FSHN Graduate Education Exit interview

Documents to complete before you attend your exit interview

Arrange with Brenda Emery (robynath@iastate.edu) to schedule a 20 min exit interview with Dr. Ruth MacDonald, Department Chair. Dr. MacDonald will not sign your signature page of your thesis until you meet with her. The intent of the interview is to provide an opportunity to reflect on your graduate education and to share constructive feedback on your experiences in order to enhance our graduate programs. This will be a confidential conversation between you and the department chair, comments that you would like to remain confidential do not need to be written on this form.

Time to graduate: (in months)____________
Starting date/graduation date:____________

1. The Department graduate outcomes are as follows:
   a) Academic competence. Have an in-depth and accurate understanding of the knowledge within the field. Understand central issues and current research important in the field.
   b) Research and problem solving. Apply theoretical information to solve practical problems. Design, conduct and interpret research.
   c) Communication/Professional Development. Prepare and communicate discipline-specific information in written and oral forms to scientific and lay audiences. Facilitate learning in the classroom.

For each of these 3 outcomes, how did your coursework help you meet the outcome?

Academic competence

Are there ways courses might be modified to better help you meet these outcomes?

2. Research experience is the heart of graduate education. What aspects of your research experience were satisfactory?

What aspects of your research experience could be improved?
3. What aspects of your professional development as a graduate student were satisfactory?

What aspects of your professional development could be improved?

What professional development programs would you like to see added to FSHN?

4. What aspects of your interactions with your major professor were satisfactory?

What aspects of your interaction with your major professor could be improved?

5. What aspects of your interactions with your POS committee were satisfactory?

What aspects of your interactions with your POS committee could be improved?

6. Provide any additional comments or suggestions to enhance the graduate experience for future students.