RMIT UNIVERSITY

HDR Onshore & Offshore

STUDENT EXPERIENCE SURVEY - HDR
2020

340H - Art	Survey Population: 75
DSC	Respondents: 16
	Response Rate: 21.3%

Demographics (% of total sample size)

Commencement Year		Age		Gender	
Pre 2015	0	<20	0%	Male	25%
2015	0	21-24	0%	Female	75%
2016	2	25-34	19%		
2017	2	35-44	25%	**Citizenship**	
2018	3	45+	56%	Australian	88%
2019	6			International onshore	13%
2020	3			International offshore	0%

Program Type		Attendance Type		Location	
Master by research	25%	Full time	81%	On-campus	56%
Doctorate by research	75%	Part time	19%	Off-campus	44%

Milestones		LOTE		Rural Relocatee	
Confirmation of candidature	63%	Yes	19%	Yes	0%
Third milestone review	19%	No	81%	No	100%

Main Funds Source		Employment		Research Degree Included	
Employment	50%	Part time (1-14 hrs)	31%	*Working for industry*	
Cadetship	0%	Part time (15-20 hrs)	19%	Yes	19%
Family	0%	Part time (21-34 hrs)	13%	No	69%
AusAid/IDP	0%	Full time (35+ hrs)	0%	*Working with industry*	
Home Government	0%	Not at all	38%	Yes	19%
Scholarship	44%			No	69%
Loan	0%			*Industry internship*	
Savings	0%			Yes	25%
Other	6%			No	63%

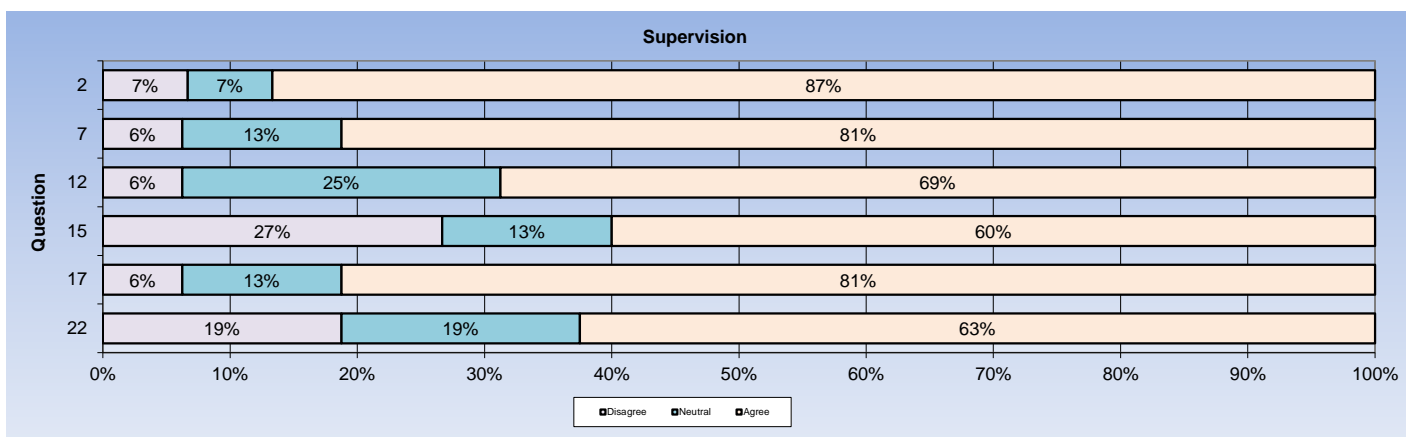| Snapshot Scales 2020	% Agree	Mean
Supervision	73.4%	3.93
Intellectual Climate	49.3%	3.29
Skill Development	65.8%	3.65
Overall Satisfaction	56.3%	3.44

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Supervision

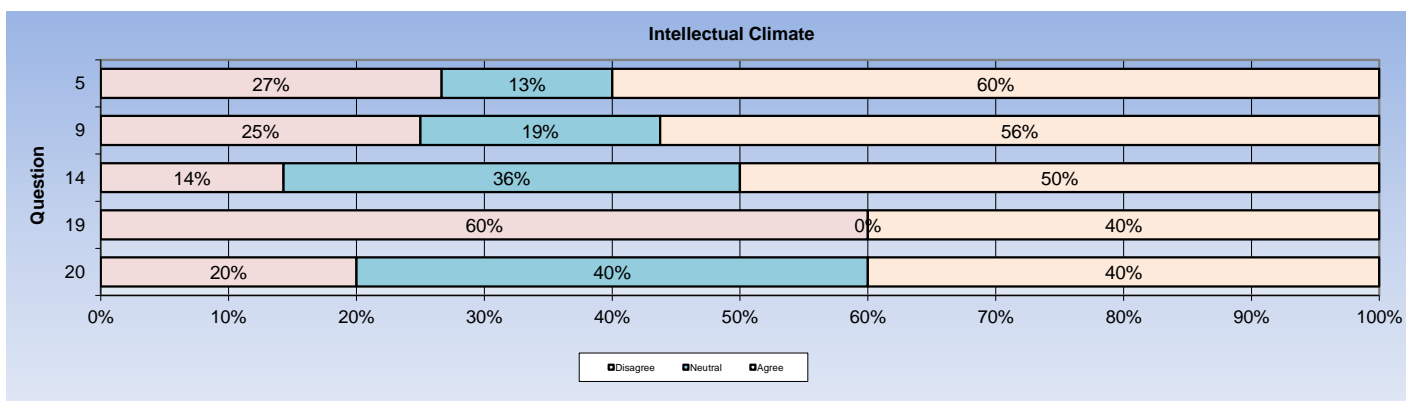|	% AGREE = 73.4%	MEAN = 3.93	Strongly Disagree				Strongly Agree	No. of Students
2. Supervision is available when I need it			7%	0%	7%	27%	60%	15
7. My supervisor(s) are making a real effort to understand difficulties that I face			6%	0%	13%	25%	56%	16
12. My supervisor(s) provide me with additional information relevant to my topic			6%	0%	25%	25%	44%	16
15. I have been given good guidance in topic selection and refinement			13%	13%	13%	33%	27%	15
17. My supervisor(s) are providing helpful feedback on my progress			6%	0%	13%	44%	38%	16
22. I received good guidance in my literature search			13%	6%	19%	50%	13%	16

Supervision

Question		
2	7% 7%	87%
7	6% 13%	81%
12	6% 25%	69%
15	27% 13%	60%
17	6% 13%	81%
22	19% 19%	63%

0% 10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80% 90% 100%

☐Disagree ☐Neutral ☐Agree

Intellectual Climate

	% AGREE = 49.3%	MEAN = 3.29	Strongly Disagree				Strongly Agree	No. of Students
5. I have opportunities for social contact with other postgraduate candidates in my School/College			7%	20%	13%	33%	27%	15
9. I have a sense of belonging in the research community in my School/College			13%	13%	19%	25%	31%	16
14. I have opportunities to become involved in the broader research culture of my School/College			7%	7%	36%	14%	36%	14
19. A good seminar programme is provided for postgraduate research students within my School/College			33%	27%	0%	27%	13%	15
20. My research is stimulated by the research context of my School/College			13%	7%	40%	27%	13%	15

Intellectual Climate

Question		
5	27% 13%	60%
9	25% 19%	56%
14	14% 36%	50%
19	60% 0%	40%
20	20% 40%	40%

0% 10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80% 90% 100%

☐Disagree ☐Neutral ☐Agree

Skill Development

	Strongly Disagree				Strongly Agree	No. of Students
% AGREE = 65.8% **MEAN = 3.65**						
6. My research is developing my problem-solving skills	6%	6%	25%	44%	19%	16
10. I am learning to develop my ideas and present them in written work	6%	13%	6%	38%	38%	16
13. My research is sharpening my analytical skills	6%	6%	19%	38%	31%	16
16. Doing my research is helping me to develop my ability to plan my own work	13%	13%	13%	40%	20%	15
23. As my research progresses, I am feeling more confident about tackling unfamiliar problems	6%	13%	19%	50%	13%	16
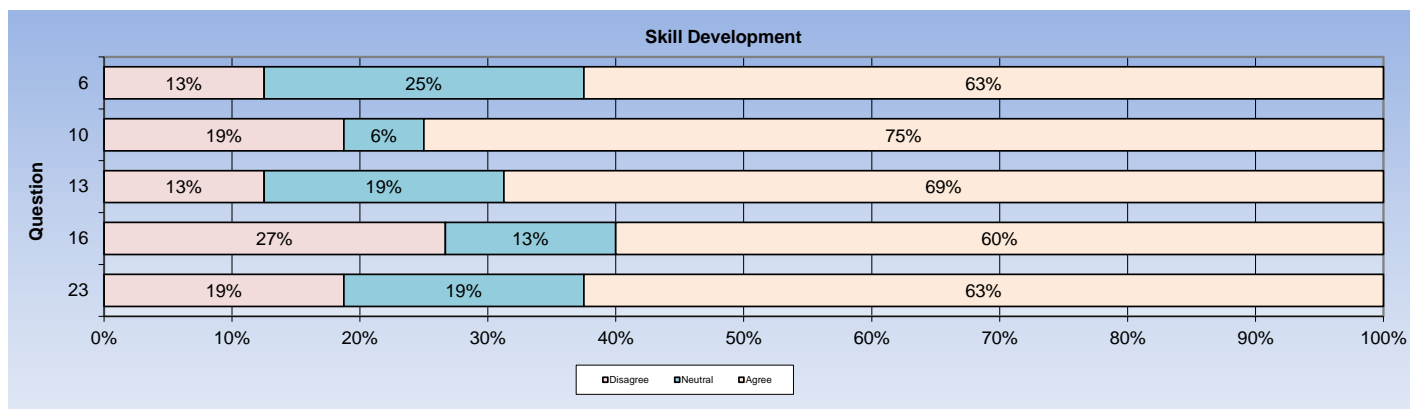
Skill Development

Question	Disagree	Neutral	Agree
6	13%	25%	63%
10	19%	6%	75%
13	13%	19%	69%
16	27%	13%	60%
23	19%	19%	63%

□Disagree ■Neutral □Agree

Overall Satisfaction

	Strongly Disagree				Strongly Agree	No. of Students
% AGREE = 56.3% **MEAN = 3.44**						
26. Overall, I am satisfied with the quality of my higher degree research	6%	25%	13%	31%	25%	16

Others

	Strongly Disagree				Strongly Agree	No. of Students
3. I have access to suitable working space	36%	21%	21%	7%	14%	14
8. I have good access to the technical support I need	15%	23%	15%	15%	31%	13
11. I am able to organise good access to necessary equipment	31%	23%	15%	15%	15%	13
24. I have appropriate financial support for my research project	21%	21%	7%	36%	14%	14
1. I am satisfied with the supervision I am receiving	6%	0%	13%	19%	63%	16
4. I am developing an understanding of the standard of work required for my research degree and the examination process	13%	6%	25%	25%	31%	16
18. I am being encouraged and supported to publish my research	27%	20%	20%	27%	7%	15
21. I am benefiting from having more than one supervisor	6%	0%	6%	6%	81%	16
25. I am developing transferable skills that will enable me to work in a broad range of contexts after I complete my degree	6%	13%	25%	31%	25%	16

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Administration

	Strongly Disagree			Strongly Agree	No. of Students
1. I find it easy to check my enrolment status and invoices online	0%	19%	25%	13%	44%	16
2. I'd know what to do if I had a problem with my student administration	0%	13%	60%	7%	20%	15
3. RMIT effectively resolves any student administration issue I might have	7%	13%	53%	13%	13%	15

Learning Support

Library - I am satisfied with…	Strongly Disagree			Strongly Agree	No. of Students
1. The Library's e-resources collection	13%	6%	6%	44%	31%	16
2. The Library's book collections	13%	0%	13%	53%	20%	15
3. The quality of service provided by Library staff	6%	0%	6%	31%	56%	16
4. The Library's facilities	14%	7%	7%	36%	36%	14
5. Library opening hours	15%	0%	23%	31%	31%	13

Computing Facilities - I am satisfied with…	Strongly Disagree			Strongly Agree	No. of Students
1. Access to computer facilities at RMIT	15%	0%	31%	31%	23%	13
2. Access to the specialist software that I require	9%	0%	36%	45%	9%	11
3. The availability of computer printing facilities	15%	8%	15%	38%	23%	13
4. The standard of service from computing support staff	8%	0%	15%	46%	31%	13

Learning Support Services - I am satisfied with...	Strongly Disagree			Strongly Agree	No. of Students
1. Study and Learning Centre services	9%	0%	27%	36%	27%	11
2. Language support	33%	0%	67%	0%	0%	3
3. RMIT's academic and professional development workshops	8%	0%	38%	31%	23%	13
4. Statistical Consultancy	33%	0%	67%	0%	0%	3

Online Services

	Strongly Disagree			Strongly Agree	No. of Students
1. I am satisfied with the Internet access provided by RMIT	0%	13%	33%	53%	0%	15
2. I find the online environment useful to collaborate with other staff or students about my research	0%	7%	13%	33%	47%	15

Communication

I have enough…	Strongly Disagree			Strongly Agree	No. of Students
1. Opportunities to discuss my academic work with my supervisor(s)	19%	31%	25%	25%	0%	16
2. Opportunities to work with other research students	0%	23%	23%	38%	15%	13
3. Contact with students in other diciplines	14%	21%	7%	43%	14%	14

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	13%	0%	19%	31%	38%	16
2. I know who the key HDR academic and administrative contacts are in my school	27%	7%	40%	13%	13%	15
3. The RMIT website is easy to navigate to find information I need	43%	0%	43%	7%	7%	14

Campus Life and Environment

	Strongly Disagree				Strongly Agree	No. of Students
1. The RMIT campus is a good place to spend time	0%	27%	9%	27%	36%	11
2. RMIT is friendly to people from all backgrounds	0%	7%	29%	43%	21%	14
3. I feel personally safe on campus	0%	7%	29%	36%	29%	14
4. I am treated fairly at RMIT	7%	13%	7%	33%	40%	15
5. I can balance my research with my work and home commitments	7%	20%	40%	27%	7%	15

Building and Facilties

	Strongly Disagree				Strongly Agree	No. of Students
The following areas are well maintained…						
1. Classrooms	0%	13%	25%	38%	25%	8
2. Lecture theatres	0%	10%	20%	40%	30%	10
3. Laboratories	0%	20%	20%	60%	0%	5
4. General access computer labs	0%	13%	13%	38%	38%	8
5. Lounge spaces	0%	11%	22%	56%	11%	9
6. Toilets	0%	27%	18%	36%	18%	11
7. Lifts	0%	20%	10%	50%	20%	10

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	0%	17%	17%	50%	17%	12
2. RMIT Connect	7%	7%	21%	43%	21%	14
3. Health promotion	14%	14%	29%	43%	0%	7
4. Scholarship and financial advice	9%	18%	36%	18%	18%	11
5. Career planning and advice	13%	25%	38%	25%	0%	8
6. Housing advice and assistance	0%	25%	75%	0%	0%	4
7. International student advisory services	0%	20%	80%	0%	0%	5
8. Legal Advice	0%	25%	50%	25%	0%	4
9. Counselling services	0%	13%	25%	25%	38%	8
10. Disability support	20%	20%	60%	0%	0%	5
11. Student leadership programs	0%	17%	67%	17%	0%	6
12. Religious/spiritual services	0%	25%	75%	0%	0%	4

This service is important to me…	Yes	No	No. of Students
1. School of Graduate Research	91%	9%	11
2. RMIT Connect	79%	21%	14
3. Health promotion	50%	50%	14
4. Scholarship and financial advice	73%	27%	15
5. Career planning and advice	29%	71%	14
6. Housing advice and assistance	29%	71%	14
7. International student advisory services	36%	64%	14
8. Legal Advice	43%	57%	14
9. Counselling services	71%	29%	14
10. Disability support	29%	71%	14
11. Student leadership programs	50%	50%	14
12. Religious/spiritual services	0%	100%	14

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%	25%	50%	25%	0%	4
2. Visual arts, performing arts and gallery activities	7%	7%	29%	43%	14%	14

This service is important to me…	Yes	No	No. of Students
1. Sport programs, sport clubs and recreation activities	15%	85%	13
2. Visual arts, performing arts and gallery activities	100%	0%	14

Student Union

	Strongly Disagree				Strongly Agree	No. of Students
I am satisfied with the service or program…						
1. Representation of student interests to the University	0%	9%	36%	45%	9%	11
2. Campaigns, information and resources to improve conditions for students	0%	20%	40%	40%	0%	10
3. Advice and support if I had a problem with the University	0%	8%	33%	33%	25%	12
4. Social activities, bands and competitions	0%	33%	33%	17%	17%	6
5. Clubs and collectives	0%	33%	33%	0%	33%	6
6. Student media, such as Catalyst and RMITV	0%	40%	40%	20%	0%	5

	Yes	No	No. of Students
This service is important to me…			
1. Representation of student interests to the University	71%	29%	14
2. Campaigns, information and resources to improve conditions for students	64%	36%	14
3. Advice and support if I had a problem with the University	92%	8%	13
4. Social activities, bands and competitions	31%	69%	13
5. Clubs and collectives	38%	62%	13
6. Student media, such as Catalyst and RMITV	23%	77%	13

Outcomes

	Strongly Disagree				Strongly Agree	No. of Students
1. As an RMIT graduate I will be highly employable	7%	14%	43%	29%	7%	14
2. My research training experience at RMIT will improve my career prospects	7%	7%	40%	33%	13%	15
3. RMIT generally responds well to student feedback	15%	23%	31%	31%	0%	13
4. I would recommend higher degree research programs at RMIT to others	6%	19%	31%	25%	19%	16

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 if questions with responses of Strongly disagree, Disagree, Neural, 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.