



Department of Geology

November 9, 2009

RE: UB Comprehensive Review of UB Geology, Alumni Questionnaire

Dear UB Geology Alumnus:

Every five to seven years, the State University of New York administration mandates that undergraduate and graduate academic degree programs undergo a comprehensive review. The UB Geology department is in the process of reviewing our academic programs and we need your help. The primary purpose of the periodic comprehensive review is for the department to reflect upon, evaluate and improve the education provided by the programs under review. The review process provides a framework within which to make programmatic improvements and also provides an opportunity for programs to showcase success.

Part of this assessment involves reporting the employment outcomes of our students, which is why we are contacting you. To this purpose, we ask you to ***fill out and return the enclosed survey***. For your convenience we have provided you with a postage-paid envelope. The data will be compiled into general statistics on employment of our graduates and will be used to gauge the general success of our students in finding employment after graduation and identify the areas in which they found employment. **All surveys need to be returned by December 1st.**

We thank you in advance for participating in this survey, helping us to report important information that will ultimately strengthen our programs. If you have any questions, please contact me at 716-645-4856 or by e-mail at aal@buffalo.edu. For those of you who'd like to complete the survey online, you may visit the department website at www.geology.buffalo.edu and click on the link "alumni survey" at the home page or alumni relations page.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Alison Lagowski'.

Alison A. Lagowski
Assistant to the Chair

Enclosures

Department of Geology Alumni Employment Survey for Comprehensive Program Review

First Name _____ Last Name _____
(Please include maiden name)

UB Geology Degree (s): BA: _____ BS: _____ BA/MA: _____ MA: _____ MS: _____ PhD: _____
(Please enter year you graduated besides each degree you received)

Current Employer Name & Location: _____

Current Professional Title: _____

Type of Current Employment:

- Industry/Consulting Teach Higher Ed/Post Doc Teach K-12 Curator/Technician
 Government (Geology related) Other - please specify _____

Upon receiving your Geology degree at UB did you (select all that apply):

Pursue Further Education (If yes, please list the institution, degree(s) pursued and year(s) of graduation)

Found employment upon graduation. Check here if same as current employer, otherwise list below.
Initial employer name, location, professional title: _____

I sought employment after graduation but didn't immediately secure a position in the field.

For UB Geology Ph.D. degree recipients only.

Were you employed while pursuing your PhD at UB Geology and did you continue that employment after graduation?

Yes No If yes – Employer name, location & job title: _____

Follow up data – five and ten years after UB Geology Graduation:

Please list your employer name, location and professional title in your ***Fifth year AFTER graduation.***

- Same as current employer **OR**
 Employer name, location & job title: _____

Please list your employer name, location and professional title in your ***Tenth year AFTER graduation.***

- Same as current employer **OR**
 Employer name, location & job title: _____

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Due December 1, 2009

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In addition to compiling information about alumni employment, we would also appreciate your insights into the technical and intellectual value of your experience in our degree programs.

How well did your UB Geology degree program(s) prepare you for your professional career?

- Very Well Fairly Well Sort Of Not Very Well Poorly

Additional Comments: _____

What educational components did you find the most helpful in preparing you for the work you do now and how did they help?

Which educational components were the least helpful?

Knowing what you know now, what would you add to (or remove from) your program if you could go back in time?"

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