

STUDENT EXPERIENCE SURVEY - HDR

2019

**171H - Science
SEH**
**Survey Population: 375
Respondents: 111
Response Rate: 29.6%**
Demographics (% of total sample size)
Commencement Year

Pre 2014	3
2014	0
2015	11
2016	15
2017	19
2018	45
2019	18

Age

<20	0%
21-24	6%
25-34	62%
35-44	21%
45+	11%

Gender

Male	52%
Female	48%

Citizenship

Australian	52%
International onshore	48%
International offshore	0%

Program Type

Master by research	12%
Doctorate by research	88%

Attendance Type

Full time	89%
Part time	11%

Location

On-campus	86%
Off-campus	14%

Milestones

Confirmation of candidature	59%
Completion seminar	19%

LOTE

Yes	69%
No	31%

Rural Relocatee

Yes	5%
No	93%

Main Funds Source

Employment	8%
Cadetship	0%
Family	5%
AusAid/IDP	2%
Home Government	5%
Scholarship	75%
Loan	2%
Savings	3%
Other	2%

Employment

Part time (1-14 hrs)	36%
Part time (15-20 hrs)	1%
Part time (21-34 hrs)	4%
Full time (35+ hrs)	8%
Not at all	50%

Research Degree Included

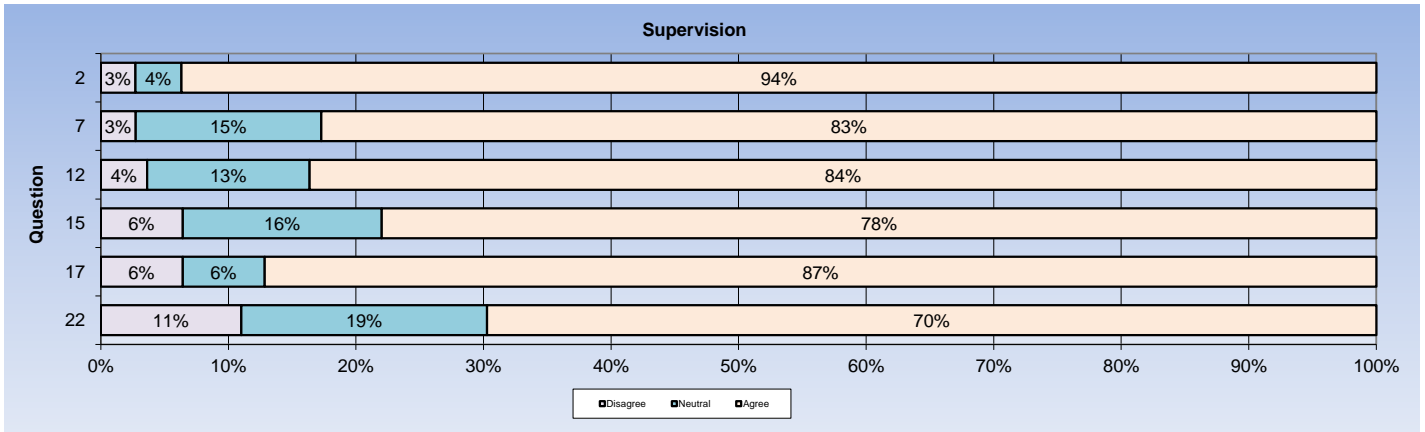
Working for industry	
Yes	12%
No	63%
Working with industry	
Yes	21%
No	55%
Industry internship	
Yes	14%
No	59%

Snapshot Scales 2019	% Agree	Mean
Supervision	82.5%	4.31
Intellectual Climate	67.0%	3.87
Skill Development	87.5%	4.35
Overall Satisfaction	80.0%	4.15

Supervision

% AGREE = 82.5% MEAN = 4.31

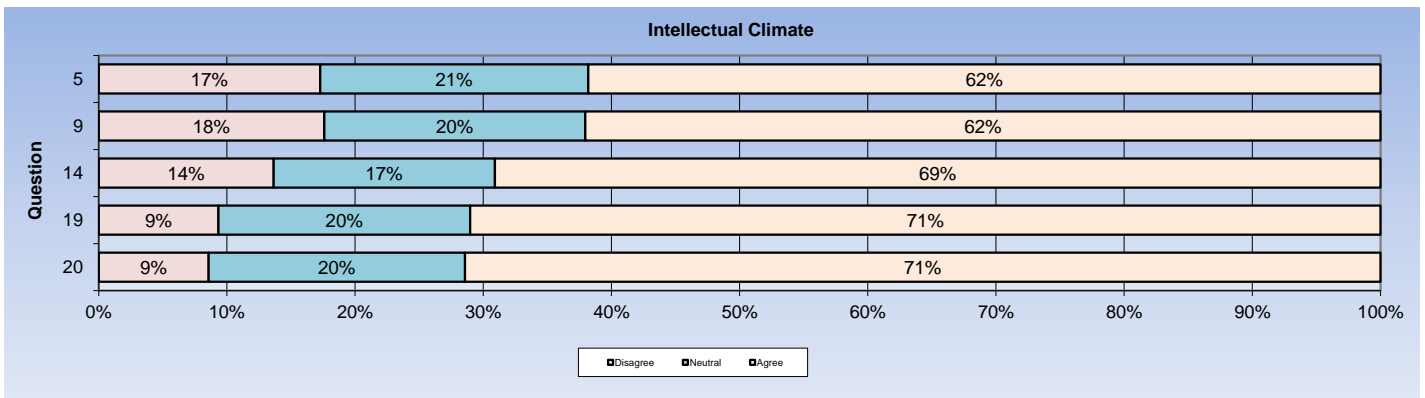
	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	No. of Students
2. Supervision is available when I need it	0%	3%	4%	22%	72%	111
7. My supervisor(s) are making a real effort to understand difficulties that I face	0%	3%	15%	25%	57%	110
12. My supervisor(s) provide me with additional information relevant to my topic	1%	3%	13%	25%	58%	110
15. I have been given good guidance in topic selection and refinement	0%	6%	16%	39%	39%	109
17. My supervisor(s) are providing helpful feedback on my progress	0%	6%	6%	30%	57%	109
22. I received good guidance in my literature search	1%	10%	19%	28%	42%	109



Intellectual Climate

% AGREE = 67.0% MEAN = 3.87

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	No. of Students
5. I have opportunities for social contact with other postgraduate candidates in my School/College	5%	12%	21%	25%	36%	110
9. I have a sense of belonging in the research community in my School/College	5%	13%	20%	22%	40%	108
14. I have opportunities to become involved in the broader research culture of my School/College	3%	11%	17%	32%	37%	110
19. A good seminar programme is provided for postgraduate research students within my School/College	2%	7%	20%	31%	40%	107
20. My research is stimulated by the research context of my School/College	2%	7%	20%	42%	30%	105

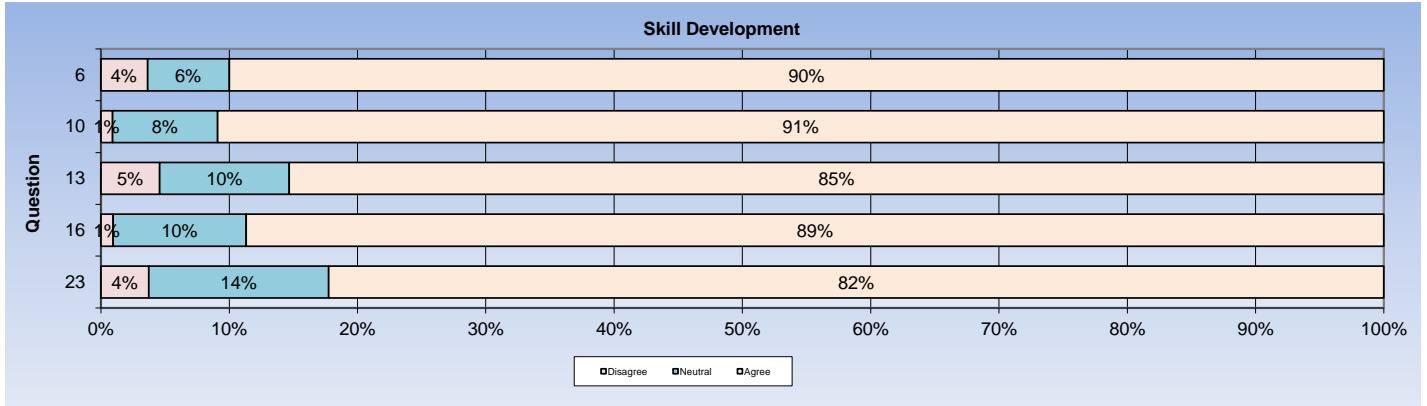


Skill Development

% AGREE = 87.5%

MEAN = 4.35

	Strongly Disagree				Strongly Agree	No. of Students
6. My research is developing my problem-solving skills	1%	3%	6%	32%	58%	110
10. I am learning to develop my ideas and present them in written work	0%	1%	8%	44%	47%	110
13. My research is sharpening my analytical skills	1%	4%	10%	28%	58%	109
16. Doing my research is helping me to develop my ability to plan my own work	1%	0%	10%	39%	50%	106
23. As my research progresses, I am feeling more confident about tackling unfamiliar problems	3%	1%	14%	36%	46%	107



Overall Satisfaction

% AGREE = 80.0%

MEAN = 4.15

	Strongly Disagree				Strongly Agree	No. of Students
26. Overall, I am satisfied with the quality of my higher degree research	4%	3%	14%	35%	45%	110

Others

	Strongly Disagree				Strongly Agree	No. of Students
3. I have access to suitable working space	7%	11%	11%	21%	50%	107
8. I have good access to the technical support I need	4%	8%	20%	31%	37%	110
11. I am able to organise good access to necessary equipment	4%	12%	18%	36%	31%	108
24. I have appropriate financial support for my research project	3%	7%	14%	31%	46%	107
1. I am satisfied with the supervision I am receiving	0%	3%	10%	28%	60%	109
4. I am developing an understanding of the standard of work required for my research degree and the examination process	0%	2%	7%	36%	55%	108
18. I am being encouraged and supported to publish my research	1%	1%	8%	34%	56%	110
21. I am benefiting from having more than one supervisor	7%	6%	9%	20%	58%	107
25. I am developing transferable skills that will enable me to work in a broad range of contexts after I complete my degree	1%	5%	11%	37%	46%	106

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
0%	4%	8%	31%	56%	108
6%	13%	11%	28%	42%	109
6%	9%	13%	32%	40%	108

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
1%	1%	7%	40%	51%	103
2%	1%	5%	46%	45%	91
0%	0%	4%	41%	55%	93
1%	1%	8%	34%	56%	93
2%	2%	5%	40%	51%	86

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
5%	5%	12%	33%	44%	99
3%	8%	13%	39%	37%	106
0%	2%	7%	29%	62%	106
3%	10%	12%	32%	43%	98

Learning Support Services - I am satisfied with...

1. Study and Learning Centre services
2. Language support
3. RMIT's academic and professional development workshops
4. Statistical Consultancy

Strongly Disagree				Strongly Agree	No. of Students
1%	7%	15%	31%	47%	75
5%	3%	14%	32%	46%	59
5%	5%	23%	28%	40%	80
3%	11%	26%	20%	40%	65

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%	3%	13%	40%	43%	110
5%	3%	10%	30%	53%	111

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
8%	14%	23%	30%	25%	110
0%	0%	4%	37%	59%	110
4%	7%	17%	30%	41%	92

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%	1%	11%	27%	60%	108
2. I know who the key HDR academic and administrative contacts are in my school	10%	14%	15%	31%	31%	103
3. The RMIT website is easy to navigate to find information I need	14%	16%	26%	25%	20%	102

Campus Life and Environment

	Strongly Disagree				Strongly Agree	No. of Students
1. The RMIT campus is a good place to spend time	4%	2%	21%	34%	40%	106
2. RMIT is friendly to people from all backgrounds	2%	3%	7%	36%	53%	106
3. I feel personally safe on campus	0%	2%	6%	30%	62%	110
4. I am treated fairly at RMIT	5%	3%	6%	33%	54%	107
5. I can balance my research with my work and home commitments	6%	7%	12%	29%	46%	108

Building and Facilities

	Strongly Disagree				Strongly Agree	No. of Students
The following areas are well maintained...						
1. Classrooms	1%	2%	5%	45%	47%	85
2. Lecture theatres	0%	3%	5%	41%	51%	88
3. Laboratories	4%	6%	6%	42%	42%	83
4. General access computer labs	4%	4%	11%	37%	45%	82
5. Lounge spaces	1%	3%	9%	46%	40%	95
6. Toilets	5%	9%	15%	37%	35%	109
7. Lifts	3%	5%	15%	38%	39%	104

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	3%	6%	8%	31%	52%	88					
2. RMIT Connect	0%	5%	10%	37%	48%	83					
3. Health promotion	2%	7%	22%	22%	47%	45					
4. Scholarship and financial advice	5%	7%	16%	29%	43%	83					
5. Career planning and advice	7%	7%	30%	23%	33%	43					
6. Housing advice and assistance	8%	8%	42%	19%	23%	26					
7. International student advisory services	6%	13%	31%	25%	25%	32					
8. Legal Advice	7%	11%	21%	25%	36%	28					
9. Counselling services	10%	10%	29%	23%	29%	31					
10. Disability support	10%	5%	20%	30%	35%	20					
11. Student leadership programs	5%	3%	24%	27%	41%	37					
12. Religious/spiritual services	7%	3%	31%	24%	34%	29					

This service is important to me...

	Yes	No	No. of Students
1. School of Graduate Research	92%	8%	84
2. RMIT Connect	77%	23%	81
3. Health promotion	62%	38%	73
4. Scholarship and financial advice	82%	18%	82
5. Career planning and advice	61%	39%	76
6. Housing advice and assistance	27%	73%	73
7. International student advisory services	39%	61%	71
8. Legal Advice	54%	46%	72
9. Counselling services	51%	49%	71
10. Disability support	33%	67%	75
11. Student leadership programs	41%	59%	71
12. Religious/spiritual services	24%	76%	74

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	2%	7%	20%	29%	41%	41					
2. Visual arts, performing arts and gallery activities	0%	12%	26%	24%	38%	34					

This service is important to me...

	Yes	No	No. of Students
1. Sport programs, sport clubs and recreation activities	55%	45%	69
2. Visual arts, performing arts and gallery activities	37%	63%	67

Student Union

	Strongly Disagree				Strongly Agree	No. of Students
<i>I am satisfied with the service or program...</i>						
1. Representation of student interests to the University	9%	9%	19%	28%	36%	47
2. Campaigns, information and resources to improve conditions for students	4%	12%	18%	29%	37%	49
3. Advice and support if I had a problem with the University	5%	9%	28%	26%	33%	43
4. Social activities, bands and competitions	5%	7%	21%	24%	43%	42
5. Clubs and collectives	2%	7%	20%	27%	44%	41
6. Student media, such as Catalyst and RMITV	6%	9%	23%	20%	43%	35

	Yes	No	No. of Students
<i>This service is important to me...</i>			
1. Representation of student interests to the University	54%	46%	65
2. Campaigns, information and resources to improve conditions for students	53%	47%	66
3. Advice and support if I had a problem with the University	65%	35%	65
4. Social activities, bands and competitions	50%	50%	64
5. Clubs and collectives	48%	52%	64
6. Student media, such as Catalyst and RMITV	34%	66%	62

Outcomes

	Strongly Disagree				Strongly Agree	No. of Students
1. As an RMIT graduate I will be highly employable	1%	9%	22%	41%	27%	97
2. My research training experience at RMIT will improve my career prospects	3%	4%	10%	44%	39%	107
3. RMIT generally responds well to student feedback	5%	2%	23%	40%	30%	93
4. I would recommend higher degree research programs at RMIT to others	7%	5%	14%	30%	44%	106

Notes

The scale % AGREE is calculated by adding up all the items which scored Agree or 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 %.

To calculate Mean Scores responses given by students are converted to a score between 0 and 100.

e.g., Strongly disagree=0, Disagree=25, Neutral=50, Agree=75, Strongly agree=100, for 5 point scales.

Mean values for a scale are determined by calculating the weighted average of these scores .

e.g., the mean for a set of questions with responses of Strongly disagree, Disagree, Neutral, Agree and Strongly Agree is calculated as follows:

The number of "Strongly disagree" responses multiplied by 0 plus the number of "Disagree" responses multiplied by 25 plus the number of "Neutral" responses multiplied by 50 plus the number of "Agree" responses multiplied by 75 plus the number of "strongly Agree" multiplied by 100.

This is then divided by the total number of responses.

The result can be thought of as representing the position of the average response within the range of possible responses.

Valid responses exclude N/A and blank responses.