First Destination Survey (FDS) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

1. **What data is collected in the survey?**
   The data collected is on a student’s plans after graduation as they relate to employment status, wages, bonuses, work authorization status, location, name of organization, and how they were made aware of the opportunity. Also collected is data on a student’s participation/nonparticipation in experiential learning opportunities while attending the University. The data collected for experiential learning consists of type (Internship, Co-op, etc.) and the name of the organization.

2. **Why is this data important?** The data collected is the same data requested by numerous academic and non-academic accrediting bodies, grant submissions, the USG, national and regional organizations, parents and potential students, and many more entities. Academic programs often use this data as baseline information for developing/assessing/reporting programs of study.

3. **When can I get data and how do I do that?** Data will be made available each calendar year on or before January 31. Data for the January 2019 release will include survey responses from the Fall 2017 and Spring/Summer 2018 surveys. The infographics that are displayed are searchable by three filters (College, Major, and Degree Level). There is also a link to a more traditional excel based data search engine available under the “Source Data Link”. Finally, there is a request form located on the FDS home page that any on-campus stakeholders can use to request assistance with mining the data.

4. **What levels of data will be available?** Data will be available at the University, College, and Major program of study levels.

5. **How was this survey developed?** This survey was developed at the request of the University System of Georgia (USG) and created by the University System Committee for Career Advisement and Cooperative Education (USCCACE) following the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE) guidelines as outlined at the following site:


   Additional refinement of the survey, specific to Georgia Southern University, was conducted by the Office of Strategic Research and Analysis (OSRA) and the Office of Career and Professional Development (OCPD).
6. **Are individual students identifiable in the survey results?** No. While we do track all responses from students using their Eagle ID numbers, we do not list those numbers or any data that could be directly tied to an individual student.

7. **Will the survey change each semester?** The survey will continue to undergo necessary changes as recommend by the annual assessment of the survey each August conducted by the Office of Career and Professional Development. However, the core of the survey and the questions asked will remain the same each semester. Expected changes to the survey would involve administration practices and implementation strategies at present.

8. **Since Eagle ID numbers are used as individual identifiers, are there other data points that can be requested along with the FDS data on the website?** No. Any additional data points other than the ones reported on the website will need to be collected by the requestor at his/her own discretion using approved Banner access and appropriate administrative approval from Georgia Southern University administrators.

9. **Will a program of study be evaluated on the results of the survey?** The intention of the survey and subsequent reporting is to collect data requested by accrediting entities, state and federal agencies, and other current or potential internal and external stakeholder(s) of Georgia Southern University.

10. **If I have a question about this survey that is not listed, who do I contact?** Please contact Glenn Gibney, Director of Career and Professional Development, at ggibney@georgiasouthern.edu.