

STUDENT EXPERIENCE SURVEY - HDR

2020

365H - Global, Urban & Social Studies
DSC

Survey Population: 141
Respondents: 44
Response Rate: 31.2%

Demographics (% of total sample size)

Commencement Year

Pre 2015	2
2015	2
2016	7
2017	8
2018	9
2019	11
2020	5

Age

<20	0%
21-24	5%
25-34	43%
35-44	25%
45+	27%

Gender

Male	45%
Female	55%

Citizenship

Australian	52%
International onshore	48%
International offshore	0%

Program Type

Master by research	7%
Doctorate by research	93%

Attendance Type

Full time	77%
Part time	18%

Location

On-campus	61%
Off-campus	39%

Milestones

Confirmation of candidature	61%
Third milestone review	20%

LOTE

Yes	57%
No	43%

Rural Relocatee

Yes	9%
No	91%

Main Funds Source

Employment	16%
Cadetship	0%
Family	5%
AusAid/IDP	0%
Home Government	5%
Scholarship	64%
Loan	2%
Savings	7%
Other	2%

Employment

Part time (1-14 hrs)	27%
Part time (15-20 hrs)	2%
Part time (21-34 hrs)	7%
Full time (35+ hrs)	7%
Not at all	57%

Research Degree Included

Working for industry	
Yes	7%
No	73%
Working with industry	
Yes	18%
No	61%
Industry internship	
Yes	20%
No	61%

Snapshot Scales 2020	% Agree	Mean
Supervision	75.7%	4.10
Intellectual Climate	43.8%	3.29
Skill Development	76.4%	4.10
Overall Satisfaction	70.5%	3.91

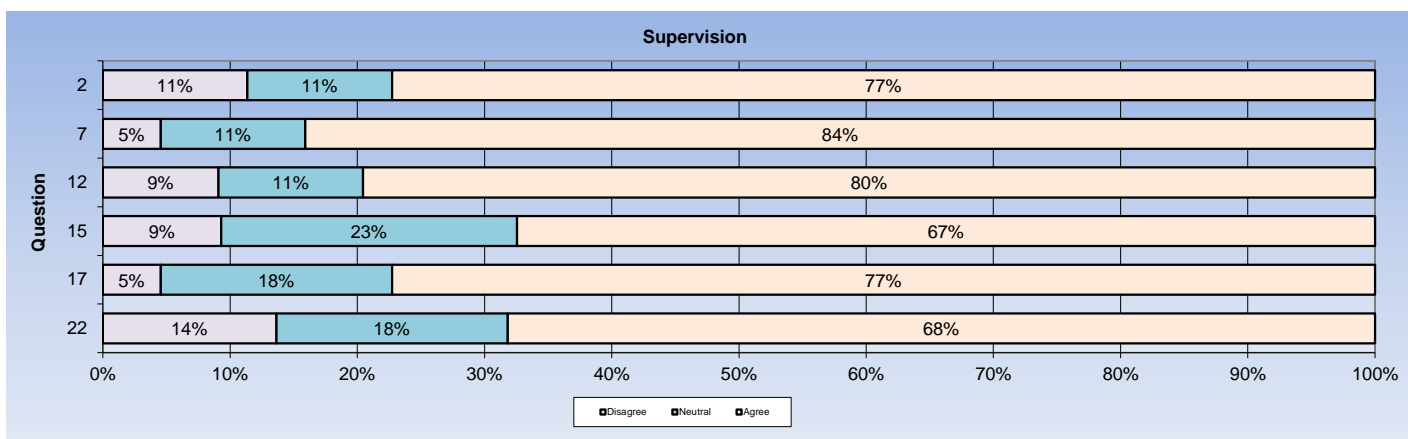
Section One - Student Experience

Supervision

% AGREE = 75.7%

MEAN = 4.10

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	No. of Students
2. Supervision is available when I need it	7%	5%	11%	16%	61%	44
7. My supervisor(s) are making a real effort to understand difficulties that I face	5%	0%	11%	20%	64%	44
12. My supervisor(s) provide me with additional information relevant to my topic	5%	5%	11%	34%	45%	44
15. I have been given good guidance in topic selection and refinement	5%	5%	23%	35%	33%	43
17. My supervisor(s) are providing helpful feedback on my progress	5%	0%	18%	20%	57%	44
22. I received good guidance in my literature search	7%	7%	18%	41%	27%	44

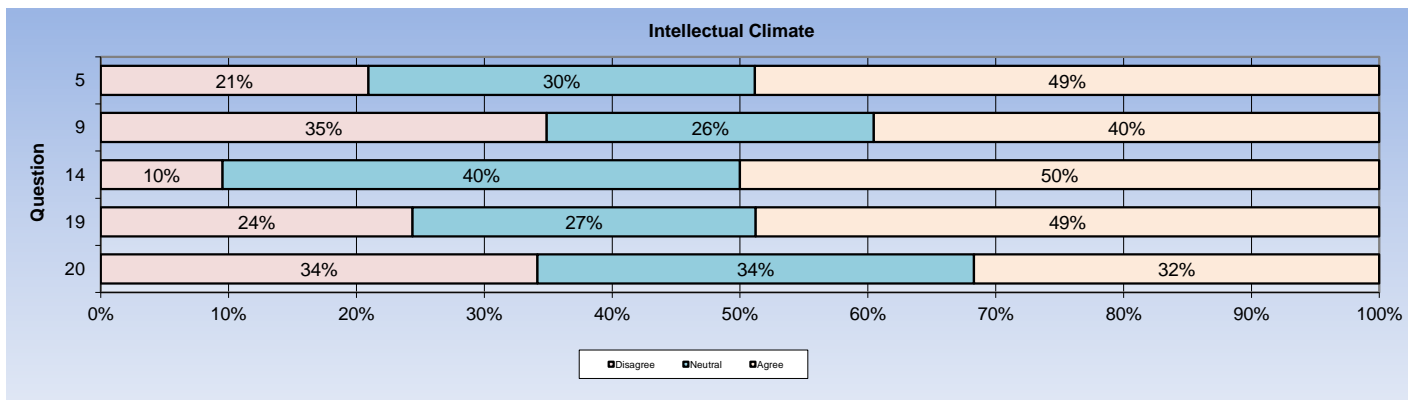


Intellectual Climate

% AGREE = 43.8%

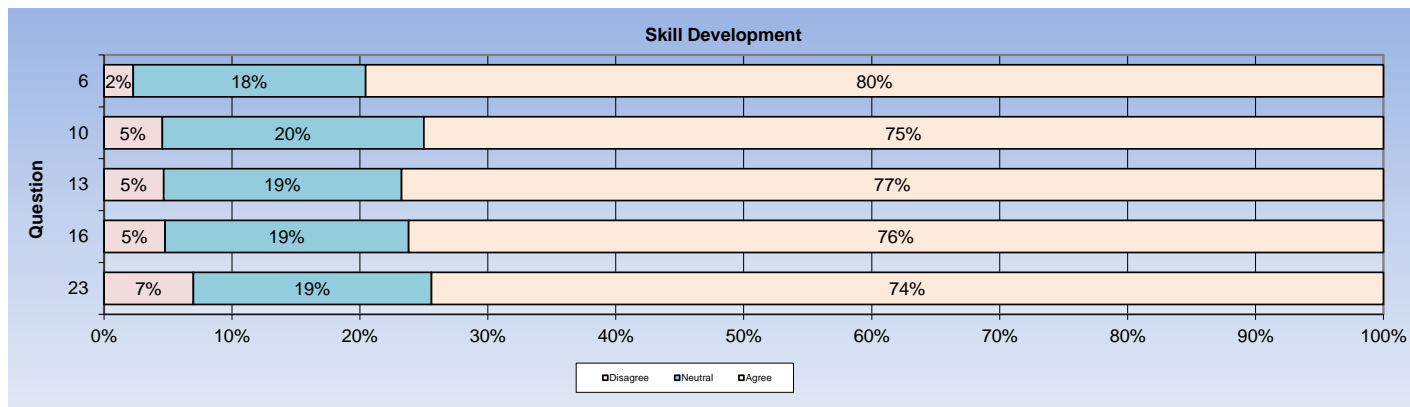
MEAN = 3.29

	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	2%	19%	30%	28%	21%	43
9. I have a sense of belonging in the research community in my School/College	14%	21%	26%	21%	19%	43
14. I have opportunities to become involved in the broader research culture of my School/College	5%	5%	40%	31%	19%	42
19. A good seminar programme is provided for postgraduate research students within my School/College	5%	20%	27%	34%	15%	41
20. My research is stimulated by the research context of my School/College	5%	29%	34%	24%	7%	41



Skill Development

		% AGREE = 76.4%		MEAN = 4.10		Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree	No. of Students
6.	My research is developing my problem-solving skills	0%	2%	18%	43%	36%	44	
10.	I am learning to develop my ideas and present them in written work	0%	5%	20%	45%	30%	44	
13.	My research is sharpening my analytical skills	2%	2%	19%	33%	44%	43	
16.	Doing my research is helping me to develop my ability to plan my own work	2%	2%	19%	29%	48%	42	
23.	As my research progresses, I am feeling more confident about tackling unfamiliar problems	0%	7%	19%	37%	37%	43	



Overall Satisfaction

		% AGREE = 70.5%		MEAN = 3.91		Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree	No. of Students
26.	Overall, I am satisfied with the quality of my higher degree research	0%	11%	18%	39%	32%	44	

Others

		Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree	No. of Students
3.	I have access to suitable working space	15%	23%	40
8.	I have good access to the technical support I need	0%	21%	42
11.	I am able to organise good access to necessary equipment	10%	18%	39
24.	I have appropriate financial support for my research project	17%	26%	42
1.	I am satisfied with the supervision I am receiving	5%	61%	44
4.	I am developing an understanding of the standard of work required for my research degree and the examination process	0%	32%	44
18.	I am being encouraged and supported to publish my research	8%	28%	39
21.	I am benefiting from having more than one supervisor	5%	52%	44
25.	I am developing transferable skills that will enable me to work in a broad range of contexts after I complete my degree	2%	32%	41

Section Two - Campus Life

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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
	5%	5%	23%	39%	30%	44
	2%	23%	27%	30%	18%	44
	0%	19%	37%	26%	19%	43

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
	0%	7%	25%	34%	34%	44
	0%	16%	21%	28%	35%	43
	0%	2%	12%	24%	61%	41
	3%	3%	8%	43%	43%	37
	3%	3%	23%	33%	37%	30

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
	12%	15%	24%	26%	24%	34
	8%	13%	26%	31%	23%	39
	9%	15%	12%	21%	44%	34
	8%	11%	11%	26%	45%	38

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
	3%	6%	13%	47%	31%	32
	0%	13%	26%	35%	26%	23
	7%	7%	37%	21%	28%	43
	11%	28%	17%	22%	22%	18

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%	27%	25%	32%	16%	44
	2%	20%	20%	34%	23%	44

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
	23%	27%	25%	16%	9%	44
	6%	12%	9%	33%	39%	33
	15%	20%	22%	20%	24%	41

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	5%	14%	12%	21%	49%	43
2. I know who the key HDR academic and administrative contacts are in my school	15%	24%	34%	12%	15%	41
3. The RMIT website is easy to navigate to find information I need	26%	28%	26%	13%	8%	39

Campus Life and Environment

	Strongly Disagree				Strongly Agree	No. of Students
1. The RMIT campus is a good place to spend time	9%	14%	29%	23%	26%	35
2. RMIT is friendly to people from all backgrounds	3%	3%	26%	31%	38%	39
3. I feel personally safe on campus	3%	0%	17%	37%	43%	35
4. I am treated fairly at RMIT	3%	5%	23%	30%	40%	40
5. I can balance my research with my work and home commitments	7%	19%	17%	40%	17%	42

Building and Facilities

	Strongly Disagree				Strongly Agree	No. of Students
The following areas are well maintained...						
1. Classrooms	5%	5%	14%	43%	33%	21
2. Lecture theatres	0%	5%	19%	43%	33%	21
3. Laboratories	0%	14%	0%	57%	29%	14
4. General access computer labs	5%	5%	15%	50%	25%	20
5. Lounge spaces	0%	7%	29%	29%	36%	28
6. Toilets	3%	9%	26%	26%	35%	34
7. Lifts	3%	18%	26%	24%	29%	34

Services and Programs for Students

<i>I am satisfied with the service or program...</i>	Strongly Disagree				Strongly Agree		No. of Students
1. School of Graduate Research	3%	13%	26%	37%	21%	38	
2. RMIT Connect	10%	13%	33%	18%	28%	40	
3. Health promotion	4%	15%	26%	19%	37%	27	
4. Scholarship and financial advice	14%	21%	24%	17%	24%	29	
5. Career planning and advice	29%	21%	36%	0%	14%	14	
6. Housing advice and assistance	0%	50%	30%	0%	20%	10	
7. International student advisory services	13%	19%	25%	6%	38%	16	
8. Legal Advice	8%	33%	25%	8%	25%	12	
9. Counselling services	0%	17%	30%	4%	48%	23	
10. Disability support	11%	11%	22%	22%	33%	9	
11. Student leadership programs	0%	19%	31%	6%	44%	16	
12. Religious/spiritual services	0%	30%	30%	0%	40%	10	

This service is important to me...

	Yes		No		No. of Students
1. School of Graduate Research	94%	6%	36		
2. RMIT Connect	92%	8%	38		
3. Health promotion	78%	22%	37		
4. Scholarship and financial advice	92%	8%	37		
5. Career planning and advice	65%	35%	37		
6. Housing advice and assistance	51%	49%	37		
7. International student advisory services	67%	33%	36		
8. Legal Advice	62%	38%	37		
9. Counselling services	82%	18%	38		
10. Disability support	49%	51%	37		
11. Student leadership programs	54%	46%	37		
12. Religious/spiritual services	46%	54%	37		

RMIT Link

<i>I am satisfied with the service or program...</i>	Strongly Disagree				Strongly Agree		No. of Students
1. Sport programs, sport clubs and recreation activities	0%	20%	10%	30%	40%	10	
2. Visual arts, performing arts and gallery activities	9%	18%	27%	9%	36%	11	

<i>This service is important to me...</i>	Yes		No		No. of Students
1. Sport programs, sport clubs and recreation activities	47%	53%	34		
2. Visual arts, performing arts and gallery activities	53%	47%	32		

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	8%	24%	12%	24%	32%	25
2. Campaigns, information and resources to improve conditions for students	8%	12%	20%	28%	32%	25
3. Advice and support if I had a problem with the University	8%	8%	21%	33%	29%	24
4. Social activities, bands and competitions	6%	6%	18%	24%	47%	17
5. Clubs and collectives	7%	7%	14%	29%	43%	14
6. Student media, such as Catalyst and RMITV	9%	9%	27%	27%	27%	11

This service is important to me...

	Yes	No	No. of Students
1. Representation of student interests to the University	91%	9%	34
2. Campaigns, information and resources to improve conditions for students	82%	18%	34
3. Advice and support if I had a problem with the University	94%	6%	34
4. Social activities, bands and competitions	68%	32%	34
5. Clubs and collectives	59%	41%	34
6. Student media, such as Catalyst and RMITV	41%	59%	34

Outcomes

	Strongly Disagree				Strongly Agree	No. of Students
1. As an RMIT graduate I will be highly employable	5%	8%	31%	26%	31%	39
2. My research training experience at RMIT will improve my career prospects	8%	3%	23%	36%	31%	39
3. RMIT generally responds well to student feedback	11%	20%	23%	17%	29%	35
4. I would recommend higher degree research programs at RMIT to others	2%	7%	26%	31%	33%	42

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, 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.