# IDP FORMS ONLINE APPLICATION USER GUIDE

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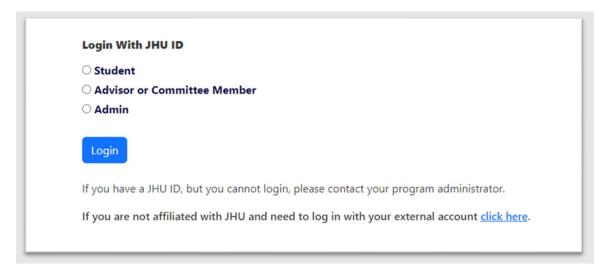
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#### A. Getting Started

#### User Access

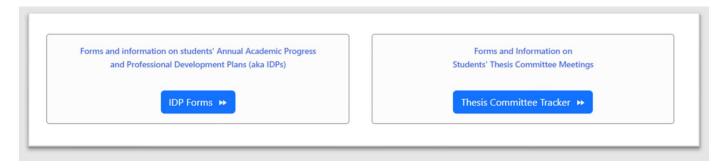
To start, navigate to the PhD Students Academic Progress Tools login page: https://tcform.jhmi.edu/



There are three user roles in this system:

- Student Current PhD students at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine (JHUSOM)
- Advisor Dissertation advisors to JHUSOM PhD students as listed in SIS
- Admin Authorized graduate program staff

After logging in based on your role, select the "IDP Forms" button on the left:



Please note that all users are required to log in with their JHED ID and password to get access to the IDP Forms. Although external faculty may use the same initial login page to access the Thesis Committee Tracker, external users may not access the IDP Forms application.

#### **B. Process Overview**

The Johns Hopkins University requires that PhD students work with their advisors on their annual Academic Progress and Professional Development Plan, also known as their IDP. The IDP Forms application portal allows

users to view and manage the completion trajectory of the IDP forms and meetings. There are three steps in the process:



## Respond to questionnaires

Student completes their IDP form.

Advisor completes the corresponding form for this student.



#### Meet to discuss and plan

After both forms are complete, Student and Advisor can access them in a combined view.

Student and Advisor meet to discuss their responses and develop an action plan.



## **Submit Meeting Confirmation**

Student confirms that the meeting took place by submitting the meeting date.

Note that student and advisor respond to their questionnaires independently. They must submit their own responses before getting access to their counterpart's responses. Both forms must be submitted, before a meeting date can be reported.

#### C. IDP Form / Questionnaire

The IDP form includes questions on the student's research project and progress, their professional development, the mentoring relationship with the advisor, the overall lab/research team environment, and an evaluation of competencies:

Instructions for completing the questionnaire
 A. Research Project and Progress
 B. Mentoring
 C. The Lab/Research Team Environment
 D. Professional Development
 E. Evaluation of Competencies
 F. Focus Areas and Action Plan

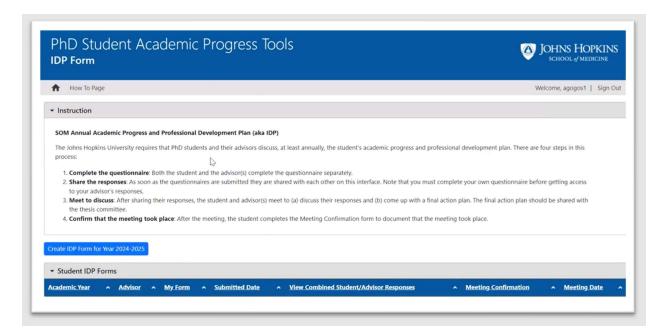
Advisors are asked to respond to some of the same questions that students are asked. You can <u>follow this link</u> for a full list of questions students and advisors are asked. Advisors and students can see each other's responses

only after they complete and submit their own form. Similarly, administrators may see their student and advisor responses only after both have submitted them.

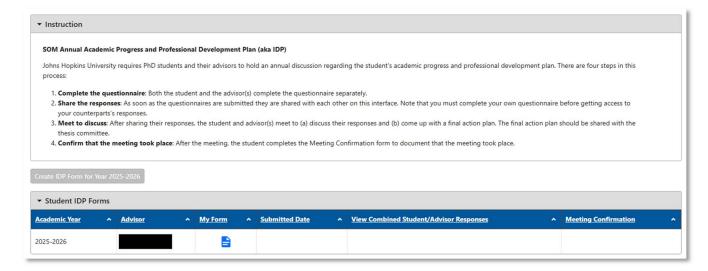
#### D. Student Portal

#### 1. Creating the Annual IDP Form

The Student Portal allows students to manage their IDP forms. Students may generate a new IDP form once each academic year (defined in this system as September 1 – August 31) by clicking on the big blue button right below the instructions:

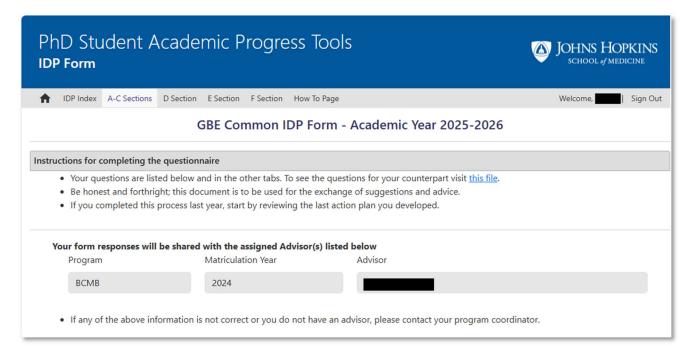


After the IDP form for the year is created, it will be listed in the table below and the student will be able to access and complete it through the icon under the "My Form" column. The student will not be able to create another form until the following academic year (the blue button becomes greyed-out / inactive):



#### 2. Completing the form / questionnaire

To edit the IDP form, students access it through the pencil icon under the "My Forms" column (see above). On the first page, they see instructions, their program name, matriculation year, and advisor name(s).



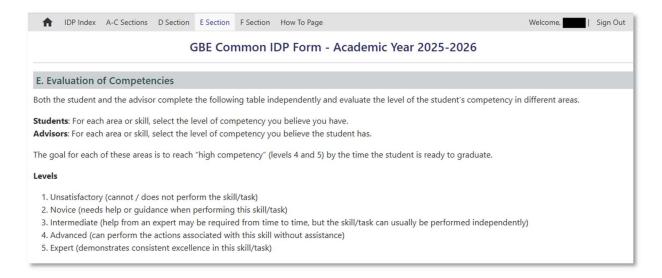
If any of this information is incorrect, it is critical to contact the program coordinator as soon as possible and before the form is submitted.

The different sections on the form may be accessed through the top menu.

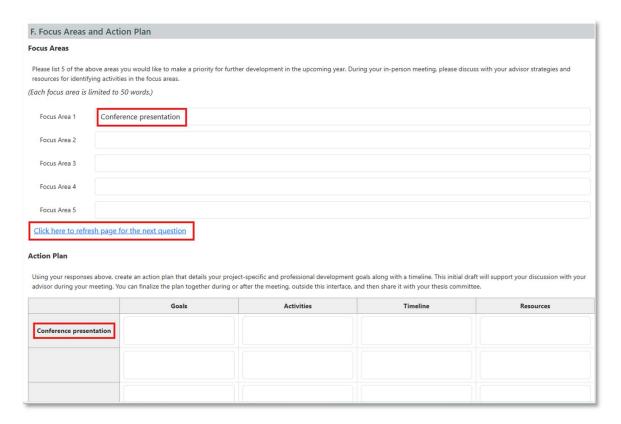
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What are your plans for publications? Feel free to discuss the types of publications (research article or literature review), authorship role (first author or co-author), and/or timing, as applicable.	Save Textbox
How can I, as your thesis advisor, better help you achieve your professional and career development goals? E.g., what people or resources could I connect you to?	Save Textbox
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Section E focuses on evaluation of competencies and provides specific guidance at the top of the page:

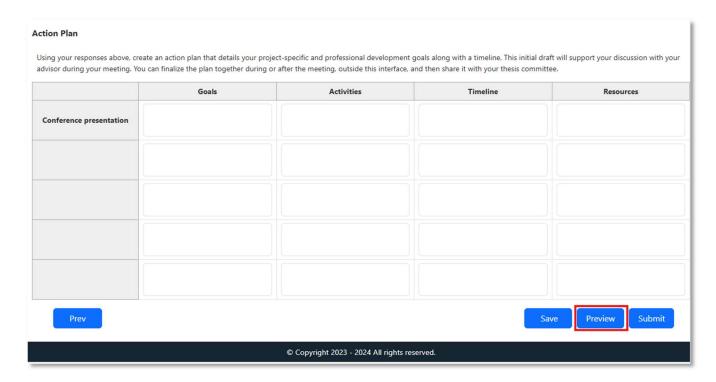


On section F, the student may enter up to 5 areas on which they would like to focus during the next several months. The text entered under the Focus Areas can be automatically copied under their Action Plan by clicking on the link to "refresh page for the next section":

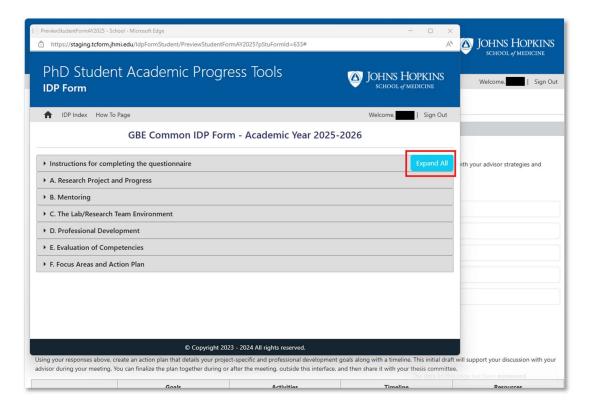


Students can then elaborate on their goals, activities, timeline and resources for each focus area.

Before submitting their form, students may preview their responses through the Preview button at the bottom of Section F:

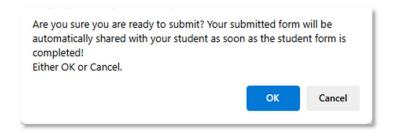


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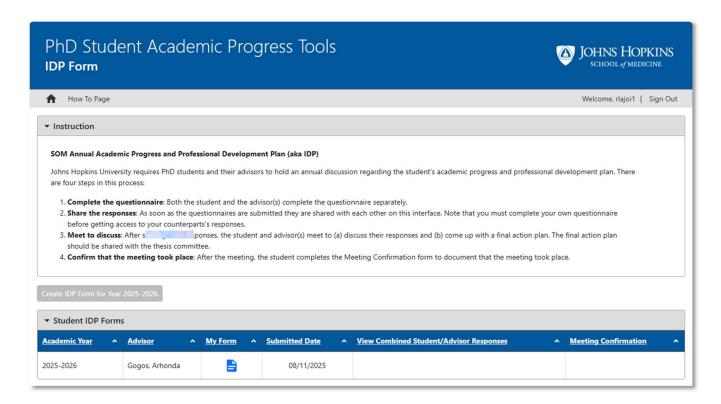


When ready, students can click on the Submit button at the bottom of Section F to submit their responses.

A pop-up window reminds them that the submitted form will be automatically shared with their advisor as soon as the advisor completes their form. If they are ready, they can click OK. Otherwise, they may Cancel and submit their responses later.



As soon as students submit their responses, the icon under "My Form" changes from a pencil icon to a document icon indicating that the user cannot edit the form any longer; you can only view it. The date the form is submitted is listed under the next column:

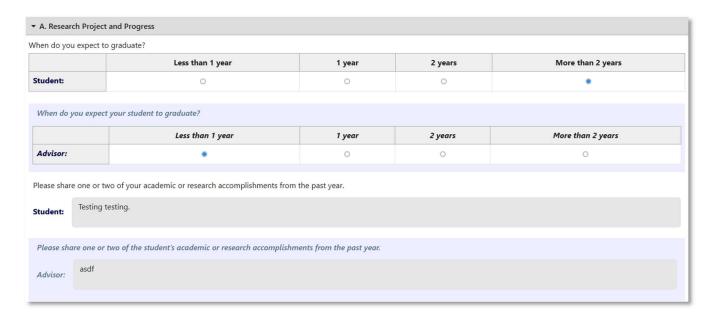


#### 3. Combined View of Student-Advisor Responses

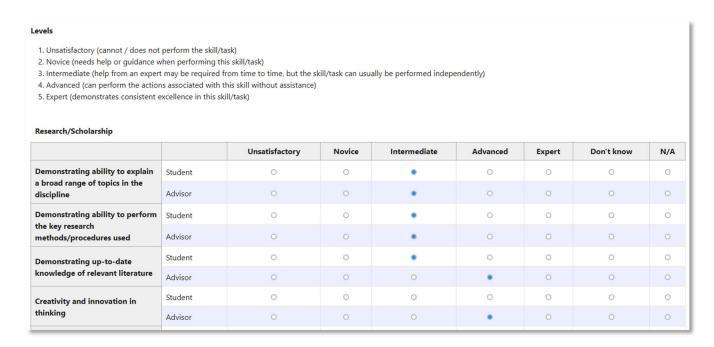
As soon as the advisor submits their responses, the student will be able to access them along with their own by clicking on the icon under the "View Combined Student/Advisor Responses" column.



This view allows students to go over their responses and their advisor's responses side by side when they meet to discuss. The advisor's responses are shown on a light blue background:



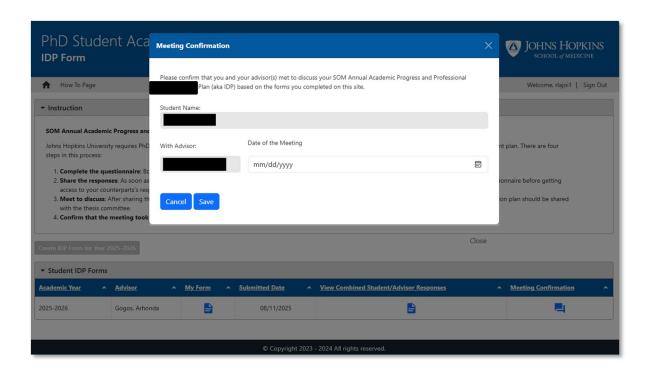
This is particularly useful when reviewing their ratings for the competencies listed in section E:



#### 4. Submitting a Meeting Confirmation

It is a university requirement that students meet with their advisors to discuss their IDP, and so they will need to report the date on which this meeting took place by clicking on the icon on the "Meeting Confirmation" column in their table list view:





Students can enter the date of the meeting and save. The advisor and the program administrator will be able to see the date as soon as it is entered.

Note that students are able to report a meeting date only after both they and their advisor submit their IDP forms.

#### 5. Notifications

Only students who have dissertation advisors listed in SIS will be included in these notifications.

All programs have the following notification for students:

a. If the student has not submitted their form, notification when their advisor submits theirs.

By default, the following notifications are activated for students, however programs may be request that specific ones are inactivated:

b. Notification when the IDP form for the new academic year becomes available (Sept 1)

- c. A week *after* both student and advisor submit their forms, reminder that they need to meet and submit the meeting date
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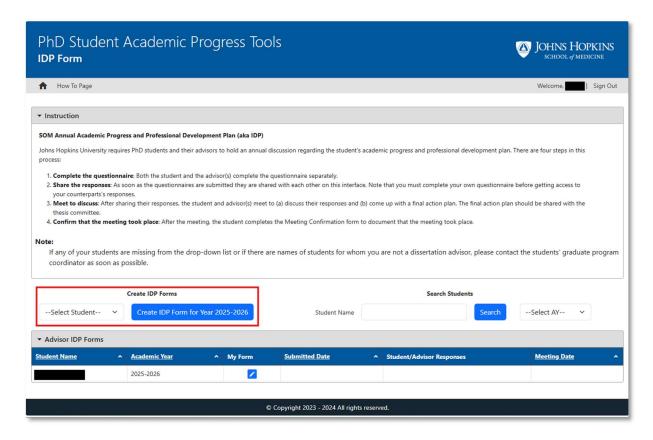
#### E. Advisor Portal

#### 1. Generating an IDP Form

The Advisor Portal allows dissertation advisors to manage the IDP forms for all their students in one place.

Advisors may generate a new IDP form for each of their students once per academic year (defined in this system as September 1 – August 31):

- a. Select the student's name from the drop-down menu
- b. Click on the big blue button to create the IDP form



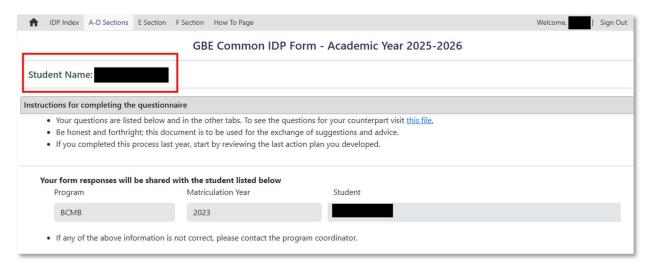
If any of your students are missing from the drop-down list or if there are names of students for whom you are not a dissertation advisor, please contact the students' graduate program coordinator as soon as possible.

If the advisor already created a form for a specific student and academic year, the blue button would become greyed-out / inactive for that combination.

After the IDP form is created, it will be listed in the "Advisor IDP Forms" table. If an advisor has a long list of IDP forms, they can search by the student's name using the search tool on the right.

#### 2. Completing the form / questionnaire

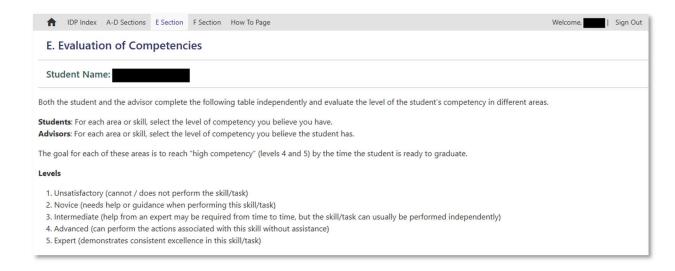
After clicking on the pencil icon under the "My Forms" column, advisors can access the different sections of the form through a sub-menu. On each page, they see the name of the student.



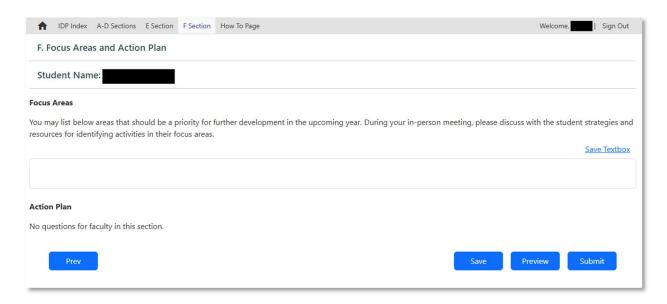
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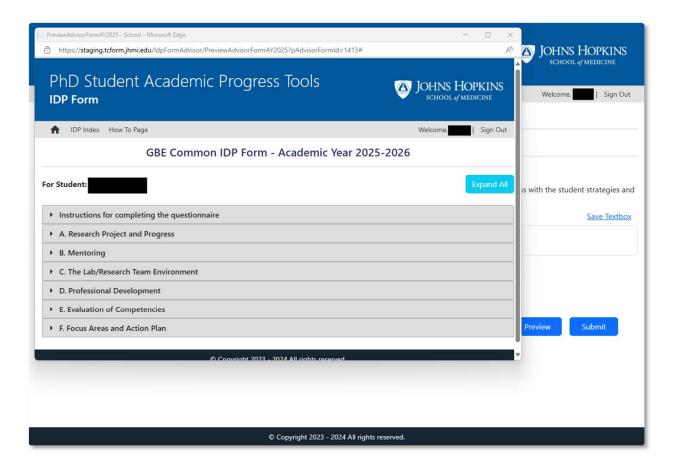
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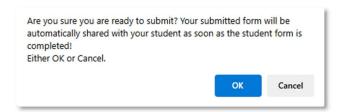
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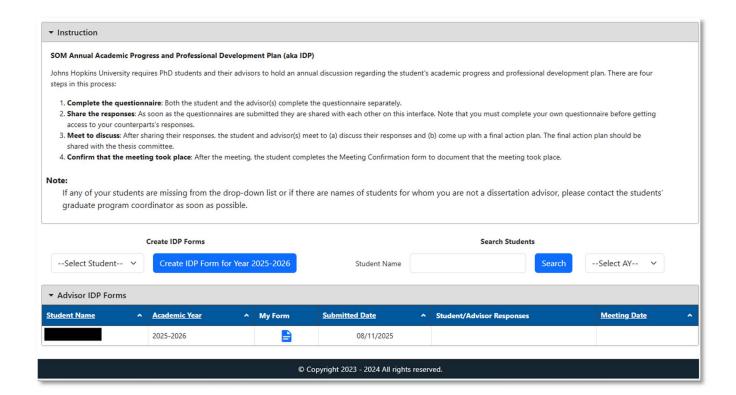
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When ready, advisors can click on the Submit button at the bottom of Section H to submit their responses. They will see a pop-up window reminding them that their submitted form will be automatically shared with their student as soon as the student submits their form. They may click OK to submit, or they may Cancel and submit later.



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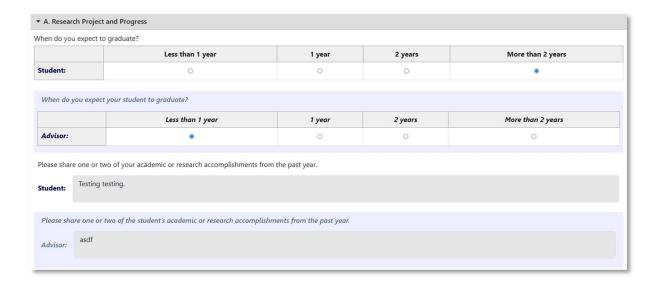


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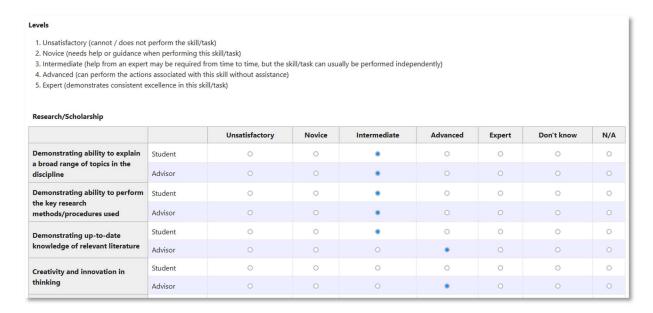
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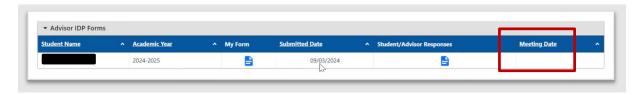


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Note that the student can report a meeting date only after both the advisor and the student submit their responses on their IDP forms.

#### 5. Notifications

All programs will have the following notification for advisors:

a. If the advisor has not completed their form, notification that their student submitted theirs.

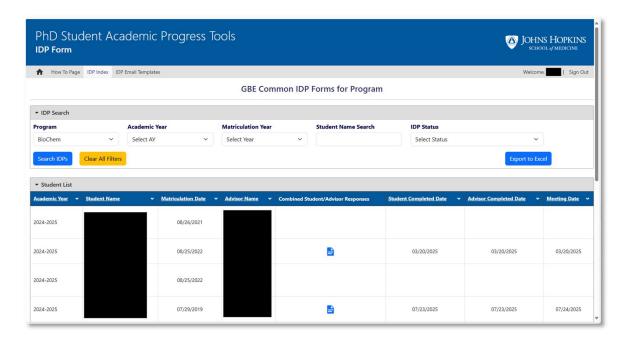
By default, the following notifications are activated for faculty, however programs may be request that specific ones are inactivated:

- b. Notification when the IDP form for the new academic year becomes available (Sept 1)
- c. A week after both student and advisor submit their forms, reminder that they need to meet
- d. If a meeting confirmation date has not been submitted, reminder that the IDP process must be completed by the end of the academic year (sent 2 months before the Aug 31 deadline)

#### F. Administrator Portal

Administrators may access information on IDP forms for all the students in their program. On their program's landing page, there is a search tool at the top, and right below there is a listing of the IDP forms.

The same administrators who have access to the Thesis Committee Tracker tool have access to the IDP Forms area.



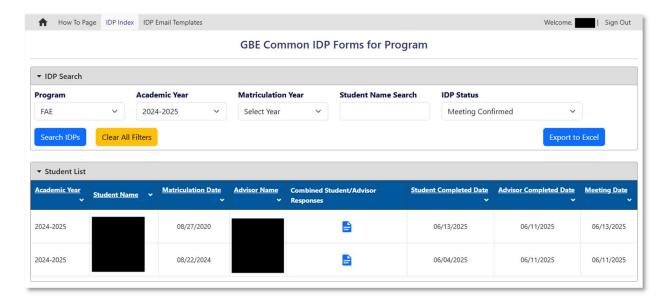
#### 1. Search Tool

Administrators may search the IDP Forms by academic year, the student's matriculation year, or the student's name. They may also search by IDP status:

- Student Completed Form
- Advisor Completed Form
- Combined Form Available (i.e., both student and advisor have submitted their form)
- Meeting Confirmed

#### - Meeting Not Confirmed

For example if you would like to see all the students for whom a meeting confirmation has been submitted, select "Meeting Confirmed" from the drop down and click on "Search IDPs". In this case, the search returns the two IDP forms that have an associated meeting date submitted:



#### 2. IDP Forms List

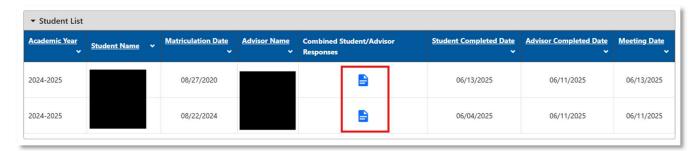
In the listing of the IDP forms (see above), there are columns for the academic year, the student's matriculation date, and the advisor's name. The remaining columns indicate the stage of completion:

- Combined view of student and advisor responses, after both are submitted
- Completion date of the student form
- Completion date of the advisor form
- Meeting date

Administrators may use the headers of these columns to sort the table as needed. The meeting date is submitted by the student, after both student and advisor complete their forms and meet to discuss their responses. Therefore a submitted meeting date indicates that the process has been completed.

#### 3. Combined View of Student-Advisor Responses

Administrators may access the student and advisor responses through a combined form by clicking on the icon under the corresponding column:



Administrators can access the different sections of the form and collapse or expand them as needed. The student and advisor responses are shown next to each other within each section.



#### 4. Notifications and Email Management

These notifications go to students who have a dissertation advisor listed in SIS and their dissertation advisors.

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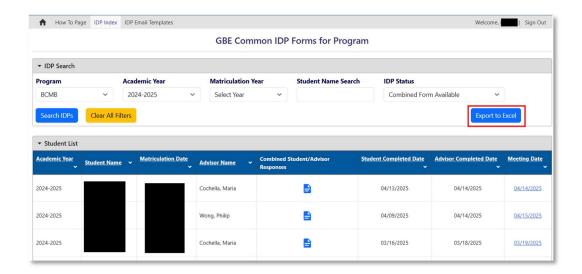
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#### 5. Reporting

On the IDP Index tab, administrators can download completion data by using the search tool at the top of the page and then clicking **Export to Excel** to export their results.



#### 6. Technical Support

Students and advisors are directed to contact the program administrators. If there are errors in the information shown in the system (e.g., wrong or missing advisor), please check that the information is correctly listed in SIS before opening a service ticket.

Otherwise, administrators may contact OIT for technical support through the "Report a Problem" button at the bottom of each page or through the <u>Service Desk Portal</u>.