

This survey is part of the University's efforts to ensure it provides an education of the highest quality.

We greatly appreciate your co-operation in returning this survey. The survey's aim is to gather information about the experience of higher degree research students. This information will be used to improve services for current and future research students. The confidentiality of your responses is assured. You will not be identified in any reporting of the results of the survey. The results of the survey will be posted on the University's web site.

The first part of the survey asks about your opinion of your research degree experience so far. To answer, please circle the number beside each statement that most accurately represents the extent to which you agree or disagree with the statement. You may choose from a scale where 1 means that you **strongly disagree** with the statement and 5 means you **strongly agree**.

	STRONGLY DISAGREE	DISAGREE	UNSURE	AGREE	STRONGLY AGREE
1. Supervision is available when I need it	1	2	3	4	5
2. I have access to a suitable working space	1	2	3	4	5
3. The department/school provides opportunities for social contact with other postgraduate students	1	2	3	4	5
4. My research has further developed my problem-solving skills	1	2	3	4	5
5. My supervisor(s) make(s) a real effort to understand difficulties I face	1	2	3	4	5
6. I have good access to the technical support I need	1	2	3	4	5
7. Doing my research has helped to develop my written communication skills	1	2	3	4	5
8. I feel integrated into the department's community	1	2	3	4	5
9. I have learned to develop my ideas and present them in my written work	1	2	3	4	5
10. I have access to a common room or a similar type of meeting place	1	2	3	4	5
11. As a result of my research, I have developed the ability to work collaboratively with other researchers	1	2	3	4	5
12. I am able to organise good access to necessary equipment	1	2	3	4	5
13. My supervisor(s) provide(s) me with additional information relevant to my topic	1	2	3	4	5
14. My research has sharpened my analytical skills	1	2	3	4	5
15. The department provides opportunities for me to become involved in the broader research culture	1	2	3	4	5
16. I feel that other postgraduate students in my department are supportive	1	2	3	4	5
17. Doing my research has helped to develop my oral communication skills	1	2	3	4	5
18. I am given good guidance in topic selection and refinement	1	2	3	4	5
19. I have good access to computing facilities and services	1	2	3	4	5
20. I tend to feel isolated within this department	1	2	3	4	5
21. Doing my research has developed my ability to plan my own work	1	2	3	4	5
22. My supervisor(s) provide(s) helpful feedback on my progress	1	2	3	4	5
23. Interaction with other postgraduate students is actively encouraged in this department	1	2	3	4	5
24. A good seminar program for postgraduate students is provided	1	2	3	4	5
25. The research ambience in the department or faculty stimulates my work	1	2	3	4	5
26. I have received good guidance in my literature search	1	2	3	4	5
27. As a result of my research I feel confident about tackling unfamiliar problems	1	2	3	4	5
28. There is appropriate financial support for research activities	1	2	3	4	5
29. I feel that this department provides a supportive working environment	1	2	3	4	5
30. As a result of my research I have developed the ability to learn independently	1	2	3	4	5
31. I feel respected as a fellow researcher within my department	1	2	3	4	5
32. Overall, I am satisfied with the quality of the services and facilities	1	2	3	4	5
33. Overall, I am satisfied with the quality of my supervision	1	2	3	4	5
34. Overall, I am satisfied with the quality of my research higher degree experience	1	2	3	4	5

The second part of the questionnaire refers to frequency of research supervision/support events. There are a number of methods of supervision and/or support available to research students. About how often (on average) do you experience the following methods of supervision/support? Please circle the number beside each statement for the frequency of each method listed below; e.g. 1 = daily.

	daily	weekly	every 2-3 weeks	monthly	every 2-3 months	twice a year	once a year or less	so far, not at all
35. Meeting face-to-face individually with your supervisor(s)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
36. Meeting with your supervisor(s) and other students (and perhaps other academics) in a group to discuss research related issues	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
37. Receiving guidance or assistance from fellow research students in situations NOT organised by your supervisor, department or faculty	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

39. What are the **best** aspects of your research higher degree experience? Please explain why these aspects are good.

40. What aspects are most in need of **improvement**? Please explain why.

Please give your student number so that it can be deleted from the mailing list for follow-up surveys for non-respondents. Your responses will be treated confidentially and will not be disclosed to faculties, schools or staff members.

STUDENT NUMBER: _____

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