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Appendix 1 Tables to accompany Chapter 2

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Questions relating to Research Infrastructure and Facilities

Table 6.1 *Research Infrastructure and Facilities*

Question	Responses	All PGR StudentSurvey.ie			Cohort > 250			Cohort < 250		
		All Students	NFQ 9	NFQ 10	All Students	NFQ 9	NFQ 10	All Students	NFQ 9	NFQ 10
I have a suitable working space	Definitely disagree	5.2	6.9	5.1	5.3	7.7	5.1	3.8	0.0	4.8
	Mostly disagree	9.6	10.1	9.6	9.8	9.9	9.8	7.2	11.6	6.0
	Neither agree nor disagree	7.7	11.8	7.2	7.4	11.8	6.9	12.4	11.6	12.7
	Mostly agree	33.4	28.3	34.0	33.2	27.8	33.8	36.8	32.6	38.0
	Definitely agree	44.0	42.9	44.2	44.3	42.7	44.4	39.7	44.2	38.6
There is adequate provision of computing resources / facilities	Definitely disagree	5.1	4.9	5.1	5.2	5.2	5.2	2.9	2.3	3.0
	Mostly disagree	12.7	11.0	12.9	12.8	10.7	13.1	9.6	13.6	8.5
	Neither agree nor disagree	11.8	13.0	11.7	11.9	13.4	11.7	10.0	9.1	10.3
	Mostly agree	35.2	30.8	35.7	35.5	31.2	35.7	33.5	27.3	35.2
	Definitely agree	35.2	40.3	34.7	34.8	39.5	34.3	44.0	47.7	43.0
There is adequate provision of library facilities (including physical / online resources)	Definitely disagree	2.9	2.4	3.0	2.8	2.6	2.8	5.6	0.0	7.1
	Mostly disagree	6.6	8.5	6.4	6.3	7.9	6.1	12.6	13.3	12.4
	Neither agree nor disagree	7.9	8.2	7.8	7.8	8.7	7.7	9.8	4.4	11.2
	Mostly agree	35.8	32.5	36.2	35.8	31.6	36.2	36.7	40.0	35.9
	Definitely agree	46.8	48.5	46.6	47.4	49.2	47.2	35.3	42.2	33.5
I have access to the specialist resources and facilities necessary for my research	Definitely disagree	4.1	5.9	3.8	4.0	6.6	3.7	5.2	0.0	6.7
	Mostly disagree	10.1	12.9	9.8	10.0	13.2	9.7	12.4	11.1	12.7
	Neither agree nor disagree	13.2	16.0	12.9	13.0	14.7	12.9	16.7	26.7	13.9

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Mostly agree	38.6	32.9	39.2	38.6	32.4	39.3	38.6	37.8	38.8
Definitely agree	34.0	32.2	34.2	34.4	33.2	34.5	27.1	24.4	27.9

Table 6.2 Research funding source

Question	Responses	All PGR StudentSurvey.ie			Cohort > 250			Cohort < 250		
		All Students	NFQ 9	NFQ 10	All Students	NFQ 9	NFQ 10	All Students	NFQ 9	NFQ 10
Scholarship	Yes	61.8	41.9	64.1	62.0	40.5	64.3	58.9	54.3	60.1
Scholarship (fees only)	Yes	5.6	9.0	5.2	5.3	7.2	5.0	10.7	23.9	7.3
Self-funded	Yes	16.8	29.5	15.4	16.6	31.2	15.1	20.5	N/A	21.9
Grant	Yes	19.3	17.5	19.5	19.5	18.3	19.6	16.5	N/A	18.0
Employer-funded	Yes	8.0	10.8	7.7	7.8	11.1	7.5	10.7	N/A	11.2

* Multiple responses allowed. Table shows averages of non-blank responses.

Table 6.3 Research funding uses

Question	Responses	All PGR StudentSurvey.ie			Cohort > 250			Cohort < 250		
		All Students	NFQ 9	NFQ 10	All Students	NFQ 9	NFQ 10	All Students	NFQ 9	NFQ 10
Fees	Yes	94.1	89.2	94.7	94.3	88.6	94.9	91.5	93.5	90.9
Stipend	Yes	79.5	58.4	82.0	80.0	59.2	82.2	72.0	52.2	77.6
Research materials	Yes	56.6	45.1	57.9	57.0	47.2	58.1	48.3	28.3	53.9
Travel to conferences	Yes	58.0	39.4	60.1	58.5	40.6	60.4	49.3	30.4	54.5
Other travel (labs / other institutions)	Yes	30.3	18.5	31.7	30.6	19.2	31.9	24.2	N/A	27.3
Specialist training	Yes	27.2	16.0	28.5	27.3	16.9	28.4	26.1	N/A	30.9

* Multiple responses allowed. Table shows averages of non-blank responses.

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Questions relating to Supervision

Table 6.4 Supervision

Question	Responses	All PGR StudentSurvey.ie			Cohort > 250			Cohort < 250		
		All Students	NFQ 9	NFQ 10	All Students	NFQ 9	NFQ 10	All Students	NFQ 9	NFQ 10
I am being supervised by...	One supervisor	39.7	39.2	39.8	40.9	42.9	40.7	18.0	8.7	20.5
	Two supervisors	45.3	45.2	45.3	44.5	42.1	44.7	59.5	71.7	56.3
	Three or more supervisors	15.0	15.5	15.0	14.6	15.1	14.6	22.5	19.6	23.3
My supervisor(s) provides the appropriate level of support for my research	Definitely disagree	3.5	3.4	3.6	3.5	3.8	3.5	4.1	0.0	5.1
	Mostly disagree	5.4	5.6	5.3	5.3	5.5	5.3	6.8	6.5	6.9
	Neither agree nor disagree	6.1	6.6	6.0	6.1	6.6	6.0	5.4	6.5	5.1
	Mostly agree	23.6	25.7	23.4	23.9	26.0	23.7	19.0	23.9	17.7
	Definitely agree	61.4	58.7	61.7	61.2	58.2	61.5	64.7	63.0	65.1
I have regular contact with my supervisor(s), appropriate for my needs	Definitely disagree	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.1	3.3	3.1	5.0	2.2	5.7
	Mostly disagree	4.4	5.6	4.3	4.3	6.0	4.2	5.4	2.2	6.3
	Neither agree nor disagree	4.9	5.6	4.8	5.0	5.8	5.0	2.3	4.3	1.7
	Mostly agree	20.3	22.7	20.1	20.4	22.5	20.2	19.0	23.9	17.7
	Definitely agree	67.2	62.9	67.6	67.1	62.4	67.6	68.3	67.4	68.6
My supervisor(s) provides feedback that helps me to direct my research activities	Definitely disagree	3.1	2.9	3.1	3.1	3.3	3.1	3.6	0.0	4.6
	Mostly disagree	4.3	4.4	4.3	4.2	4.7	4.1	6.3	2.2	7.4
	Neither agree nor disagree	6.3	6.6	6.2	6.4	6.1	6.4	4.5	10.9	2.9

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	Mostly agree	22.6	23.0	22.5	22.8	23.2	22.8	18.1	21.7	17.1
	Definitely agree	63.8	63.0	63.9	63.6	62.7	63.6	67.4	65.2	68.0
My supervisor(s) help me to identify my training and development needs as a researcher	Definitely disagree	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7	5.0	4.7	5.0	2.2	5.7
	Mostly disagree	8.4	8.6	8.4	8.4	8.6	8.3	9.0	8.7	9.1
	Neither agree nor disagree	11.0	12.3	10.8	10.9	12.2	10.7	13.1	13.0	13.1
	Mostly agree	24.2	22.8	24.3	24.5	23.8	24.6	17.6	15.2	18.3
	Definitely agree	51.8	51.7	51.8	51.6	50.6	51.7	55.2	60.9	53.7

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Questions relating to Research Culture

Table 6.5 Research Culture

Question	Responses	All PGR StudentSurvey.ie			Cohort > 250			Cohort < 250		
		All Students	NFQ 9	NFQ 10	All Students	NFQ 9	NFQ 10	All Students	NFQ 9	NFQ 10
My department provides access to a relevant seminar programme	Definitely disagree	5.4	7.9	5.1	5.3	7.9	5.0	7.2	7.3	7.2
	Mostly disagree	10.3	11.7	10.2	10.2	11.3	10.1	12.0	14.6	11.4
	Neither agree nor disagree	15.5	21.6	14.8	15.3	22.1	14.7	18.3	17.1	18.6
	Mostly agree	35.1	34.0	35.3	35.2	35.1	35.2	33.7	24.4	35.9
	Definitely agree	33.7	24.9	34.6	33.9	23.5	35.0	28.8	36.6	26.9
The research ambience in my department stimulates my work	Definitely disagree	6.6	8.8	6.4	6.5	8.7	6.3	9.0	10.0	8.7
	Mostly disagree	11.1	10.6	11.1	11.1	10.4	11.2	10.0	12.5	9.3
	Neither agree nor disagree	20.5	22.8	20.3	20.7	24.6	20.3	17.4	7.5	19.9
	Mostly agree	33.8	33.7	33.9	33.8	33.5	33.8	35.3	35.0	35.4
	Definitely agree	27.9	24.1	28.3	27.9	22.8	28.4	28.4	35.0	26.7
I have frequent opportunities to discuss my research with other research students	Definitely disagree	7.3	11.8	6.8	7.2	11.8	6.7	9.6	11.6	9.1
	Mostly disagree	14.3	17.8	13.9	14.2	17.6	13.8	15.9	18.6	15.2
	Neither agree nor disagree	16.0	16.5	15.9	15.9	15.7	15.9	17.3	23.3	15.8
	Mostly agree	30.9	29.3	31.1	31.2	30.3	31.3	25.5	20.9	26.7
	Definitely agree	31.5	24.8	32.2	31.5	24.6	32.2	31.7	25.6	33.3
I have opportunities to become involved in the wider research	Definitely disagree	8.1	10.5	7.9	7.9	10.4	7.7	11.8	11.6	11.8
	Mostly disagree	17.0	19.3	16.7	17.2	20.4	16.9	12.3	9.3	13.0
	Neither agree nor disagree	22.2	24.0	22.0	22.1	23.0	22.0	23.1	32.6	20.7

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community, beyond my department	Mostly agree	28.4	27.3	28.5	28.4	27.7	28.4	28.3	23.3	29.6
	Definitely agree	24.3	19.0	24.9	24.3	18.5	24.9	24.5	23.3	24.9

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Questions relating to Progress and Assessment

Table 6.6 Progress and Assessment

Question	Responses	All PGR StudentSurvey.ie			Cohort > 250			Cohort < 250		
		All Students	NFQ 9	NFQ 10	All Students	NFQ 9	NFQ 10	All Students	NFQ 9	NFQ 10
I received an appropriate induction / orientation to my research degree programme	Definitely disagree	8.9	11.1	8.7	8.9	11.1	8.7	9.3	11.4	8.8
	Mostly disagree	14.6	20.2	14.0	14.9	20.5	14.3	10.3	18.2	8.2
	Neither agree nor disagree	14.1	15.1	14.0	14.1	15.2	14.0	13.1	13.6	12.9
	Mostly agree	33.6	26.7	34.4	33.4	25.8	34.2	36.9	34.1	37.6
	Definitely agree	28.8	26.9	29.0	28.7	27.4	28.9	30.4	22.7	32.4
I understand the requirements and deadlines for formal monitoring of my progress	Definitely disagree	3.6	4.4	3.5	3.7	5.0	3.6	2.3	0.0	2.9
	Mostly disagree	7.4	11.4	7.0	7.5	11.6	7.1	5.1	9.1	4.1
	Neither agree nor disagree	9.1	10.9	8.9	9.2	10.8	9.0	7.0	11.4	5.8
	Mostly agree	39.9	33.8	40.6	40.0	33.2	40.7	38.6	38.6	38.6
	Definitely agree	40.0	39.5	40.1	39.6	39.3	39.6	47.0	40.9	48.5
I understand the required standard for my thesis	Definitely disagree	4.2	5.9	4.0	4.2	6.1	4.0	3.7	4.4	3.5
	Mostly disagree	9.3	11.6	9.0	9.5	12.5	9.2	5.1	4.4	5.3
	Neither agree nor disagree	13.3	13.3	13.3	13.6	14.4	13.5	7.9	4.4	8.8
	Mostly agree	38.7	32.6	39.4	38.8	30.6	39.7	36.6	48.9	33.3
	Definitely agree	34.5	36.5	34.3	33.8	36.4	33.6	46.8	37.8	49.1
The final assessment procedures for my research degree are clear to me	Definitely disagree	4.9	8.0	4.6	5.0	8.7	4.6	3.2	2.2	3.5
	Mostly disagree	11.6	12.8	11.4	11.7	12.7	11.6	9.3	13.3	8.2
	Neither agree nor disagree	15.7	14.8	15.8	15.8	15.2	15.9	13.0	11.1	13.5

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Mostly agree	37.6	35.8	37.9	37.6	34.1	38.0	38.0	48.9	35.1
Definitely agree	30.2	28.8	30.4	29.9	29.3	29.9	36.6	24.4	39.8

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Questions relating to Development Opportunities

Table 6.7 Development Opportunities

Question	Responses	All PGR StudentSurvey.ie			Cohort > 250			Cohort < 250		
		All Students	NFQ 9	NFQ 10	All Students	NFQ 9	NFQ 10	All Students	NFQ 9	NFQ 10
Agreeing a personal training or development plan	Yes	48.3	42.6	49.0	48.0	41.2	48.7	54.0	53.3	54.1
	No	37.2	38.6	37.1	37.3	38.4	37.2	36.3	40.0	35.3
	Not available.	14.5	18.8	14.0	14.7	20.3	14.1	9.8	6.7	10.6
Receiving training to develop my research skills	Yes	77.4	69.2	78.4	77.2	67.5	78.2	81.9	82.2	81.8
	No	17.6	21.8	17.2	17.8	23.2	17.2	14.9	11.1	15.9
	Not available.	4.9	9.0	4.5	5.0	9.3	4.6	3.3	6.7	2.4
Receiving training to develop my other transferable skills	Yes	61.3	47.0	62.9	61.4	47.3	62.8	59.5	44.4	63.5
	No	31.5	41.4	30.3	31.3	40.5	30.4	34.0	48.9	30.0
	Not available.	7.3	11.6	6.8	7.3	12.3	6.8	6.5	6.7	6.5
Receiving advice on career options	Yes	37.9	31.6	38.6	37.7	31.4	38.3	41.1	33.3	43.2
	No	52.7	55.4	52.4	52.7	55.1	52.5	52.8	57.8	51.5
	Not available.	9.4	13.0	9.0	9.6	13.6	9.2	6.1	8.9	5.3
Taking part in a placement or internship	Yes	19.3	11.1	20.2	19.1	11.3	19.9	22.3	8.9	25.9
	No	59.4	59.3	59.4	59.4	58.1	59.6	59.1	68.9	56.5
	Not available.	21.3	29.6	20.4	21.5	30.6	20.5	18.6	22.2	17.6
Attending an academic research conference	Yes	76.6	54.6	79.0	76.8	54.8	79.1	72.6	53.3	77.6
	No	20.7	37.3	18.9	20.4	36.4	18.7	26.5	44.4	21.8
	Not available.	2.7	8.0	2.1	2.8	8.8	2.2	0.9	2.2	0.6
Presenting a paper or poster at an academic research conference	Yes	68.2	46.6	70.6	68.2	45.7	70.6	67.9	53.3	71.8
	No	27.9	42.8	26.3	27.8	42.6	26.2	30.7	44.4	27.1
	Not available.	3.8	10.6	3.1	4.0	11.6	3.2	1.4	2.2	1.2

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Submitting a paper for publication in an academic journal or book	Yes	52.0	32.3	54.2	52.0	32.5	54.1	51.2	31.1	56.5
	No	43.4	56.6	41.9	43.2	55.4	41.9	47.0	66.7	41.8
	Not available.	4.6	11.0	3.9	4.8	12.1	4.0	1.9	2.2	1.8
Communicating your research to a non-academic audience	Yes	47.3	36.1	48.6	47.1	36.4	48.3	50.9	33.3	55.6
	No	46.4	55.1	45.5	46.6	53.7	45.8	43.9	66.7	37.9
	Not available.	6.2	8.8	5.9	6.3	9.9	5.9	5.1	0.0	6.5
Receiving training in entrepreneurship and innovation	Yes	18.1	14.5	18.5	18.1	15.3	18.4	17.9	8.9	20.4
	No	67.6	66.4	67.7	67.5	64.7	67.7	69.8	80.0	67.1
	Not available.	14.3	19.0	13.8	14.4	20.1	13.9	12.3	11.1	12.6
Putting training in entrepreneurship and innovation into practice e.g. submitting an invention disclosure or filing a patent application	Yes	9.2	7.3	9.4	9.0	7.6	9.1	12.1	4.4	14.2
	No	73.0	71.4	73.2	73.1	70.0	73.4	72.0	82.2	69.2
	Not available.	17.8	21.4	17.4	17.9	22.4	17.5	15.9	13.3	16.6
Working as part of a team	Yes	65.6	63.1	65.9	66.1	64.3	66.2	57.5	53.3	58.6
	No	28.3	28.9	28.3	27.9	28.0	27.9	35.0	35.6	34.9
	Not available.	6.1	8.0	5.9	6.0	7.6	5.8	7.5	11.1	6.5
Working collaboratively with industry	Yes	24.8	29.6	24.2	24.3	28.6	23.9	32.1	37.8	30.5
	No	60.5	53.8	61.3	61.0	54.4	61.7	52.8	48.9	53.9
	Not available.	14.7	16.6	14.5	14.7	17.0	14.4	15.1	13.3	15.6
Working collaboratively with a civil society organisation or public organisation	Yes	23.2	22.9	23.2	23.0	22.4	23.0	27.7	26.7	28.0
	No	63.1	60.1	63.4	63.4	60.1	63.8	57.3	60.0	56.5
	Not available.	13.7	17.1	13.3	13.6	17.6	13.2	15.0	13.3	15.5
Spending time abroad as part of your research degree	Yes	25.0	12.6	26.4	25.6	13.6	26.8	14.6	4.4	17.4
	No	62.3	65.8	61.9	62.0	64.9	61.7	67.9	73.3	66.5
	Not available.	12.7	21.6	11.7	12.4	21.5	11.5	17.5	22.2	16.2

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Table 6.8 *Development Opportunities – teaching/ demonstrating*

Question	Responses	All PGR StudentSurvey.ie			Cohort > 250			Cohort < 250		
		All Students	NFQ 9	NFQ 10	All Students	NFQ 9	NFQ 10	All Students	NFQ 9	NFQ 10
Please indicate whether you have taught (or demonstrated) at your institution during your research degree programme:	Yes	66.4	47.8	68.5	67.1	50.5	68.8	54.7	26.8	62.3
	No	33.6	52.2	31.5	32.9	49.5	31.2	45.3	73.2	37.7
Do you agree or disagree that the teaching / demonstration you delivered enhanced your overall research experience?	Definitely disagree	6.8	7.1	6.8	6.9	7.2	6.8	5.7	5.6	5.7
	Mostly disagree	11.2	9.2	11.3	11.5	9.5	11.6	5.0	5.6	4.9
	Neither agree nor disagree	15.0	13.0	15.2	15.0	12.7	15.2	15.0	16.7	14.8
	Mostly agree	30.3	31.4	30.2	30.3	31.2	30.2	30.7	33.3	30.3
	Definitely agree	36.7	39.3	36.5	36.4	39.4	36.1	43.6	38.9	44.3
Do you agree or disagree that you have been given appropriate support and guidance for your teaching / demonstration?	Definitely disagree	9.9	10.5	9.9	10.0	10.1	10.0	7.9	15.0	6.7
	Mostly disagree	18.2	13.8	18.6	18.3	14.1	18.6	16.4	10.0	17.5
	Neither agree nor disagree	16.4	17.0	16.4	16.3	15.9	16.4	17.9	30.0	15.8
	Mostly agree	33.0	32.0	33.0	32.9	33.0	32.9	33.6	20.0	35.8
	Definitely agree	22.5	26.7	22.1	22.4	26.9	22.1	24.3	25.0	24.2

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Questions relating to Research Skills

Table 6.9 Research Skills

Question	Responses	All PGR StudentSurvey.ie			Cohort > 250			Cohort < 250		
		All Students	NFQ 9	NFQ 10	All Students	NFQ 9	NFQ 10	All Students	NFQ 9	NFQ 10
My skills in applying appropriate research methodologies, tools and techniques have developed during my programme	Definitely disagree	1.9	2.6	1.9	1.9	3.0	1.8	2.4	0.0	3.0
	Mostly disagree	4.0	5.0	3.9	4.0	4.7	3.9	4.7	6.7	4.2
	Neither agree nor disagree	8.0	7.6	8.1	8.0	7.1	8.1	8.1	11.1	7.2
	Mostly agree	38.6	42.4	38.2	38.7	43.3	38.2	37.4	35.6	38.0
	Definitely agree	47.4	42.4	48.0	47.4	41.8	48.0	47.4	46.7	47.6
My skills in critically analysing and evaluating findings and results have developed during my programme	Definitely disagree	2.1	2.6	2.0	2.0	2.7	2.0	2.9	2.3	3.1
	Mostly disagree	3.6	5.5	3.4	3.6	5.4	3.4	3.9	6.8	3.1
	Neither agree nor disagree	9.0	10.8	8.8	9.2	11.0	9.0	6.3	9.1	5.5
	Mostly agree	38.1	38.3	38.1	38.1	38.8	38.1	37.2	34.1	38.0
	Definitely agree	47.2	42.7	47.7	47.1	42.1	47.6	49.8	47.7	50.3
My confidence to be creative or innovative has developed during my programme	Definitely disagree	3.9	5.0	3.8	3.9	5.1	3.8	3.3	4.4	3.0
	Mostly disagree	8.0	9.5	7.8	7.8	9.0	7.7	11.0	13.3	10.4
	Neither agree nor disagree	16.2	16.1	16.2	16.4	17.0	16.3	13.9	8.9	15.2
	Mostly agree	38.2	37.6	38.2	38.3	37.0	38.4	36.4	42.2	34.8
	Definitely agree	33.8	31.8	34.0	33.7	31.9	33.9	35.4	31.1	36.6
My understanding of 'research integrity' (e.g. rigour, ethics,	Definitely disagree	2.2	3.1	2.1	2.2	3.0	2.1	2.4	4.4	1.8
	Mostly disagree	2.8	2.6	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.8	2.9	2.2	3.0

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transparency, attributing the contribution of others) has developed during my programme	Neither agree nor disagree	8.4	5.8	8.7	8.5	5.7	8.8	6.7	6.7	6.7
	Mostly agree	32.7	32.3	32.8	32.8	32.7	32.8	31.4	28.9	32.1
	Definitely agree	53.9	56.2	53.7	53.7	56.0	53.5	56.7	57.8	56.4

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Questions relating to Other Transferable Skills

Table 6.10 Transferrable skills

Question	Responses	All PGR StudentSurvey.ie			Cohort > 250			Cohort < 250		
		All Students	NFQ 9	NFQ 10	All Students	NFQ 9	NFQ 10	All Students	NFQ 9	NFQ 10
My ability to manage projects has developed during my programme	Definitely disagree	2.2	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.2	2.9	2.3	3.1
	Mostly disagree	5.4	6.1	5.3	5.5	5.7	5.5	3.4	9.3	1.8
	Neither agree nor disagree	14.6	12.8	14.8	15.0	13.0	15.2	9.2	11.6	8.6
	Mostly agree	40.3	43.9	39.9	40.2	45.0	39.7	41.3	34.9	42.9
	Definitely agree	37.5	35.0	37.7	37.1	34.1	37.4	43.2	41.9	43.6
My ability to communicate information effectively to diverse audiences has developed during my programme	Definitely disagree	2.0	2.4	1.9	2.0	2.4	1.9	1.5	2.4	1.2
	Mostly disagree	4.8	5.9	4.7	4.7	4.9	4.7	6.4	14.3	4.3
	Neither agree nor disagree	17.2	14.6	17.4	17.3	14.6	17.6	14.3	14.3	14.3
	Mostly agree	39.4	39.4	39.4	39.5	40.4	39.4	36.5	31.0	37.9
	Definitely agree	36.7	37.7	36.6	36.5	37.7	36.3	41.4	38.1	42.2
I have developed contacts or professional networks during my programme	Definitely disagree	4.2	6.0	4.0	4.1	5.2	4.0	4.9	11.6	3.1
	Mostly disagree	9.6	10.9	9.5	9.7	10.5	9.6	8.3	14.0	6.8
	Neither agree nor disagree	16.4	18.2	16.2	16.5	18.2	16.3	14.6	18.6	13.6
	Mostly agree	37.1	37.5	37.0	37.1	38.2	37.0	36.1	32.6	37.0
	Definitely agree	32.7	27.4	33.3	32.5	28.0	33.0	36.1	23.3	39.5
I have increasingly managed my own professional	Definitely disagree	1.9	2.7	1.8	1.9	2.7	1.8	1.9	2.3	1.9
	Mostly disagree	4.5	4.3	4.5	4.7	4.8	4.7	1.5	0.0	1.9

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development during my programme	Neither agree nor disagree	14.0	13.0	14.1	14.1	12.3	14.3	12.6	18.2	11.1
	Mostly agree	40.3	43.9	39.9	40.4	44.6	40.0	38.8	38.6	38.9
	Definitely agree	39.3	36.2	39.6	38.9	35.5	39.3	45.1	40.9	46.3

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Questions relating to Responsibilities and Supports

Table 6.11 Responsibilities and Supports

Question	Responses	All PGR StudentSurvey.ie			Cohort > 250			Cohort < 250		
		All Students	NFQ 9	NFQ 10	All Students	NFQ 9	NFQ 10	All Students	NFQ 9	NFQ 10
I understand my responsibilities as a research degree student	Definitely disagree	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.6	1.9	2.3	1.8
	Mostly disagree	3.5	4.5	3.4	3.6	4.5	3.5	1.9	4.5	1.2
	Neither agree nor disagree	5.9	6.1	5.9	6.0	6.9	5.9	3.8	0.0	4.9
	Mostly agree	39.5	37.1	39.8	40.0	37.8	40.3	30.3	31.8	29.9
	Definitely agree	49.5	50.7	49.4	48.8	49.2	48.7	62.0	61.4	62.2
I am aware of my supervisor(s)' responsibilities towards me as a research degree student	Definitely disagree	2.5	2.4	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.4	3.8	2.3	4.3
	Mostly disagree	5.6	6.5	5.6	5.6	6.4	5.6	5.8	6.8	5.5
	Neither agree nor disagree	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.4	8.5	8.4	6.3	6.8	6.1
	Mostly agree	36.9	32.8	37.4	37.2	33.2	37.6	31.7	29.5	32.3
	Definitely agree	46.7	50.0	46.3	46.3	49.4	46.0	52.4	54.5	51.8
Other than my supervisor(s), I know who to approach if I am concerned about any academic aspect of my research degree programme	Definitely disagree	7.8	9.3	7.6	7.8	10.2	7.5	7.7	2.3	9.1
	Mostly disagree	13.4	15.6	13.2	13.7	16.7	13.4	9.2	7.0	9.8
	Neither agree nor disagree	12.8	14.5	12.6	12.9	14.2	12.7	11.1	16.3	9.8
	Mostly agree	31.3	26.8	31.8	31.4	24.8	32.1	29.0	41.9	25.6
	Definitely agree	34.8	33.9	34.8	34.3	34.1	34.3	43.0	32.6	45.7
How aware are you of the various student supports	Very little	19.4	19.9	19.3	19.8	20.6	19.7	12.4	14.6	11.9
	Some	48.4	43.2	48.9	48.8	44.3	49.3	40.3	34.1	41.9
	Quite a bit	23.7	26.2	23.4	23.4	25.8	23.2	28.4	29.3	28.1

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available? (Recreation, healthcare, counselling, etc)	Very much	8.6	10.7	8.3	8.0	9.2	7.9	18.9	22.0	18.1
My institution values and responds to feedback from research degree students	Definitely disagree	9.4	8.0	9.5	9.5	7.8	9.6	7.9	9.1	7.5
	Mostly disagree	15.7	11.8	16.1	15.8	12.5	16.1	14.8	6.8	17.0
	Neither agree nor disagree	30.4	31.4	30.2	30.8	32.3	30.6	23.2	25.0	22.6
	Mostly agree	28.4	28.7	28.4	28.4	28.5	28.3	29.1	29.5	28.9
	Definitely agree	16.2	20.1	15.7	15.6	18.8	15.3	25.1	29.5	23.9

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Questions relating to Personal Outlook

Table 6.12 *Personal Outlook*

Question	Responses	All PGR StudentSurvey.ie			Cohort > 250			Cohort < 250		
		All Students	NFQ 9	NFQ 10	All Students	NFQ 9	NFQ 10	All Students	NFQ 9	NFQ 10
I am satisfied with my life nowadays	Definitely disagree	5.8	4.9	5.9	6.0	5.5	6.1	1.9	0.0	2.5
	Mostly disagree	13.2	12.9	13.2	13.3	12.8	13.3	11.6	13.6	11.0
	Neither agree nor disagree	16.2	12.7	16.6	16.1	11.6	16.5	18.8	20.5	18.4
	Mostly agree	43.9	44.5	43.9	44.1	45.6	44.0	41.1	36.4	42.3
	Definitely agree	20.8	25.1	20.4	20.5	24.5	20.1	26.6	29.5	25.8
I am satisfied with my life within my institution nowadays	Definitely disagree	6.5	5.2	6.6	6.7	5.9	6.8	2.9	0.0	3.7
	Mostly disagree	13.3	10.7	13.5	13.3	10.6	13.5	13.2	11.6	13.7
	Neither agree nor disagree	18.2	21.2	17.9	18.2	20.3	18.0	17.6	27.9	14.9
	Mostly agree	42.1	40.5	42.3	42.3	40.9	42.4	38.7	37.2	39.1
	Definitely agree	19.9	22.3	19.7	19.5	22.2	19.3	27.5	23.3	28.6
I am satisfied with my work-life balance	Definitely disagree	10.5	7.9	10.8	10.6	8.4	10.9	8.3	4.7	9.3
	Mostly disagree	18.5	16.9	18.6	18.7	17.0	18.8	15.2	16.3	14.9
	Neither agree nor disagree	17.8	17.8	17.8	18.0	18.9	18.0	13.2	9.3	14.3
	Mostly agree	37.5	39.6	37.3	37.1	38.1	37.1	44.1	51.2	42.2
	Definitely agree	15.7	17.8	15.5	15.5	17.6	15.3	19.1	18.6	19.3
	Definitely disagree	9.9	10.7	9.8	10.0	11.9	9.8	7.9	2.3	9.4

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There is someone in my institution I can talk to about my day-to-day problems	Mostly disagree	17.7	14.7	18.0	17.8	15.1	18.0	15.8	11.6	16.9
	Neither agree nor disagree	18.9	21.2	18.7	19.1	21.2	18.9	16.7	20.9	15.6
	Mostly agree	31.7	30.2	31.8	31.7	28.9	32.0	30.5	39.5	28.1
	Definitely agree	21.9	23.2	21.7	21.4	22.8	21.3	29.1	25.6	30.0
I feel that my research degree programme is worthwhile	Definitely disagree	3.5	5.9	3.3	3.5	6.1	3.2	3.8	4.5	3.7
	Mostly disagree	5.1	4.0	5.2	5.1	4.0	5.2	4.3	4.5	4.3
	Neither agree nor disagree	12.0	9.7	12.2	12.1	10.1	12.3	10.6	6.8	11.6
	Mostly agree	34.4	34.1	34.4	34.5	33.5	34.6	31.7	38.6	29.9
	Definitely agree	45.0	46.2	44.9	44.8	46.3	44.6	49.5	45.5	50.6

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Questions relating to Motivations

Table 6.13 Motivations

Question	Responses	All PGR StudentSurvey.ie			Cohort > 250			Cohort < 250		
		All Students	NFQ 9	NFQ 10	All Students	NFQ 9	NFQ 10	All Students	NFQ 9	NFQ 10
My interest in my subject	Priority 1	44.7	39.1	45.3	44.7	37.9	45.4	44.0	47.7	42.9
	Priority 2	20.6	21.0	20.5	20.7	21.4	20.6	18.8	18.2	19.0
	Priority 3	12.5	11.1	12.6	12.5	11.9	12.5	13.0	4.5	15.3
Improving my career prospects for an academic / research career	Priority 1	21.6	20.2	21.7	21.3	20.5	21.4	26.1	18.2	28.2
	Priority 2	23.4	20.5	23.7	23.8	21.4	24.1	16.4	13.6	17.2
	Priority 3	13.1	10.0	13.5	13.2	10.1	13.5	12.1	9.1	12.9
Improving my career prospects outside of an academic / research career	Priority 1	12.2	17.5	11.6	12.3	18.3	11.7	10.6	11.4	10.4
	Priority 2	12.5	14.8	12.3	12.4	15.6	12.0	15.5	9.1	17.2
	Priority 3	11.3	12.1	11.2	11.2	11.9	11.2	12.6	13.6	12.3
I was encouraged by a former academic tutor / supervisor	Priority 1	2.7	3.2	2.7	2.7	2.4	2.7	4.3	9.1	3.1
	Priority 2	6.3	8.9	6.0	6.2	8.3	6.0	7.7	13.6	6.1
	Priority 3	9.2	8.6	9.2	8.8	6.7	9.0	15.9	22.7	14.1
The funding was available	Priority 1	4.2	5.4	4.1	4.3	5.5	4.1	2.9	4.5	2.5
	Priority 2	10.3	11.3	10.2	10.2	10.1	10.2	12.1	20.5	9.8
	Priority 3	15.6	15.4	15.6	15.6	15.6	15.6	15.5	13.6	16.0
It felt like a natural step for me	Priority 1	7.1	3.8	7.5	7.1	4.0	7.4	7.2	2.3	8.6

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	Priority 2	11.9	8.1	12.3	11.7	7.3	12.1	15.9	13.6	16.6
	Priority 3	16.7	18.6	16.5	16.7	18.0	16.5	16.9	22.7	15.3
I felt inspired to work with a particular academic	Priority 1	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.3	1.4	N/A	1.2
	Priority 2	4.7	4.6	4.7	4.8	5.2	4.7	3.4	N/A	4.3
	Priority 3	5.6	4.3	5.8	5.7	4.6	5.8	4.8	N/A	5.5
Professional development or training	Priority 1	4.5	6.7	4.2	4.6	7.3	4.4	1.9	2.3	1.8
	Priority 2	8.8	9.2	8.7	8.8	8.9	8.8	9.2	11.4	8.6
	Priority 3	12.7	16.4	12.3	13.0	17.4	12.5	8.2	9.1	8.0
Other	Priority 1	1.7	2.7	1.6	1.7	2.8	1.6	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Priority 2	1.1	0.8	1.2	1.1	0.9	1.2	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Priority 3	2.1	2.2	2.1	2.2	2.1	2.2	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Questions relating to Career Aspirations

Table 6.14 *Career Aspirations*

Question	Responses	All PGR StudentSurvey.ie			Cohort > 250			Cohort < 250		
		All Students	NFQ 9	NFQ 10	All Students	NFQ 9	NFQ 10	All Students	NFQ 9	NFQ 10
Academic career in higher education (either research and teaching, or teaching only)	Priority 1	37.9	31.9	38.6	37.8	30.9	38.5	38.8	39.5	38.7
	Priority 2	16.8	14.1	17.1	16.7	13.1	17.1	18.4	20.9	17.8
	Priority 3	12.1	12.4	12.1	12.1	12.5	12.1	12.1	11.6	12.3
Research career in higher education	Priority 1	12.6	9.7	12.9	12.7	10.1	12.9	11.7	7.0	12.9
	Priority 2	30.1	20.0	31.2	30.4	20.2	31.4	25.7	18.6	27.6
	Priority 3	10.7	8.9	10.9	10.9	9.5	11.0	7.3	4.7	8.0
Other career in higher education	Priority 1	1.3	1.9	1.3	1.3	1.8	1.2	2.4	N/A	2.5
	Priority 2	3.5	5.4	3.3	3.4	5.2	3.3	4.4	N/A	3.7
	Priority 3	9.0	7.8	9.1	8.8	7.6	9.0	12.1	N/A	12.9
Research career outside higher education (e.g. in a private research organisation, a charity or in an industrial environment)	Priority 1	23.9	16.5	24.7	24.4	17.7	25.1	15.0	7.0	17.2
	Priority 2	17.0	15.7	17.2	17.0	15.6	17.2	17.5	16.3	17.8
	Priority 3	17.1	9.7	18.0	17.2	8.9	18.1	15.5	16.3	15.3
Teaching (at a level below higher education)	Priority 1	1.2	2.2	1.1	1.1	2.1	1.0	2.9	N/A	3.1
	Priority 2	3.7	4.1	3.6	3.7	4.0	3.7	3.4	N/A	3.1
	Priority 3	5.2	7.8	4.9	5.1	7.3	4.9	7.3	N/A	6.1
	Priority 1	3.6	6.5	3.3	3.6	6.7	3.3	3.4	N/A	3.1

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Returning to, or remaining with, employer who is sponsoring your degree	Priority 2	3.5	4.6	3.4	3.4	4.9	3.3	4.9	N/A	5.5
	Priority 3	2.9	1.9	3.0	3.0	2.1	3.1	1.5	N/A	1.8
Returning to, or remaining with, employer who is not sponsoring your degree	Priority 1	1.9	3.2	1.7	1.9	3.4	1.7	1.9	N/A	1.8
	Priority 2	2.9	6.5	2.5	2.9	7.3	2.4	2.4	N/A	3.1
	Priority 3	2.3	3.2	2.2	2.4	3.7	2.2	1.0	N/A	1.2
Self-employment (including setting up your own business)	Priority 1	3.3	5.9	3.0	3.1	5.8	2.8	6.8	7.0	6.7
	Priority 2	5.6	7.0	5.5	5.6	6.7	5.5	6.8	9.3	6.1
	Priority 3	8.6	9.5	8.5	8.2	8.3	8.2	15.5	18.6	14.7
Any other professional career	Priority 1	5.6	9.7	5.2	5.6	9.8	5.1	6.8	9.3	6.1
	Priority 2	9.1	11.6	8.8	9.2	11.6	9.0	6.8	11.6	5.5
	Priority 3	12.0	13.0	11.8	12.0	12.8	11.9	11.2	14.0	10.4
Not sure or not decided yet	Priority 1	6.4	7.3	6.3	6.3	6.1	6.3	8.3	16.3	6.1
	Priority 2	2.9	4.3	2.7	2.8	4.0	2.7	4.4	7.0	3.7
	Priority 3	11.0	15.4	10.5	11.2	16.2	10.7	6.8	9.3	6.1
Other	Priority 1	2.3	5.1	2.0	2.3	5.5	2.0	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Priority 2	1.1	1.9	1.1	1.1	1.8	1.1	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Priority 3	1.6	1.4	1.6	1.6	1.2	1.6	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Questions relating to Overall Experience

Table 6.15 Overall Experience

Question	Responses	All PGR StudentSurvey.ie			Cohort > 250			Cohort < 250		
		All Students	NFQ 9	NFQ 10	All Students	NFQ 9	NFQ 10	All Students	NFQ 9	NFQ 10
How would you evaluate your entire research experience at this institution?	Poor	6.8	8.9	6.5	6.9	9.1	6.7	4.3	6.8	3.7
	Fair	20.4	21.0	20.3	20.6	22.3	20.5	15.9	11.4	17.1
	Good	49.0	45.2	49.4	49.1	44.8	49.5	48.6	47.7	48.8
	Excellent	23.8	25.0	23.7	23.4	23.8	23.4	31.3	34.1	30.5
I am confident that I will complete my research degree programme within my institution's expected timescale:	Definitely disagree	5.6	6.1	5.5	5.6	6.3	5.6	4.4	4.7	4.3
	Mostly disagree	10.2	8.8	10.3	10.0	8.2	10.1	14.1	14.0	14.1
	Neither agree nor disagree	9.7	8.3	9.9	9.7	7.5	10.0	9.7	14.0	8.6
	Mostly agree	38.1	34.8	38.4	38.1	35.4	38.4	37.4	30.2	39.3
	Definitely agree	36.4	42.0	35.8	36.5	42.6	35.9	34.5	37.2	33.7

Table 6.16 Withdrawal

Question	Responses	All PGR StudentSurvey.ie			Cohort > 250			Cohort < 250		
		All Students	NFQ 9	NFQ 10	All Students	NFQ 9	NFQ 10	All Students	NFQ 9	NFQ 10
No, I have not seriously considered withdrawing	Yes	57.9	54.9	58.2	57.8	54.6	58.1	60.1	56.8	61.0
Yes, for financial reasons	Yes	23.7	18.4	24.2	23.8	19.0	24.3	21.2	N/A	23.2
Yes, for personal or family reasons	Yes	16.5	18.6	16.3	16.6	18.7	16.4	15.9	N/A	15.2
Yes, for health reasons	Yes	9.9	8.9	10.0	10.0	7.7	10.2	9.6	N/A	7.3
Yes, for employment reasons	Yes	6.6	8.1	6.4	6.7	8.9	6.5	N/A	N/A	N/A
Yes, to transfer to another institution	Yes	3.8	4.3	3.7	3.9	4.9	3.8	N/A	0.0	N/A
Other	Yes	6.8	8.6	6.6	6.7	8.9	6.5	8.2	N/A	8.5

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