

STUDENT EXPERIENCE SURVEY - HDR

2020

172H - Engineering
SEH

Survey Population: 630
Respondents: 187
Response Rate: 29.7%

Demographics (% of total sample size)

Commencement Year

Pre 2015	3
2015	3
2016	9
2017	29
2018	40
2019	65
2020	38

Age

<20	0%
21-24	10%
25-34	66%
35-44	20%
45+	4%

Gender

Male	70%
Female	30%

Citizenship

Australian	41%
International onshore	55%
International offshore	5%

Program Type

Master by research	6%
Doctorate by research	94%

Attendance Type

Full time	90%
Part time	9%

Location

On-campus	72%
Off-campus	27%

Milestones

Confirmation of candidature	58%
Third milestone review	20%

LOTE

Yes	83%
No	17%

Rural Relocatee

Yes	4%
No	96%

Main Funds Source

Employment	7%
Cadetship	0%
Family	10%
AusAid/IDP	1%
Home Government	3%
Scholarship	73%
Loan	0%
Savings	4%
Other	2%

Employment

Part time (1-14 hrs)	15%
Part time (15-20 hrs)	2%
Part time (21-34 hrs)	3%
Full time (35+ hrs)	15%
Not at all	65%

Research Degree Included

Working for industry	
Yes	14%
No	57%
Working with industry	
Yes	24%
No	49%
Industry internship	
Yes	13%
No	55%

Snapshot Scales 2020	% Agree	Mean
Supervision	87.5%	4.43
Intellectual Climate	69.2%	3.88
Skill Development	91.6%	4.44
Overall Satisfaction	85.8%	4.26

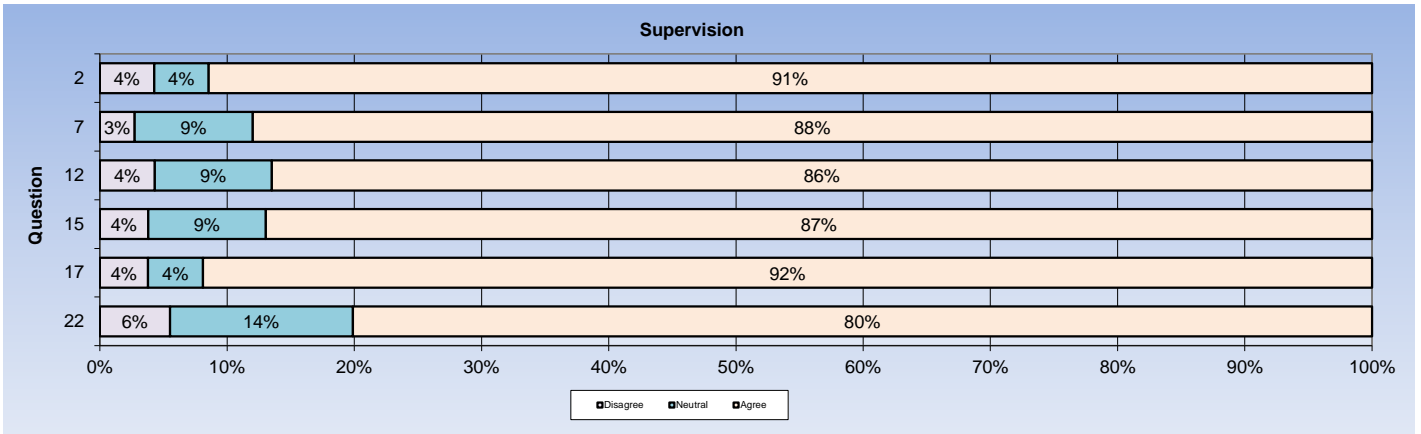
Section One - Student Experience

Supervision

% AGREE = 87.5%

MEAN = 4.43

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	No. of Students
2. Supervision is available when I need it	1%	4%	4%	19%	73%	187
7. My supervisor(s) are making a real effort to understand difficulties that I face	2%	1%	9%	23%	65%	183
12. My supervisor(s) provide me with additional information relevant to my topic	2%	2%	9%	25%	61%	185
15. I have been given good guidance in topic selection and refinement	1%	3%	9%	41%	46%	184
17. My supervisor(s) are providing helpful feedback on my progress	1%	3%	4%	23%	69%	185
22. I received good guidance in my literature search	1%	5%	14%	31%	49%	181

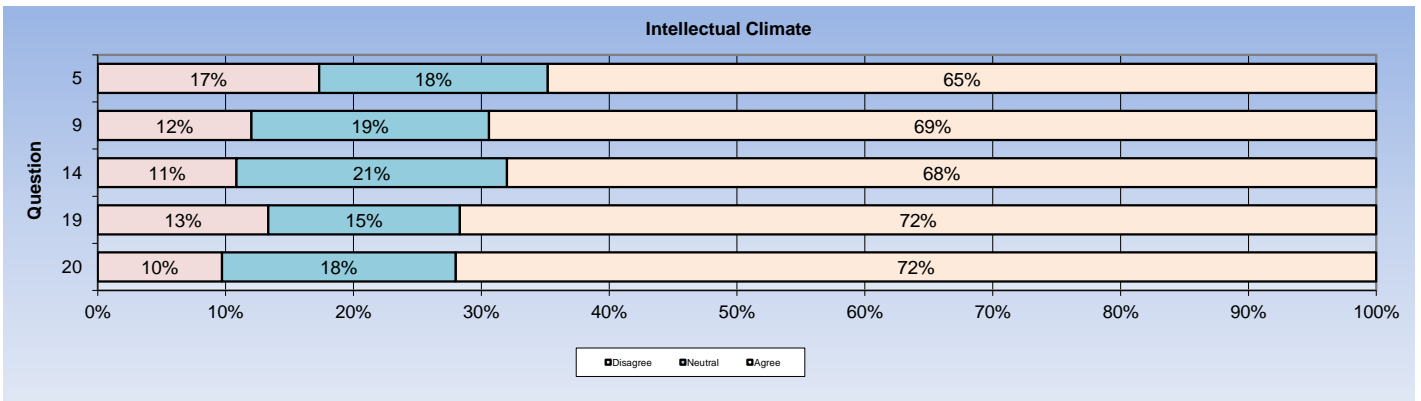


Intellectual Climate

% AGREE = 69.2%

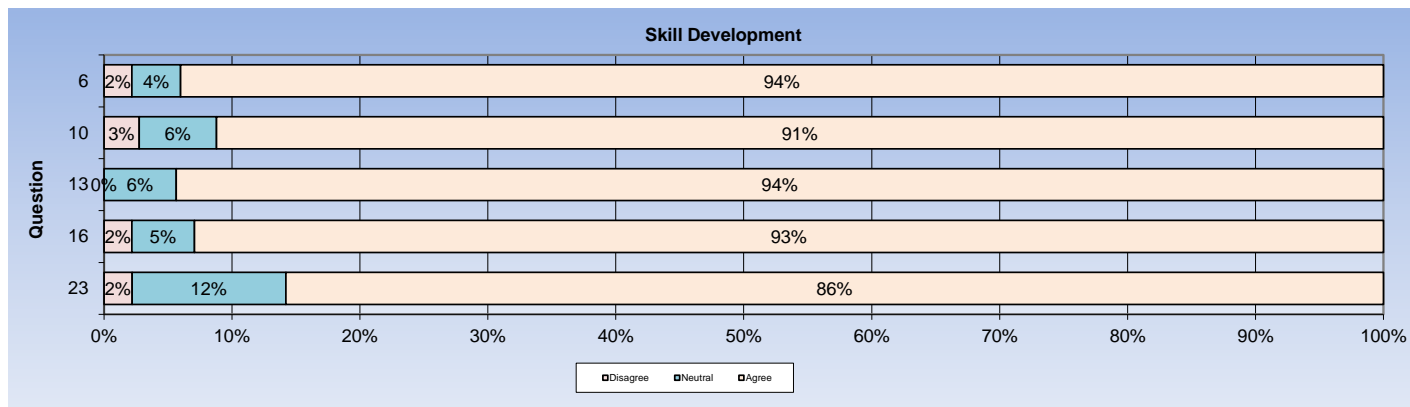
MEAN = 3.88

	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	3%	14%	18%	26%	39%	179
9. I have a sense of belonging in the research community in my School/College	5%	7%	19%	34%	36%	183
14. I have opportunities to become involved in the broader research culture of my School/College	4%	7%	21%	38%	30%	175
19. A good seminar programme is provided for postgraduate research students within my School/College	4%	9%	15%	31%	41%	180
20. My research is stimulated by the research context of my School/College	5%	5%	18%	36%	36%	175



Skill Development

	% AGREE = 91.6%		MEAN = 4.44		Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree	No. of Students
6. My research is developing my problem-solving skills	1%	2%	4%	34%	60%	184	
10. I am learning to develop my ideas and present them in written work	1%	2%	6%	45%	47%	182	
13. My research is sharpening my analytical skills	0%	0%	6%	34%	60%	177	
16. Doing my research is helping me to develop my ability to plan my own work	1%	2%	5%	39%	54%	184	
23. As my research progresses, I am feeling more confident about tackling unfamiliar problems	1%	2%	12%	34%	52%	183	



Overall Satisfaction

	% AGREE = 85.8%		MEAN = 4.26		Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree	No. of Students
26. Overall, I am satisfied with the quality of my higher degree research	1%	4%	10%	40%	45%	183	

Others

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	No. of Students
3. I have access to suitable working space	10%	11%	19%	29%	31%	162
8. I have good access to the technical support I need	4%	5%	11%	44%	36%	183
11. I am able to organise good access to necessary equipment	6%	11%	16%	35%	33%	171
24. I have appropriate financial support for my research project	6%	6%	10%	32%	46%	173
1. I am satisfied with the supervision I am receiving	2%	3%	4%	22%	70%	187
4. I am developing an understanding of the standard of work required for my research degree and the examination process	1%	2%	10%	40%	48%	186
18. I am being encouraged and supported to publish my research	2%	2%	6%	23%	67%	181
21. I am benefiting from having more than one supervisor	6%	6%	9%	24%	56%	180
25. I am developing transferable skills that will enable me to work in a broad range of contexts after I complete my degree	1%	2%	13%	30%	55%	183

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
	2%	5%	9%	24%	60%	183	
	3%	10%	18%	35%	35%	182	
	5%	7%	17%	30%	41%	179	

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%	2%	5%	36%	57%	174	
	0%	1%	10%	44%	45%	156	
	1%	1%	1%	30%	68%	166	
	1%	1%	3%	34%	61%	164	
	2%	1%	7%	38%	52%	144	

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
	3%	4%	15%	31%	46%	157	
	5%	4%	16%	39%	36%	170	
	2%	0%	7%	30%	61%	163	
	1%	4%	12%	35%	48%	164	

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%	3%	14%	38%	43%	138	
	2%	1%	13%	42%	42%	104	
	0%	5%	14%	34%	47%	158	
	2%	2%	24%	30%	42%	98	

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
	1%	4%	16%	42%	36%	182	
	3%	5%	13%	39%	40%	182	

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%	11%	16%	38%	27%	182	
	0%	2%	10%	34%	54%	165	
	3%	6%	12%	37%	41%	177	

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%	2%	4%	27%	66%	182
2. I know who the key HDR academic and administrative contacts are in my school	8%	10%	18%	28%	36%	174
3. The RMIT website is easy to navigate to find information I need	12%	19%	26%	19%	24%	169

Campus Life and Environment

	Strongly Disagree				Strongly Agree	No. of Students
1. The RMIT campus is a good place to spend time	1%	7%	10%	37%	45%	155
2. RMIT is friendly to people from all backgrounds	1%	1%	7%	37%	54%	168
3. I feel personally safe on campus	0%	1%	5%	28%	65%	164
4. I am treated fairly at RMIT	2%	2%	6%	32%	57%	167
5. I can balance my research with my work and home commitments	2%	6%	12%	35%	44%	171

Building and Facilities

	Strongly Disagree				Strongly Agree	No. of Students
The following areas are well maintained...						
1. Classrooms	0%	1%	8%	47%	45%	120
2. Lecture theatres	0%	1%	6%	44%	49%	126
3. Laboratories	1%	4%	16%	43%	35%	137
4. General access computer labs	0%	6%	11%	36%	48%	120
5. Lounge spaces	1%	2%	16%	34%	47%	147
6. Toilets	3%	8%	16%	33%	40%	159
7. Lifts	3%	7%	16%	37%	37%	150

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	2%	4%	10%	34%	51%	165	
2. RMIT Connect	0%	5%	11%	34%	50%	171	
3. Health promotion	0%	7%	19%	29%	45%	94	
4. Scholarship and financial advice	3%	9%	15%	21%	51%	137	
5. Career planning and advice	4%	14%	23%	26%	33%	94	
6. Housing advice and assistance	11%	9%	27%	23%	30%	56	
7. International student advisory services	4%	10%	17%	32%	38%	72	
8. Legal Advice	2%	7%	30%	21%	39%	56	
9. Counselling services	0%	7%	27%	27%	39%	67	
10. Disability support	0%	10%	24%	22%	44%	41	
11. Student leadership programs	0%	9%	24%	32%	35%	79	
12. Religious/spiritual services	3%	6%	22%	19%	51%	69	

This service is important to me...

	Yes	No	No. of Students
	1. School of Graduate Research	96%	4%
2. RMIT Connect	96%	4%	155
3. Health promotion	70%	30%	138
4. Scholarship and financial advice	91%	9%	148
5. Career planning and advice	80%	20%	139
6. Housing advice and assistance	41%	59%	135
7. International student advisory services	53%	47%	138
8. Legal Advice	63%	37%	134
9. Counselling services	64%	36%	135
10. Disability support	31%	69%	132
11. Student leadership programs	63%	37%	139
12. Religious/spiritual services	40%	60%	137

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	5%	7%	31%	27%	31%	88	
2. Visual arts, performing arts and gallery activities	3%	3%	32%	29%	33%	69	

<i>This service is important to me...</i>	Yes	No	No. of Students
	1. Sport programs, sport clubs and recreation activities	65%	35%
2. Visual arts, performing arts and gallery activities	47%	53%	122

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	0%	5%	23%	38%	35%	109
2. Campaigns, information and resources to improve conditions for students	0%	4%	28%	34%	34%	100
3. Advice and support if I had a problem with the University	2%	7%	20%	35%	37%	92
4. Social activities, bands and competitions	1%	3%	26%	32%	38%	90
5. Clubs and collectives	1%	2%	26%	38%	33%	90
6. Student media, such as Catalyst and RMITV	0%	0%	31%	36%	33%	70

This service is important to me...

	Yes	No	No. of Students
1. Representation of student interests to the University	70%	30%	125
2. Campaigns, information and resources to improve conditions for students	66%	34%	124
3. Advice and support if I had a problem with the University	75%	25%	122
4. Social activities, bands and competitions	59%	41%	122
5. Clubs and collectives	60%	40%	122
6. Student media, such as Catalyst and RMITV	47%	53%	120

Outcomes

	Strongly Disagree				Strongly Agree	No. of Students
1. As an RMIT graduate I will be highly employable	1%	5%	21%	41%	32%	168
2. My research training experience at RMIT will improve my career prospects	1%	3%	9%	45%	42%	180
3. RMIT generally responds well to student feedback	4%	6%	21%	40%	30%	165
4. I would recommend higher degree research programs at RMIT to others	3%	5%	8%	37%	46%	178

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.