

# STUDENT EXPERIENCE SURVEY - HDR

## 2016

**625H Economics, Finance & Marketing  
BUS**
**Survey Population: 78  
Respondents: 29  
Response Rate: 37.2%**
**Demographics (% of total sample size)**
**Commencement Year**

Pre 2011	1
2011	0
2012	0
2013	4
2014	5
2015	12
2016	7

**Age**

<20	0%
21-24	0%
25-34	59%
35-44	31%
45+	10%

**Gender**

Male	55%
Female	45%

**Citizenship**

Australian	62%
International onshore	38%
International offshore	0%

**Program Type**

Master by research	7%
Doctorate by research	93%

**Attendance Type**

Full time	79%
Part time	21%

**Location**

On-campus	79%
Off-campus	21%

**Milestones**

Confirmation of candidature	62%
Completion seminar	10%

**LOTE**

Yes	66%
No	34%

**Rural Relocatee**

Yes	10%
No	90%

**Main Funds Source**

Employment	21%
Cadetship	0%
Family	7%
AusAid/IDP	0%
Home Government	3%
Scholarship	59%
Loan	0%
Savings	10%
Other	0%

**Employment**

Part time (1-14 hrs)	28%
Part time (15-20 hrs)	7%
Part time (21-34 hrs)	7%
Full time (35+ hrs)	21%
Not at all	38%

**Research Degree Included**

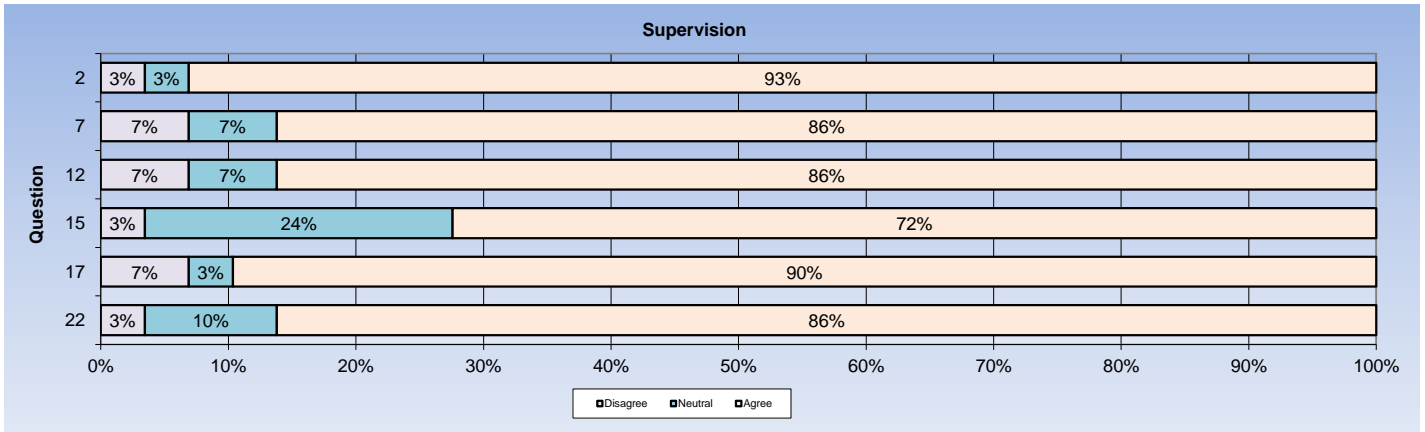
<b>Working for industry</b>	
Yes	3%
No	90%
<b>Working with industry</b>	
Yes	17%
No	76%
<b>Industry internship</b>	
Yes	10%
No	83%

**Snapshot Scales 2016**

Supervision	85.6%
Intellectual Climate	59.3%
Skill Development	89.5%
Overall Satisfaction	79.3%

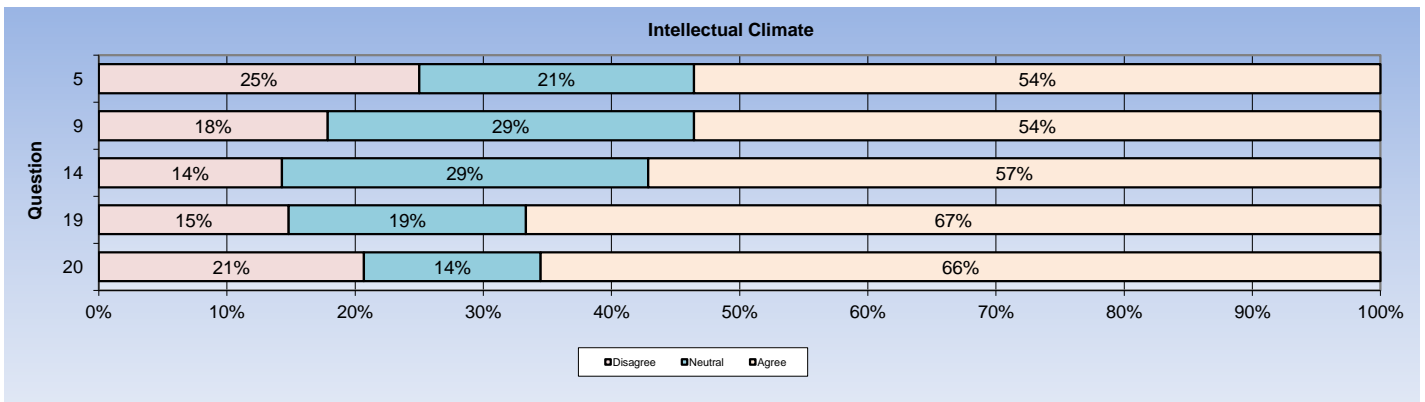
**Supervision**

	% AGREE					No. of
	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Students
	<b>85.6%</b>					
2. Supervision is available when I need it	3%	0%	3%	21%	72%	29
7. My supervisor(s) are making a real effort to understand difficulties that I face	0%	7%	7%	41%	45%	29
12. My supervisor(s) provide me with additional information relevant to my topic	7%	0%	7%	31%	55%	29
15. I have been given good guidance in topic selection and refinement	3%	0%	24%	34%	38%	29
17. My supervisor(s) are providing helpful feedback on my progress	3%	3%	3%	31%	59%	29
22. I received good guidance in my literature search	3%	0%	10%	45%	41%	29



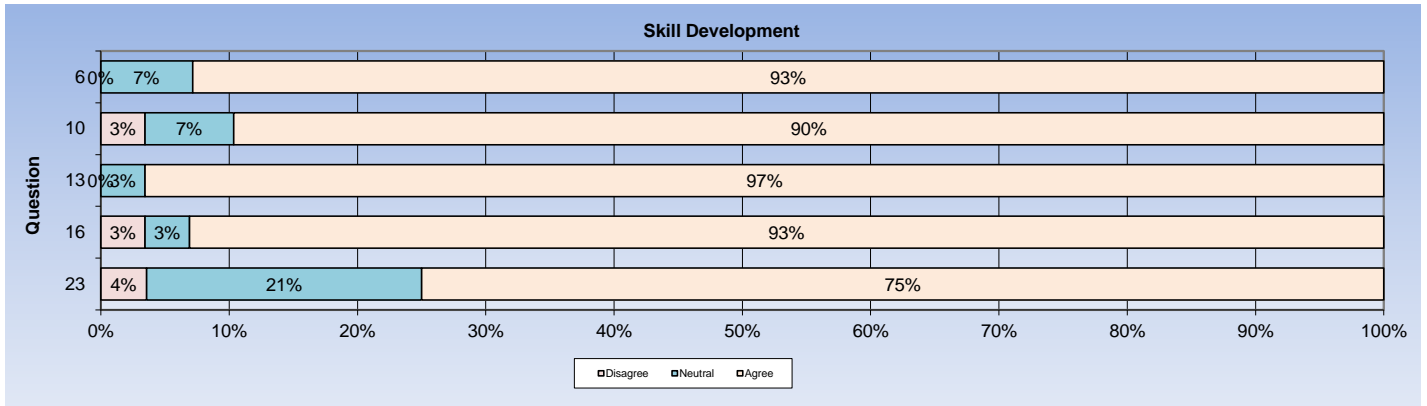
**Intellectual Climate**

	% AGREE					No. of
	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Students
	<b>59.3%</b>					
5. The school is providing opportunities for social contact with other postgraduate students	11%	14%	21%	32%	21%	28
9. I am becoming integrated into the school's community	7%	11%	29%	43%	11%	28
14. The school is providing opportunities for me to become involved in the broader research culture	4%	11%	29%	39%	18%	28
19. A good seminar program is being provided for postgraduate students	7%	7%	19%	48%	19%	27
20. The research context in my school is stimulating my work	7%	14%	14%	48%	17%	29



### Skill Development

	% AGREE	Strongly Disagree			Strongly Agree		No. of Students
	89.5%						
6. My research is developing my problem-solving skills		0%	0%	7%	54%	39%	28
10. I am learning to develop my ideas and present them in written work		0%	3%	7%	48%	41%	29
13. My research is sharpening my analytical skills		0%	0%	3%	45%	52%	29
16. Doing my research is helping me to develop my ability to plan my own work		0%	3%	3%	52%	41%	29
23. As my research progresses, I am feeling more confident about tackling unfamiliar problems		0%	4%	21%	21%	54%	28



### Overall Satisfaction

	% AGREE	Strongly Disagree			Strongly Agree		No. of Students
	79.3%						
26. Overall, I am satisfied with the quality of my higher degree research		3%	3%	14%	38%	41%	29

### Others

	Strongly Disagree			Strongly Agree		No. of Students
3. I have access to suitable working space	18%	14%	18%	14%	36%	28
8. I have good access to the technical support I need	7%	7%	21%	39%	25%	28
11. I am able to organise good access to necessary equipment	8%	4%	23%	42%	23%	26
24. I have appropriate financial support for my research project	21%	11%	18%	25%	25%	28
1. I am satisfied with the supervision I am receiving	3%	0%	7%	21%	69%	29
4. I am developing an understanding of the standard of work required for my research degree and the examination process	0%	0%	10%	48%	41%	29
18. I am being encouraged and supported to publish my research	4%	0%	7%	25%	64%	28
21. I am benefiting from having more than one supervisor	0%	11%	4%	18%	68%	28
25. I am developing transferable skills that will enable me to work in a broad range of contexts after I complete my degree	0%	0%	14%	32%	54%	28

**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
	3%	10%	17%	38%	31%		29
	3%	14%	7%	48%	28%		29
	7%	11%	14%	54%	14%		28

**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
	3%	0%	17%	31%	48%		29
	0%	3%	21%	34%	41%		29
	0%	0%	4%	35%	62%		26
	0%	0%	15%	35%	50%		26
	0%	0%	4%	38%	58%		26

**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%	12%	8%	42%	35%		26
	8%	13%	29%	25%	25%		24
	0%	4%	19%	26%	52%		27
	0%	0%	26%	37%	37%		27

**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
	0%	0%	16%	37%	47%		19
	7%	0%	21%	29%	43%		14
	5%	5%	21%	42%	26%		19
	14%	0%	29%	29%	29%		14

**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
	0%	7%	24%	38%	31%		29
	0%	7%	17%	28%	48%		29

**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
	14%	14%	14%	34%	24%		29
	0%	0%	30%	30%	41%		27
	4%	7%	37%	26%	26%		27

## 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	3%	7%	10%	28%	52%	29
2. I know who the key HDR academic and administrative contacts are in my school	15%	26%	22%	22%	15%	27
3. The RMIT website is easy to navigate to find information I need	27%	19%	19%	19%	15%	26

## Campus Life and Environment

	Strongly Disagree				Strongly Agree	No. of Students
1. The RMIT campus is a good place to spend time	4%	7%	36%	43%	11%	28
2. RMIT is friendly to people from all backgrounds	4%	4%	11%	46%	36%	28
3. I feel personally safe on campus	0%	0%	4%	50%	46%	28
4. I am treated fairly at RMIT	4%	0%	11%	52%	33%	27
5. I can balance my research with my work and home commitments	0%	7%	7%	52%	33%	27

## Building and Facilities

	Strongly Disagree				Strongly Agree	No. of Students
<i>The following areas are well maintained...</i>						
1. Classrooms	0%	10%	5%	33%	52%	21
2. Lecture theatres	0%	5%	10%	33%	52%	21
3. Laboratories	0%	0%	14%	29%	57%	14
4. General access computer labs	0%	6%	6%	29%	59%	17
5. Lounge spaces	0%	8%	25%	21%	46%	24
6. Toilets	4%	19%	26%	33%	19%	27
7. Lifts	8%	0%	23%	35%	35%	26

## 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	10%	0%	14%	43%	33%	21
2. The Hub	0%	6%	24%	47%	24%	17
3. Health promotion	11%	0%	56%	11%	22%	9
4. Scholarship and financial advice	24%	14%	14%	14%	33%	21
5. Career planning and advice	0%	45%	9%	18%	27%	11
6. Housing advice and assistance	0%	22%	44%	22%	11%	9
7. International student advisory services	0%	18%	36%	18%	27%	11
8. Legal Advice	0%	20%	20%	40%	20%	5
9. Counselling services	0%	0%	38%	38%	25%	8
10. Disability support	0%	0%	25%	50%	25%	4
11. Student leadership programs	0%	11%	67%	11%	11%	9
12. Religious/spiritual services	10%	20%	30%	10%	30%	10

### *This service is important to me...*

	Yes	No	No. of Students
1. School of Graduate Research	87%	13%	23
2. The Hub	70%	30%	23
3. Health promotion	57%	43%	23
4. Scholarship and financial advice	88%	13%	24
5. Career planning and advice	50%	50%	24
6. Housing advice and assistance	22%	78%	23
7. International student advisory services	35%	65%	23
8. Legal Advice	33%	67%	24
9. Counselling services	38%	63%	24
10. Disability support	17%	83%	24
11. Student leadership programs	39%	61%	23
12. Religious/spiritual services	32%	68%	22

## 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	0%	14%	14%	29%	43%	7
2. Visual arts, performing arts and gallery activities	0%	25%	25%	25%	25%	4

### *This service is important to me...*

	Yes	No	No. of Students
1. Sport programs, sport clubs and recreation activities	29%	71%	24
2. Visual arts, performing arts and gallery activities	22%	78%	23

## 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	7%	14%	29%	21%	29%	14
2. Campaigns, information and resources to improve conditions for students	0%	0%	50%	29%	21%	14
3. Advice and support if I had a problem with the University	0%	23%	23%	23%	31%	13
4. Social activities, bands and competitions	0%	50%	17%	17%	17%	6
5. Clubs and collectives	0%	14%	43%	14%	29%	7
6. Student media, such as Catalyst and RMITV	0%	14%	43%	29%	14%	7

### *This service is important to me...*

	Yes	No	No. of Students
1. Representation of student interests to the University	70%	30%	20
2. Campaigns, information and resources to improve conditions for students	61%	39%	23
3. Advice and support if I had a problem with the University	61%	39%	23
4. Social activities, bands and competitions	25%	75%	24
5. Clubs and collectives	21%	79%	24
6. Student media, such as Catalyst and RMITV	25%	75%	24

## Outcomes

	Strongly Disagree		Strongly Agree		No. of Students	
1. As an RMIT graduate I will be highly employable	4%	11%	39%	32%	14%	28
2. My research training experience at RMIT will improve my career prospects	7%	0%	17%	41%	34%	29
3. RMIT generally responds well to student feedback	15%	19%	23%	23%	19%	26
4. I would recommend higher degree research programs at RMIT to others	14%	3%	21%	34%	28%	29

### 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.