

STUDENT EXPERIENCE SURVEY - HDR

2015

College of Science, Engineering and Health
Survey Population: 913
Respondents: 272
Response Rate: 29.8%
Demographics (% of total sample size)
Commencement Year

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|----------|----|
| Pre 2010 | 5 |
| 2010 | 5 |
| 2011 | 9 |
| 2012 | 48 |
| 2013 | 61 |
| 2014 | 82 |
| 2015 | 62 |

Age

| | |
|-------|-----|
| <20 | 0% |
| 21-24 | 7% |
| 25-34 | 66% |
| 35-44 | 17% |
| 45+ | 10% |

Gender

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|--------|-----|
| Male | 63% |
| Female | 37% |

Citizenship

| | |
|------------------------|-----|
| Australian | 57% |
| International onshore | 39% |
| International offshore | 4% |

Program Type

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|-----------------------|-----|
| Master by research | 11% |
| Doctorate by research | 89% |

Attendance Type

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|-----------|-----|
| Full time | 87% |
| Part time | 13% |

Location

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| On-campus | 84% |
| Off-campus | 15% |

Milestones

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|-----------------------------|-----|
| Confirmation of candidature | 63% |
| Completion seminar | 17% |

LOTE

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| Yes | 28% |
| No | 72% |

Rural Relocatee

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| Yes | 2% |
| No | 96% |

Main Funds Source

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|-----------------|-----|
| Employment | 9% |
| Cadetship | 0% |
| Family | 9% |
| AusAid/IDP | 1% |
| Home Government | 8% |
| Scholarship | 64% |
| Loan | 0% |
| Savings | 4% |
| Other | 4% |

Employment

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|-----------------------|-----|
| Part time (1-14 hrs) | 28% |
| Part time (15-20 hrs) | 4% |
| Part time (21-34 hrs) | 3% |
| Full time (35+ hrs) | 17% |
| Not at all | 46% |

Industry Placement

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|--|-----|
| Education placement/Internship | |
| Yes | 4% |
| No | 87% |
| Industry-based project | |
| Yes | 10% |
| No | 82% |
| Clinical/Professional placement | |
| Yes | 3% |
| No | 89% |

Snapshot Scales 2015

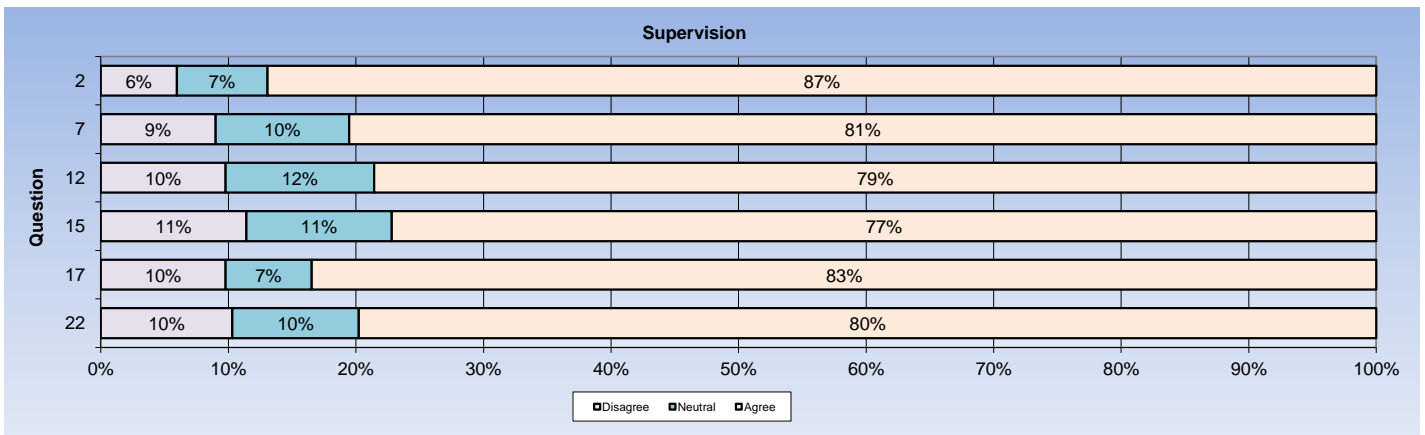
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| Supervision | 81.1% |
| Intellectual Climate | 68.0% |
| Skill Development | 88.4% |
| Overall Satisfaction | 80.5% |

Part of program study

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| Yes | 6% |
| No | 39% |

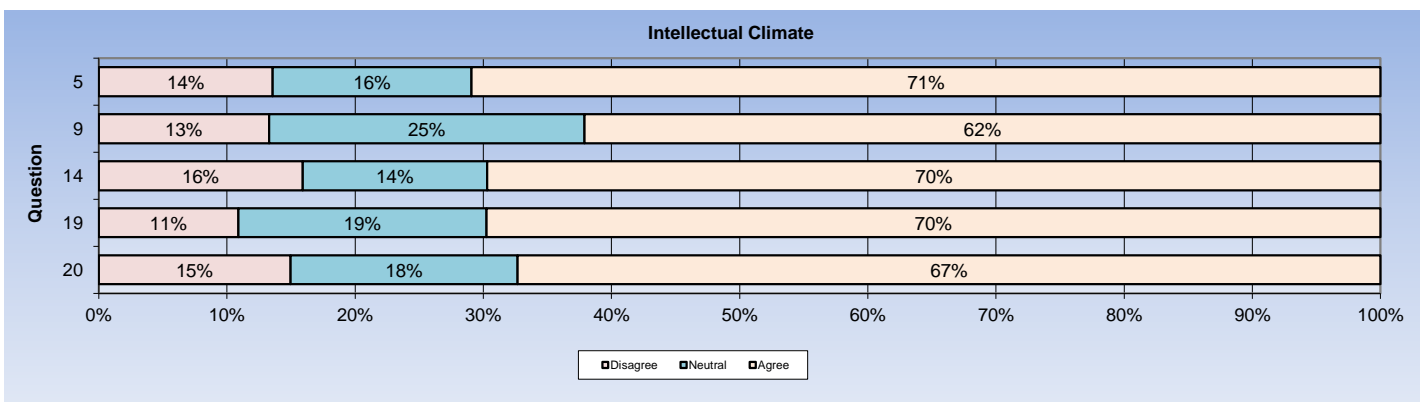
Supervision

| | % AGREE | | | | | No. of Students |
|---|-------------------|----------|---------|-------|----------------|-----------------|
| | Strongly Disagree | Disagree | Neutral | Agree | Strongly Agree | |
| | 81.1% | | | | | |
| 2. Supervision is available when I need it | 1% | 4% | 7% | 24% | 63% | 268 |
| 7. My supervisor(s) are making a real effort to understand difficulties that I face | 2% | 7% | 10% | 28% | 52% | 267 |
| 12. My supervisor(s) provide me with additional information relevant to my topic | 2% | 8% | 12% | 28% | 51% | 266 |
| 15. I have been given good guidance in topic selection and refinement | 4% | 7% | 11% | 32% | 45% | 263 |
| 17. My supervisor(s) are providing helpful feedback on my progress | 4% | 6% | 7% | 31% | 53% | 266 |
| 22. I received good guidance in my literature search | 3% | 7% | 10% | 38% | 42% | 262 |



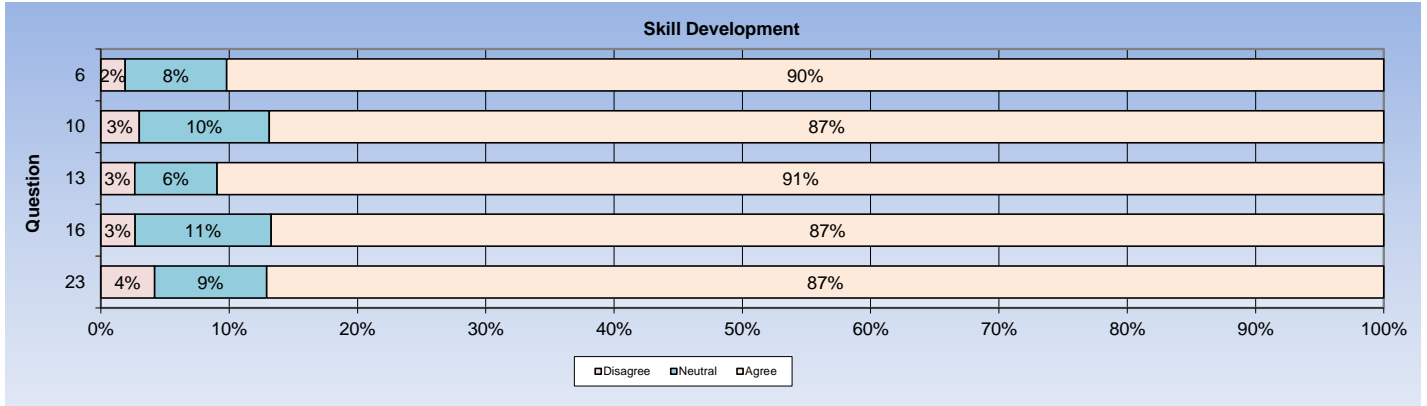
Intellectual Climate

| | % AGREE | | | | | No. of Students |
|---|-------------------|----------|---------|-------|----------------|-----------------|
| | Strongly Disagree | Disagree | Neutral | Agree | Strongly Agree | |
| | 68.0% | | | | | |
| 5. The school is providing opportunities for social contact with other postgraduate students | 3% | 10% | 16% | 34% | 36% | 258 |
| 9. I am becoming integrated into the school's community | 5% | 9% | 25% | 39% | 23% | 256 |
| 14. The school is providing opportunities for me to become involved in the broader research culture | 6% | 10% | 14% | 38% | 31% | 264 |
| 19. A good seminar program is being provided for postgraduate students | 5% | 6% | 19% | 38% | 32% | 248 |
| 20. The research context in my school is stimulating my work | 5% | 10% | 18% | 33% | 34% | 254 |



Skill Development

| | % AGREE | Strongly Disagree | | | Strongly Agree | No. of Students | |
|---|---------|-------------------|----|-----|----------------|-----------------|-----|
| | 88.4% | | | | | | |
| 6. My research is developing my problem-solving skills | | 0% | 2% | 8% | 32% | 58% | 265 |
| 10. I am learning to develop my ideas and present them in written work | | 1% | 2% | 10% | 42% | 45% | 267 |
| 13. My research is sharpening my analytical skills | | 0% | 2% | 6% | 36% | 55% | 265 |
| 16. Doing my research is helping me to develop my ability to plan my own work | | 0% | 2% | 11% | 34% | 53% | 264 |
| 23. As my research progresses, I am feeling more confident about tackling unfamiliar problems | | 0% | 4% | 9% | 39% | 48% | 263 |



Overall Satisfaction

| | % AGREE | Strongly Disagree | | | Strongly Agree | No. of Students | |
|---|---------|-------------------|----|-----|----------------|-----------------|-----|
| | 80.5% | | | | | | |
| 25. Overall, I am satisfied with the quality of my higher degree research | | 4% | 6% | 10% | 40% | 41% | 266 |

Others

| | Strongly Disagree | | | Strongly Agree | No. of Students | |
|---|-------------------|-----|-----|----------------|-----------------|-----|
| 3. I have access to suitable working space | 6% | 4% | 9% | 34% | 47% | 255 |
| 8. I have good access to the technical support I need | 4% | 8% | 17% | 38% | 32% | 257 |
| 11. I am able to organise good access to necessary equipment | 4% | 6% | 15% | 42% | 32% | 247 |
| 24. I have appropriate financial support for my research project | 12% | 10% | 13% | 30% | 35% | 260 |
| 1. I am satisfied with the supervision I am receiving | 2% | 6% | 7% | 24% | 60% | 270 |
| 4. I am developing an understanding of the standard of work required for my research degree and the examination process | 0% | 5% | 9% | 36% | 49% | 263 |
| 18. I am being encouraged and supported to publish my research | 2% | 3% | 9% | 29% | 58% | 265 |
| 21. I am benefiting from having more than one supervisor | 8% | 6% | 10% | 28% | 49% | 263 |

Administration

1. I find it easy to check my enrolment status and invoices online
2. I'd know what to do if I had a problem with my student administration
3. RMIT effectively resolves any student administration issue I might have

| | Strongly Disagree | | Strongly Agree | | No. of Students | |
|--|-------------------|-----|----------------|-----|-----------------|-----|
| | 2% | 6% | 12% | 33% | 47% | 265 |
| | 6% | 10% | 15% | 40% | 28% | 267 |
| | 5% | 10% | 17% | 42% | 25% | 252 |

Learning Support

Library - I am satisfied with...

1. The Library's e-resources collection
2. The Library's book collections
3. The quality of service provided by Library staff
4. The Library's facilities
5. Library opening hours

| | Strongly Disagree | | Strongly Agree | | No. of Students | |
|--|-------------------|----|----------------|-----|-----------------|-----|
| | 2% | 2% | 9% | 38% | 50% | 264 |
| | 2% | 3% | 11% | 43% | 40% | 253 |
| | 0% | 1% | 6% | 36% | 58% | 259 |
| | 1% | 1% | 12% | 39% | 48% | 254 |
| | 1% | 5% | 11% | 40% | 44% | 247 |

Computing Facilities - I am satisfied with...

1. Access to computer facilities at RMIT
2. Access to the specialist software that I require
3. The availability of computer printing facilities
4. The standard of service from computing support staff

| | Strongly Disagree | | Strongly Agree | | No. of Students | |
|--|-------------------|-----|----------------|-----|-----------------|-----|
| | 4% | 4% | 13% | 33% | 45% | 245 |
| | 7% | 12% | 21% | 26% | 33% | 257 |
| | 2% | 6% | 10% | 28% | 54% | 254 |
| | 4% | 8% | 16% | 34% | 38% | 250 |

Learning Support Services - I am satisfied with...

1. Study support
2. Language support
3. On Track workshop
4. Statistical Consultancy

| | Strongly Disagree | | Strongly Agree | | No. of Students | |
|--|-------------------|----|----------------|-----|-----------------|-----|
| | 2% | 4% | 15% | 34% | 45% | 169 |
| | 1% | 5% | 22% | 42% | 30% | 151 |
| | 1% | 5% | 23% | 36% | 34% | 192 |
| | 3% | 7% | 23% | 36% | 31% | 153 |

Online Services

1. I am satisfied with the Internet access provided by RMIT
2. I find the online environment useful to collaborate with other staff or students about my research

| | Strongly Disagree | | Strongly Agree | | No. of Students | |
|--|-------------------|-----|----------------|-----|-----------------|-----|
| | 2% | 5% | 16% | 31% | 47% | 259 |
| | 3% | 11% | 21% | 31% | 34% | 243 |

Communication

I have enough...

1. Opportunities to discuss my academic work with my supervisor(s)
2. Opportunities to work with other research students
3. Contact with students in other disciplines

| | Strongly Disagree | | Strongly Agree | | No. of Students | |
|--|-------------------|-----|----------------|-----|-----------------|-----|
| | 4% | 4% | 9% | 34% | 49% | 269 |
| | 7% | 9% | 19% | 33% | 31% | 257 |
| | 12% | 18% | 25% | 26% | 20% | 251 |

Information Access

| | Strongly Disagree | | Strongly Agree | | | No. of Students |
|--|-------------------|-----|----------------|-----|-----|-----------------|
| 1. I know how and where to access information regarding management of and support for my candidature | 1% | 9% | 17% | 41% | 32% | 269 |
| 2. I know who the key HDR academic and administrative contacts are in my school | 2% | 5% | 12% | 37% | 45% | 267 |
| 3. The RMIT website is easy to navigate to find information I need | 6% | 11% | 24% | 32% | 27% | 270 |

Campus Life and Environment

| | Strongly Disagree | | Strongly Agree | | | No. of Students |
|--|-------------------|-----|----------------|-----|-----|-----------------|
| 1. The RMIT campus is a good place to spend time | 3% | 11% | 20% | 32% | 34% | 252 |
| 2. RMIT is friendly to people from all backgrounds | 2% | 4% | 9% | 42% | 43% | 250 |
| 3. I feel personally safe on campus | 1% | 4% | 7% | 33% | 56% | 255 |
| 4. I am treated fairly at RMIT | 3% | 4% | 12% | 37% | 43% | 256 |
| 5. I can balance my research with my work and home commitments | 3% | 6% | 14% | 43% | 34% | 259 |

Building and Facilities

| | Strongly Disagree | | Strongly Agree | | | No. of Students |
|---|-------------------|-----|----------------|-----|-----|-----------------|
| <i>The following areas are well maintained...</i> | | | | | | |
| 1. Classrooms | 1% | 3% | 15% | 42% | 39% | 211 |
| 2. Lecture theatres | 0% | 2% | 12% | 44% | 41% | 217 |
| 3. Laboratories | 5% | 5% | 15% | 39% | 37% | 211 |
| 4. General access computer labs | 3% | 3% | 16% | 43% | 35% | 211 |
| 5. Lounge spaces | 3% | 12% | 19% | 36% | 30% | 230 |
| 6. Toilets | 8% | 16% | 20% | 28% | 27% | 254 |
| 7. Lifts | 22% | 19% | 22% | 17% | 20% | 246 |

Services and Programs for Students

I am satisfied with the service or program...

| | Strongly Disagree | | Strongly Agree | | No. of Students | |
|--|-------------------|-----|----------------|-----|-----------------|-----|
| 1. School of Graduate Research | 5% | 5% | 17% | 34% | 39% | 218 |
| 2. The Hub | 1% | 5% | 19% | 39% | 36% | 216 |
| 3. Health promotion | 5% | 9% | 26% | 34% | 26% | 126 |
| 4. Scholarship and financial advice | 8% | 9% | 23% | 29% | 31% | 205 |
| 5. Career planning and advice | 6% | 11% | 24% | 39% | 20% | 144 |
| 6. Housing advice and assistance | 3% | 10% | 28% | 33% | 26% | 93 |
| 7. International student advisory services | 4% | 12% | 28% | 30% | 27% | 105 |
| 8. Legal Advice | 2% | 11% | 31% | 32% | 25% | 95 |
| 9. Counselling services | 4% | 9% | 26% | 28% | 32% | 102 |
| 10. Disability support | 3% | 7% | 30% | 32% | 29% | 73 |
| 11. Student leadership programs | 5% | 3% | 33% | 33% | 25% | 93 |
| 12. Religious/spiritual services | 6% | 10% | 19% | 40% | 25% | 96 |

This service is important to me...

| | Yes | No | No. of Students |
|--|-----|-----|-----------------|
| 1. School of Graduate Research | 93% | 7% | 183 |
| 2. The Hub | 80% | 20% | 182 |
| 3. Health promotion | 60% | 40% | 172 |
| 4. Scholarship and financial advice | 88% | 12% | 188 |
| 5. Career planning and advice | 71% | 29% | 180 |
| 6. Housing advice and assistance | 35% | 65% | 168 |
| 7. International student advisory services | 44% | 56% | 168 |
| 8. Legal Advice | 52% | 48% | 171 |
| 9. Counselling services | 54% | 46% | 170 |
| 10. Disability support | 27% | 73% | 169 |
| 11. Student leadership programs | 49% | 51% | 170 |
| 12. Religious/spiritual services | 33% | 67% | 172 |

RMIT Link

I am satisfied with the service or program...

| | Strongly Disagree | | Strongly Agree | | No. of Students | |
|--|-------------------|-----|----------------|-----|-----------------|-----|
| 1. Sport programs, sport clubs and recreation activities | 7% | 7% | 21% | 36% | 28% | 137 |
| 2. Visual arts, performing arts and gallery activities | 5% | 10% | 24% | 30% | 31% | 103 |

This service is important to me...

| | Yes | No | No. of Students |
|--|-----|-----|-----------------|
| 1. Sport programs, sport clubs and recreation activities | 61% | 39% | 167 |
| 2. Visual arts, performing arts and gallery activities | 38% | 62% | 162 |

Student Union

I am satisfied with the service or program...

| | Strongly Disagree | | Strongly Agree | | No. of Students | |
|--|-------------------|-----|----------------|-----|-----------------|-----|
| 1. Representation of student interests to the University | 6% | 8% | 24% | 33% | 29% | 145 |
| 2. Campaigns, information and resources to improve conditions for students | 5% | 13% | 23% | 36% | 23% | 143 |
| 3. Advice and support if I had a problem with the University | 7% | 10% | 22% | 39% | 23% | 148 |
| 4. Social activities, bands and competitions | 3% | 9% | 25% | 37% | 26% | 130 |
| 5. Clubs and collectives | 2% | 11% | 27% | 35% | 25% | 128 |
| 6. Student media, such as Catalyst and RMITV | 4% | 8% | 25% | 39% | 24% | 116 |

This service is important to me...

| | Yes | No | No. of Students |
|--|-----|-----|-----------------|
| 1. Representation of student interests to the University | 54% | 46% | 162 |
| 2. Campaigns, information and resources to improve conditions for students | 61% | 39% | 166 |
| 3. Advice and support if I had a problem with the University | 75% | 25% | 165 |
| 4. Social activities, bands and competitions | 52% | 48% | 163 |
| 5. Clubs and collectives | 48% | 52% | 165 |
| 6. Student media, such as Catalyst and RMITV | 42% | 58% | 161 |

Outcomes

| | Strongly Disagree | | Strongly Agree | | No. of Students | |
|---|-------------------|-----|----------------|-----|-----------------|-----|
| 1. As an RMIT graduate I will be highly employable | 2% | 7% | 31% | 38% | 22% | 251 |
| 2. My research training experience at RMIT will improve my career prospects | 2% | 4% | 13% | 47% | 34% | 263 |
| 3. RMIT generally responds well to student feedback | 8% | 10% | 24% | 34% | 23% | 239 |
| 4. I would recommend higher degree research programs at RMIT to others | 7% | 6% | 18% | 39% | 30% | 267 |

Notes

The scale % AGREE is calculated by adding up all the items scored Agree/Strongly Agree across all respondents. This is divided by the total number of items answered across all respondents. Blanks or N/A's are excluded. Percentages represent the %age of the total valid responses per question, with the exception of the demographics section which represent the %age of total responses. Charts are rescaled on valid responses to total 100%. Values may round to 101 %.

Valid responses exclude N/A and blank responses.