

# Report of the Annual Student Survey 2016



**Internal Quality Assurance Cell  
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## **Preface**

An annual student survey was conducted during the 2-tier induction programme for post-graduate students, organized by the IQAC in 2016. This was aimed at understanding the student cohort's social, academic, entrepreneurial, and aspirational background, so as to enable the teachers and administrators to serve them better. 81 questions were asked under 9 heads. The responses to these are now compiled and presented in this report.

458 students of the new admission have taken part in this survey, making it a fairly representative one. The annual conduct of this survey is expected to also provide an indication of changing social backgrounds and student population.

I am sure that all stake-holders of the University system will find this report of immense relevance and use. Suggestions for improvement are welcome.

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**UNIVERSITY OF KERALA**  
**ANNUAL STUDENT SURVEY 2016**

**Executive Summary**

78% of students are in age group of 20 – 22; 77% are female.

Highest qualification of parents of around 36% students is SSLC.

8% of students face some crisis in family.

2% of students have serious health issues.

97% of students have Aadhar Card.

41% of students studied SSLC in Govt. School.

43% of students studied SSLC in Malayalam medium.

75% seek salary of Rs.25,000 and more; 14% seek Rs.10,000 – 15,000.

55% of students wish to join M.Phil.

64% of students wish to go on to Ph.D.

51% are ready to start a company, if University supports them.

54% own a laptop and 95% own mobile phones (72% smart phones)

46% seek NET training, 40% want to try civil service.

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**A. GENERAL**

**1. Your age / DOB**

20 years	:	25%
21 years	:	38%
22 years	:	15%
23 – 25 years	:	14%
26 - 43 years	:	5%
No response	:	3%

**2. Gender**

Male	:	21%
Female	:	77%
No response	:	2%

**3. Your District**

Thiruvananthapuram	:	54%
Kollam	:	17%
Alleppey	:	6%
Pathanamthitta	:	5%
Ernakulam	:	1%
Thrissur	:	1%
Other Districts	:	14%
No response	:	2%

**4. Your State**

Kerala	:	95%
Tamil Nadu	:	3%
Foreign Students	:	0%
No response	:	2%

**5. Do you wish to stay in hostel?**

Yes	:	41%
No	:	52%
No response	:	7%

**6. Distance from place of stay to University (one way in KMs)**

Upto 25	:	37%
25 - 50	:	16%
50 - 75	:	8%
75 - 100	:	5%
Above 100	:	11%
No response	:	23%

**7. Mother tongue**

Malayalam	:	94%
Tamil	:	3%
Hindi	:	0%
Others	:	1%
No response	:	2%

**8. Blood Group**

O+	:	37%
A+	:	22%
B+	:	24%
AB+	:	5%
Others	:	7%
No response	:	5%

**9. How do you propose to travel?**

KSRTC	:	55.4%
University Bus	:	17.0%
Train	:	12.1%
Others	:	4.6%
No response	:	10.9%

## **B. SOCIAL & FAMILY BACKGROUND**

### **1. What is your mother's profession?**

Government Servant	:	10%
Private job	:	5%
Retired	:	3%
Self-Employed	:	10%
Others	:	65%
No response	:	7%

### **2. What is your father's profession?**

Government Servant	:	12%
Private job	:	13%
Retired	:	11%
Self-Employed	:	20%
Others	:	36%
No response	:	8%

### **3. The Highest Level of Education of your mother**

SSLC	:	32%
+2	:	26%
Bachelors	:	22%
PhD/Masters	:	10%
Others	:	9%
No response	:	1%

### **4. The Highest Level of Education of your father**

SSLC	:	41%
+2	:	20%
Bachelors	:	19%
PhD/Masters	:	9%
Others	:	9%
No response	:	2%

**5. Which category you belong to ?**

OBC	:	45%
Open	:	35%
SC	:	13%
ST	:	1%
Others	:	3%
No response	:	3%

**6. How many siblings (brothers/sisters) do you have?**

0	:	7%
1	:	67%
2	:	18%
3-6	:	5%
No response	:	3%

**7. Who finances your education?**

Father	:	51%
Mother	:	13%
Parents	:	19%
Self	:	2%
Others	:	8%
No response	:	7%

**8. Have you already worked and made earnings?**

Yes	:	13%
No	:	75%
No response	:	12%

**9. Monthly Income of both parents together (in Rupees)**

Upto 1000	:	17%
1001-4999	:	16%
5000 - 9999	:	7%
10000- 19999	:	12%
20001- 49999	:	15%
50000 - 99999	:	8%
Above 100000	:	11%
No response	:	14%

**10. Do you face any crisis in family?**

Yes	:	8%
No	:	83%
No response	:	9%

**11. Do you have any serious health problem(s)?**

Yes	:	2%
No	:	95%
No response	:	3%

**12. Do you own a vehicle?**

Yes	:	20%
No	:	78%
No response	:	2%

**13. Do you wear spectacles?**

Yes	:	25%
No	:	71%
No response	:	4%

**14. Are you a vegetarian?**

Yes	:	9%
No	:	90%
No response	:	1%

**15. Do you have an Aadhar card?**

Yes	:	97%
No	:	1%
No response	:	2%

**16. Is your family Ration card BPL?**

Yes	:	27%
No	:	72%
No response	:	1%



## **C. EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND**

### **1. Where did you study 10<sup>th</sup> Std.?**

Govt. School – SSLC	:	41%
Aided School – SSLC	:	36%
CBSE	:	18%
ICSE	:	3%
No response	:	2%

### **2. Your medium of study in 10<sup>th</sup> Std.**

Malayalam	:	43%
English	:	53%
Other	:	3%
No response	:	1%

### **3. Did you study the UG degree in the subject you wanted/ wished?**

Yes	:	94%
No	:	4%
No response	:	2%

### **4. Did you study the group that you wanted/ wished in plus two?**

Yes	:	94%
No	:	3%
No response	:	3%

### **5. Did you pass your UG in the first chance**

Yes	:	94%
No	:	3%
No response	:	3%

## **D. ADMISSION PROCESS**

### **1. What made you join University of Kerala?**

Your own choice	:	81.7%
Based on parent's advice	:	6.1%
Based on classmate's advice	:	1.9%
Based on teacher's advice	:	7.8%
Based on other	:	2.5%
No response	:	0%

### **2. How did you know about the PG programme of University of Kerala**

Newspaper	:	32.7%
UoK website	:	15.1%
Other websites	:	2.2%
Word of mouth	:	35.1%
Social media	:	4.7%
Others	:	9.0%
No response	:	1.2%

### **3. Was University of Kerala your first choice of PG studies?**

Yes	:	88%
No	:	11%
No response	:	1%

### **4. Were you informed of entrance exam date sufficiently in advance?**

Yes	:	85%
No	:	6%
No response	:	9%

### **5. What month would you have preferred for the entrance exam?**

April	:	11.7%
May	:	45.3%
June	:	5.7%
Others	:	13.0%
No response	:	24.3%

**6. Do you think University of Kerala is an excellent institution?**

Yes	:	92%
No	:	5%
No response	:	3%

**7. Did you apply to other University departments? (Calicut/Kannur/MG)**

Yes	:	16%
No	:	83%
No response	:	1%

**8. Did you apply to affiliated College(s)?**

Yes	:	42%
No	:	53%
No response	:	5%

**9. Did you apply to any other institution/ University outside Kerala?**

Yes	:	20%
No	:	78%
No response	:	2%

**E. HIGHER STUDIES & CAREER**

**1. When you get a job, what is the minimum salary that you expect?**

3,000	:	0%
5,000	:	0%
8,000	:	1%
10,000	:	6%
15,000	:	14%
25,000	:	30%
More than 25,000	:	45%
No response	:	4%

**2. Do you plan to join for M.Phil.?**

Yes	:	55%
No	:	42%
No response	:	3%

### **3. Do you have plan to join for Ph.D?**

Yes	:	64%
No	:	32%
No response	:	4%

### **4. Will you try for Civil Service?**

Yes	:	40%
No	:	56%
No response	:	4%

### **5. Are you confident to face interviews?**

Yes	:	84%
No	:	13%
No response	:	3%

### **6. Are you registered in Employment Exchange?**

Yes	:	64%
No	:	32%
No response	:	4%

## **E. TECHNOLOGY USE**

### **1. Which social media accounts you regularly use?**

Facebook	:	27.5%
Google+	:	20.5%
WhatsApp	:	36.7%
Academia.edu	:	2.5%
LinkedIn	:	2.8%
Twitter	:	3.6%
ResearchGate	:	1.1%
No response	:	5.4%

### **2. Do you own a mobile?**

Yes	:	95%
No	:	3%
No response	:	2%

**3. Is the mobile a smartphone?**

Yes	:	72%
No	:	24%
No response	:	4%

**4. Do you have more than one email?**

Yes	:	24%
No	:	73%
No response	:	3%

**5. Do you have a website/ blog?**

Yes	:	7%
No	:	87%
No response	:	6%

**6. Do you have a bank account?**

Yes	:	88%
No	:	9%
No response	:	3%

**7. Is it internet banking enabled?**

Yes	:	28%
No	:	68%
No response	:	4%

**8. Do you own a laptop/desktop?**

Yes	:	54%
No	:	43%
No response	:	3%

**9. If yes, name the OS**

Linux	:	2%
Windows	:	45%
No response	:	53%

## **G. YOUTH ACTIVITIES**

### **1. Do you plan to take part in University Youth Festival as a contestant?**

Yes	:	33%
No	:	63%
No response	:	4%

### **2. If Yes, Which Item?**

Music	:	6.3%
Essay Writing	:	3.2%
Dance	:	4.8%
Group items	:	3.4%
Others	:	10.7%
No response	:	71.6%

### **3. Are you interested in joining NSS?**

Yes	:	65%
No	:	31%
No response	:	4%

### **4. Do you practice Yoga?**

Yes	:	18%
No	:	73%
No response	:	9%

### **5. Have you represented college in any sporting event?**

Yes	:	10%
No	:	85%
No response	:	5%

### **6. Sports item that you are most interested in:**

Football	:	6.0%
Batminton	:	11.3%
Cricket	:	6.6%
Chess	:	5.8%
Others	:	12.0%
No response	:	58.3%

### 7. Have you ever donated Blood?

Yes	:	22%
No	:	77%
No response	:	1%

### 8. Are you involved in any social service/charitable activities?

Yes	:	41%
No	:	50%
No response	:	9%

### 9. Would you wish to start a company of your own if the University gave you space & support?

Yes	:	51%
No	:	32%
No response	:	17%

### 10. Which of the following are the biggest two threats? (please indicate as 1 & 2)

Threat	I choice	II choice
1. Pesticide in food	: 24%	6%
2. Communalism	: 12%	5%
3. Corruption	: 21%	12%
4. Terrorism	: 17%	22%
5. Waste disposal	: 10%	12%
6. Environmental Pollution	: 13%	26%
7. Others	: 1%	1%
No response	: 2%	16%

## **H. SOFT SKILLS, ADDITIONAL SKILLS / TRAINING**

### 1. Which languages do you write?

Malayalam	:	34.8%
Tamil	:	2.5%
English	:	36.4%
Hindi	:	23.4%
Others	:	2.7%
No response	:	0.2%

## 2. Which languages do you read?

Malayalam	:	35.0%
Tamil	:	2.6%
English	:	35.0%
Hindi	:	24.1%
Others	:	3.1%
No response	:	0.2%

## 3. Which training do you require?

NET	:	46.1%
CSIR/UGC	:	13.8%
Civil Service	:	18.0%
TOEFL	:	3.0%
Others	:	6.1%
No response	:	13.0%

## 4. Do you wish the lecturers in your university to give lecture in:

Malayalam	:	4.4%
Mix of Malayalam & English	:	61.2%
English	:	26.8%
Others	:	4.8%
No response	:	2.8%

## 5. How confident are you in popular writing in your mother tongue?

Very confident	:	61%
Confident	:	27%
Moderately confident	:	7%
Not very confident	:	2%
Not at all confident	:	2%
No response	:	1%

## 6. How confident are you in English communication?

Very confident	:	16%
Confident	:	48%
Moderately confident	:	26%
Not very confident	:	9%
Not at all confident	:	1%
No response	:	0%



**7. How confident are you in public speaking in your mother tongue?**

Very confident	:	57%
Confident	:	30%
Moderately confident	:	9%
Not very confident	:	3%
Not at all confident	:	1%
No response	:	0%

**8. How confident are you in public speaking in English**

Very confident	:	9%
Confident	:	41%
Moderately confident	:	29%
Not very confident	:	16%
Not at all confident	:	3%
No response	:	2%

**9. How you rate your level of self confidence?**

Very confident	:	18%
Confident	:	54%
Moderately confident	:	21%
Not very confident	:	5%
Not at all confident	:	1%
No response	:	1%

**10. Confident are you in arts/cultural activities?**

Very confident	:	16%
Confident	:	35%
Moderately confident	:	28%
Not very confident	:	14%
Not at all confident	:	5%
No response	:	2%

## I. LOGICAL REASONING

1. If X is the brother of the son of Y's son, how is X related to Y? (Answer: Grandson)

Cousin	:	3%
Son	:	16%
Grandson	:	71%
Brother	:	5%
<b>Correct answer</b>	:	<b>71%</b>
<b>Wrong answer</b>	:	<b>24%</b>
<b>No response</b>	:	<b>5%</b>

2. In a Secret military code, TRIPPLE is written as SQHOOKD. Then how is DISPOSE written?(Answer: CHRONRD)

CHRONRD	:	84%
DSOESPI	:	1%
ESJTPTF	:	4%
ESPOSID	:	5%
<b>Correct answer</b>	:	<b>84%</b>
<b>Wrong answer</b>	:	<b>10%</b>
<b>No response</b>	:	<b>6%</b>

3. If 2 workers can clean 2 rooms in 2 hrs, how many workers would be needed to clean 18 rooms in 6 hrs? (Answer: 6)

3	:	30%
6	:	35%
9	:	18%
12	:	3%
<b>Correct answer</b>	:	<b>35%</b>
<b>Wrong answer</b>	:	<b>51%</b>
<b>No response</b>	:	<b>14%</b>

4. What is the smallest number of persons standing in a queue if there are two persons standing in front of one, two persons behind one and one person between two?

(Answer : 3)

3	:	45%
5	:	24%
7	:	13%
9	:	4%
<b>Correct answer</b>	:	<b>45%</b>
<b>Wrong answer</b>	:	<b>41%</b>
<b>No response</b>	:	<b>14%</b>

5. Sudha and Sivan have three children born at intervals of 3 years. If the sum of the ages of the children is 36, what is the age of the youngest child?(Answer: 9Yrs)

9 Yrs	:	61%
3 Yrs	:	7%
4 Yrs	:	6%
None of these	:	12%
<b>Correct answer</b>	:	<b>61%</b>
<b>Wrong answer</b>	:	<b>25%</b>
<b>No response</b>	:	<b>14%</b>

6. Pen is to poet as needle is to: (Answer: Tailor)

Thread	:	7%
Button	:	2%
Sewing	:	3%
Tailor	:	81%
<b>Correct answer</b>	:	<b>81%</b>
<b>Wrong answer</b>	:	<b>12%</b>
<b>No response</b>	:	<b>7%</b>

7. If A is greater than B, B is less than C, C is not greater than A, What is the biggest one?

(Answer: A)

A	:	86%
B	:	5%
C	:	1%
<b>Correct answer</b>	:	<b>86%</b>
<b>Wrong answer</b>	:	<b>6%</b>
<b>No response</b>	:	<b>8%</b>