POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH EXPERIENCE QUESTIONNAIRE

The purpose of these questions is to collect information relating to graduates' perceptions of their higher education experience. Please complete the following items on the basis of your most recently completed degree (the one you listed in Question 1 on the front of this survey form). In some instances, higher degree research graduates will have had more than one supervisor and/or have studied in more than one department and/or faculty. If this is so for you, we are asking that your responses regarding supervision relate to your most *recent* supervision whether by one or more supervisors. Please interpret 'thesis' and other research-related terms in the context of your own field of study.

To answer, please circle the number beside each statement that most accurately reflects your view. You may choose from a scale where '1' means that you strongly DISAGREE with the statement and '5' means that you strongly AGREE. Circle '9' if the statement does not apply to your experience.

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Does not apply	
1. Supervision was available when I needed it	1	2	3	4	5	9	355
2. The thesis examination process was fair	1	2	3	4	5	9	356
3. I had access to a suitable working space	1	2	3	4	5	9	357
4. I developed an understanding of the standard of work expected	1	2	3	4	5	9	358
5. The department provided opportunities for social contact with other postgraduate students	1	2	3	4	5	9	359
6. My research further developed my problem-solving skills	1	2	3	4	5	9	360
7. My supervisor/s made a real effort to understand difficulties I faced	1	2	3	4	5	9	361
8. I had good access to the technical support I needed	1	2	3	4	5	9	362
9. I was integrated into the department's community	1	2	3	4	5	9	363
10. I learned to develop my ideas and present them in my written work	1	2	3	4	5	9	364
11. I understood the required standard for the thesis	1	2	3	4	5	9	365
12. I was able to organise good access to necessary equipment	1	2	3	4	5	9	366
13. My supervisor/s provided additional information relevant to my topic	1	2	3	4	5	9	367
14. My research sharpened my analytical skills	1	2	3	4	5	9	368
15. I was satisfied with the thesis examination process	1	2	3	4	5	9	369
16. The department provided opportunities for me to become involved in the broader research culture	1	2	3	4	5	9	370
17. I was given good guidance in topic selection and refinement	1	2	3	4	5	9	371
18. I had good access to computing facilities and services	1	2	3	4	5	9	372
19. I understood the requirements of thesis examination	1	2	3	4	5	9	373
20. Doing my research helped me to develop my ability to plan my own work	1	2	3	4	5	9	374
21. My supervisor/s provided helpful feedback on my progress	1	2	3	4	5	9	375
22. A good seminar program for postgraduate students was provided	1	2	3	4	5	9	376
23. The research ambience in the department or faculty stimulated my work	1	2	3	4	5	9	377
24. I received good guidance in my literature search	1	2	3	4	5	9	378
25. The examination of my thesis was completed in a reasonable time	1	2	3	4	5	9	379
26. As a result of my research, I feel confident about tackling unfamiliar problems	1	2	3	4	5	9	380
27. There was appropriate financial support for research activities	1	2	3	4	5	9	381
28. Overall, I was satisfied with the quality of my higher degree research experience	1	2	3	4	5	9	382

What were the best aspects of the degree? Please write below:

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What aspects of the degree were most in need of improvement? Please write below:

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