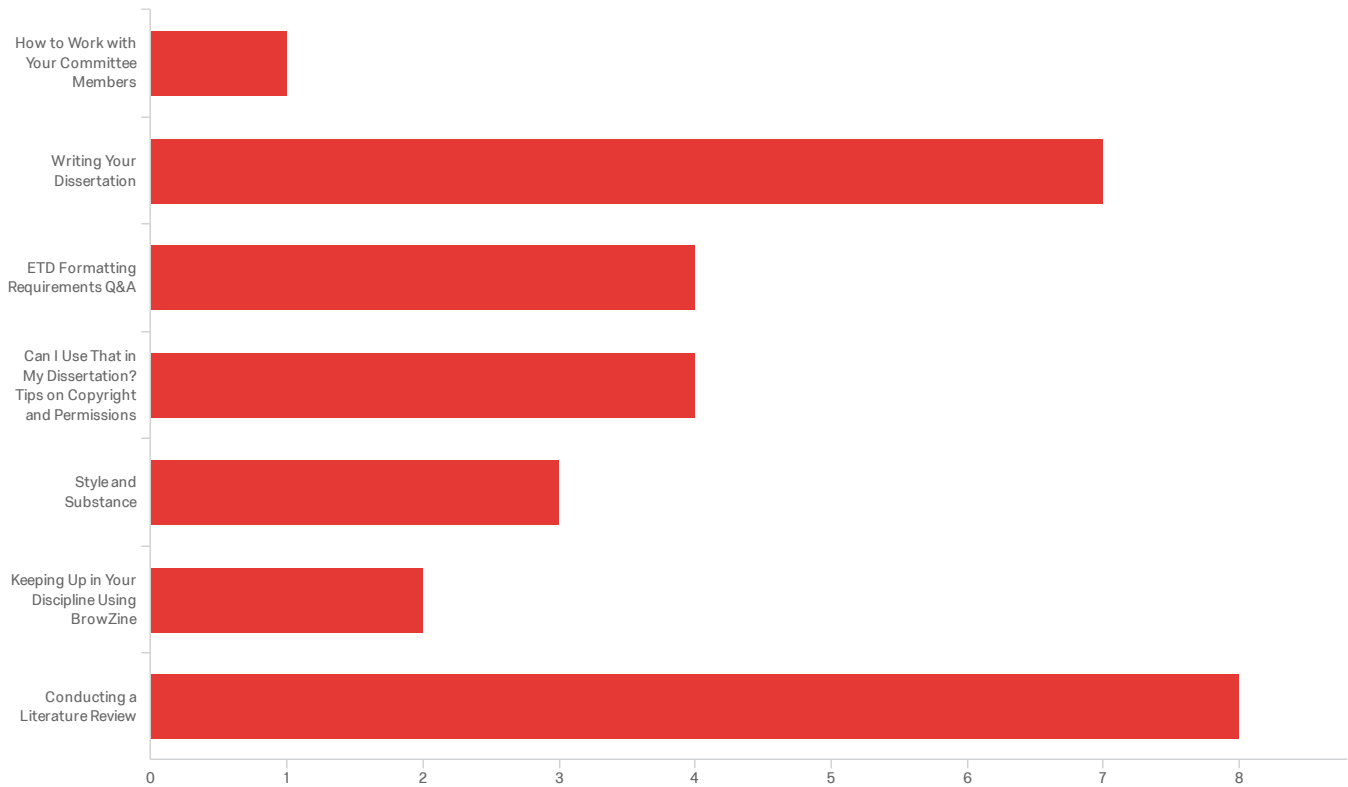
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## Q9 - Which of the workshops do you believe was the most helpful to you?



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1	Which of the workshops do you believe was the most helpful to you?	1.00	8.00	5.07	2.39	5.72	29

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1	How to Work with Your Committee Members	3.45% 1
2	Writing Your Dissertation	24.14% 7
3	ETD Formatting Requirements Q&A	13.79% 4
4	Can I Use That in My Dissertation? Tips on Copyright and Permissions	13.79% 4
5	Style and Substance	10.34% 3
6	Keeping Up in Your Discipline Using BrowZine	6.90% 2
7	Conducting a Literature Review	27.59% 8
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## Q10 - If you have any additional comments or suggestions that you would like to share with the Dissertation Forum Committee, please do so here.

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Probably continue with the small group sessions

Many of the students work full time and have families, and do not have the opportunity to be full time, on campus students. I think a panel that had at least one member that could reflect that would be helpful. I also would love to see an example of a proposal defense or final defense so I can get an idea of what to prepare. I do not have the opportunity to take off and travel to the campus to sit in on one at the times they are completed.

This was an absolutely phenomenal day. It was really well-formatted and I got a lot out of each speaker. I thought there was a nice balance between sessions and breaks. I would like if the lunch were shorter and there was more time for workshops because there were some I wanted to go to and couldn't before I had to leave for a department event. I honestly would have attended all of them if it had been a two-day session and not just one day or even if the forum went longer into the day. Absolutely wonderful experience!

Unfortunately I had really been looking forward to the literature review session, and I guess I misunderstood that it wasn't canceled so I missed it. I'm also not familiar with the library and where to find the rooms so having them closer together would be helpful.

As a graduate student, I need more resources to support with writing. We are expected to write on an academic level and not having enough support and resources makes this process very difficult. The Dissertation Forum is helpful but we need more resources prior to this workshop. Although there have been other writing workshop provided by the Graduate School it would be great to have a writing studio for graduate students. We need more assistance prior to the Dissertation Process. Additionally, we could use some more assistance with editing and revising the dissertation. Additionally, some workshops focused on different stages of the dissertation (proposal, pre defense, IRB process, data collection, etc).

Each session needs to be more focused and deliver most powerful tips on finishing dissertations

It was an overview for each topic, not going deep enough honestly.

thank you for organizing! I enjoyed the forum

N/A

More opportunities for those working full time while pursuing PhD - writing groups, scholarships, etc.

I was unable to stay after the lightning round and cannot answer the additional survey questions (but was forced to answer, as the survey would not let me continue). I would love to see some of these workshops recorded so that they can be viewed at a later time. Thank you!

While I feel the information share was of value, I personally feel this Dissertation Forum would have been more effective if it was presented in a tightly scheduled 1/2 day workshop or an evening presentation. I felt there were too many breaks, breaks that were too long in length, too long of a lunch...generally too much down time. I had to take a personal day off work to attend and I am not sure it was worth the loss of the PTO day.

NA

It would be really helpful to have all of the resources available electronically (whether online somewhere or via email)- it was hard to keep up with things that were only presented on slides.

More in depth discussion from forum, workshop type presentation

Would have liked to hear from IRB department as listed.



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It would be helpful to have the deadline for the dissertation fellowship/scholarship AFTER the dissertation forum rather than before. I was not aware that I would qualify before it was explained in the dissertation forum and I would like to have applied for this summer.

This was heavily weighted towards the more literary, historical and soft science researcher. Coming from a hard science field, we do things very differently in our dissertation process and I feel there was not much appreciation or acknowledgement for that, especially from the panel which was very disappointing. Perhaps I was not the target audience, but this should have been made clearer. Also, not a huge deal, but this was a bit overpriced. Coffee ran out in the morning, so nothing for after lunch, and for our \$10 we really only got half a bagel, some fruit and a packet of chips. LeEtta Schmidt rescued the day for me as she was excellent at covering more relevant topics, such as including publications in dissertations. Overall however, I don't think I would be recommending this to anyone in STEM as (as far as we are concerned) it is a lot of talk with no payoff.

Should be specified that this is more for humanities/social sciences. There was no representation from my field (chemistry) or even one that is similar (physics, bio, engineering). We do not do a prospectus and our committee is formed almost immediately. A lot of our work is published as we go and then we combine it for our dissertation. Most of the advice and resources already know and just would be nice if there was more representation in the hard sciences to understand things they went through that relates more to me. Felt like this was more of a presentation of what the library offers and inspirational quotes from faculty without real advice given.

## End of Report