

## In Progress PREQ (iPREQ)

For the iPREQ 2010, 331 usable responses were received from a possible 623 surveyed HDR students, giving a response rate of 53%.

The survey was conducted November 2010.

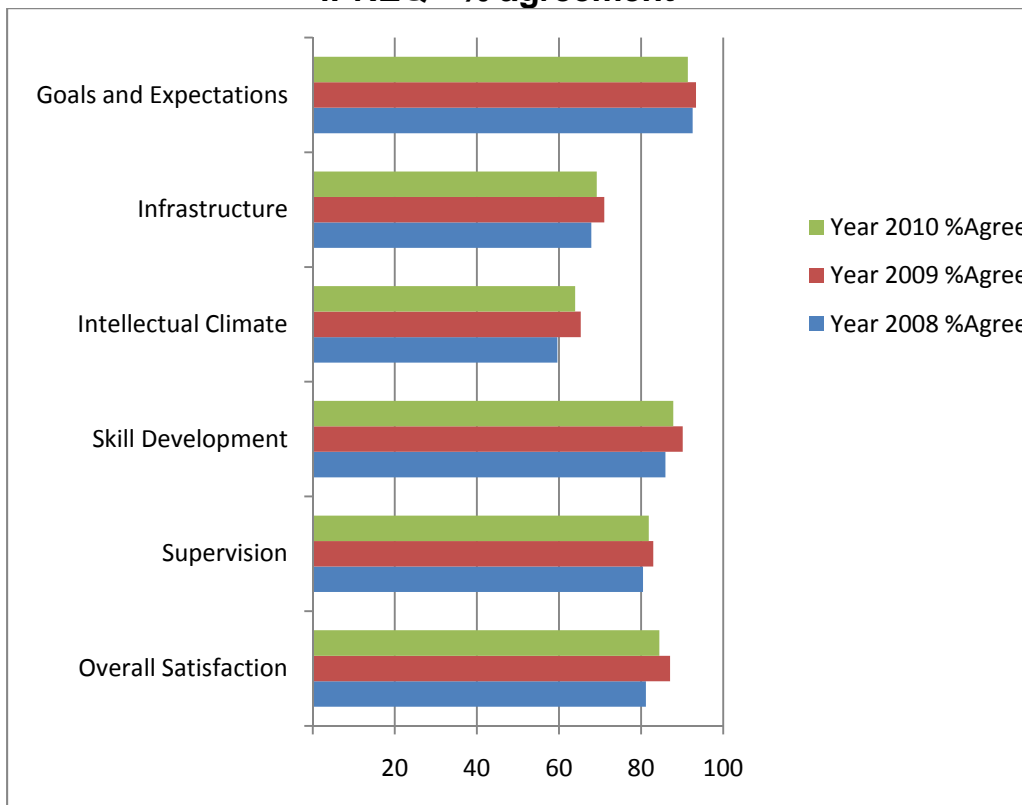
The iPREQ is adapted from the national Postgraduate Research Experience Questionnaire which is sent to completed HDR students 4 months following completion.

### InProgress-PREQ (iPREQ) scale scores (percentage agreement) by year

	ECU in-progress 2008	ECU in-progress 2009	ECU in-progress 2010
	Max N=257	Max N =272	Max N =327
Scale	%Agree	%Agree	%Agree
Supervision	80	83	82
Intellectual Climate	60	65	64
Skill Development	86	90	88
Infrastructure	68	71	69
Goals and Expectations	93	93	91
Overall Satisfaction	81	87	84

- Notes:
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iPREQ - % agreement



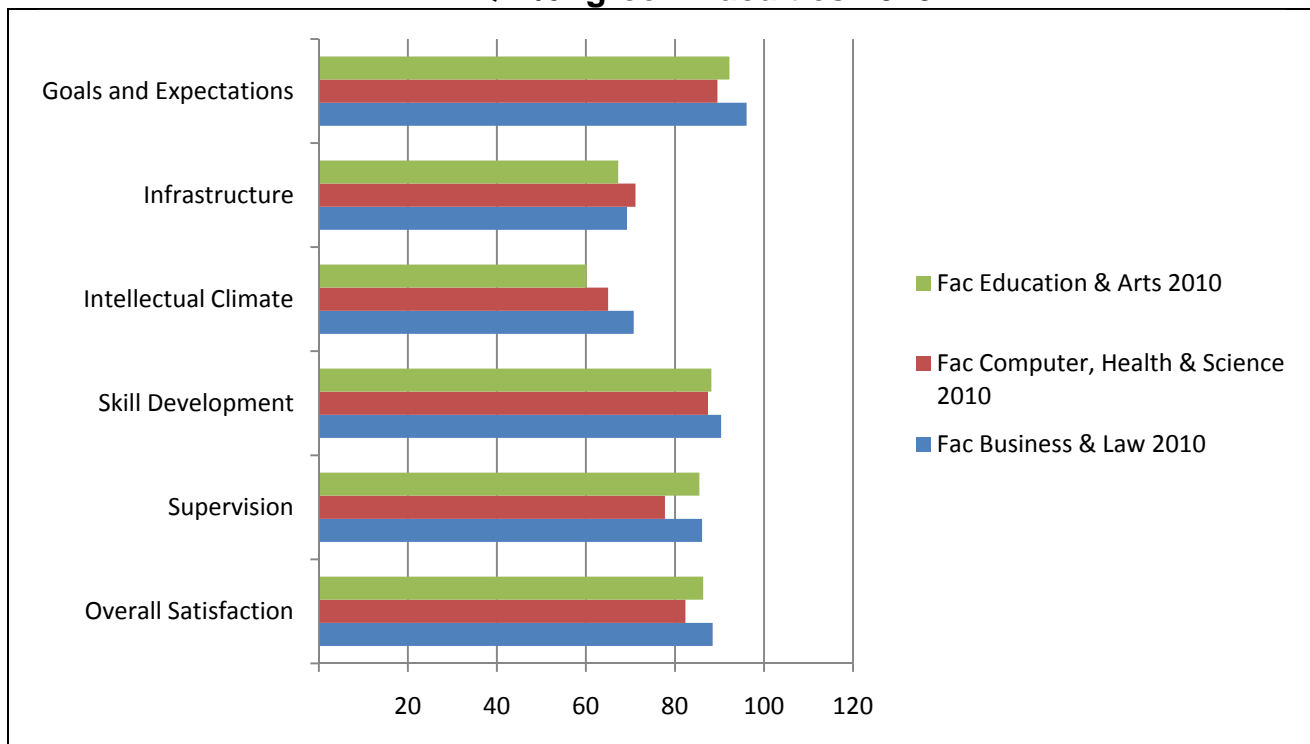
## InProgress-PREQ (iPREQ) scale scores (percentage agreement) by Faculty

	Fac Bus&Law			Fac Computing, Health & Science			Fac Education & Arts		
	maxN= 33	maxN= 32	maxN= 51	maxN= 137	maxN= 146	maxN= 153	maxN= 80	maxN= 94	maxN= 117
	2008	2009	2010	2008	2009	2010	2008	2009	2010
	%Agree	%Agree	%Agree	%Agree	%Agree	%Agree	%Agree	%Agree	%Agree
Supervision	87	78	86	77	83	78	83	84	85
Intellectual Climate	65	58	71	61	66	65	56	66	60
Skill Development	91	92	90	84	90	87	87	90	88
Infrastructure	71	68	69	68	74	71	67	67	67
Goals and Expectations	97	91	96	91	94	90	93	93	92
Overall Satisfaction	82	81	88	78	88	82	86	87	87

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4. SW Campus/unspecified had less than 10 responses and are thus not reported.

### iPREQ - %Agree – Faculties 2010



**InProgress-PREQ (iPREQ) item scores (percentage agreement) by year.  
(grouped by scale)**

Scales	Item label	Items	2008 %agree	2009 %agree	2010 %agree
Supervision Scale	PREQ01AP2	Supervision is available when I need it.	86	89	88
Supervision Scale	PREQ07AP2	My supervisor makes a real effort to understand difficulties I face.	87	86	86
Supervision Scale	PREQ13AP2	My supervisor(s) provides additional information relevant to my topic.	80	82	81
Supervision Scale	PREQ17AP2	I am given good guidance in topic selection and refinement.	78	81	80
Supervision Scale	PREQ21AP2	My supervisor(s) provides helpful feedback on my progress.	85	90	88
Supervision Scale	PREQ24AP2	I receive good guidance in my literature search.	66	69	68
Intellectual Climate Scale	PREQ05AP2	The Faculty provides opportunities for social contact with other postgraduate students.	81	79	81
Intellectual Climate Scale	PREQ09AP2	I am integrated into the Faculty's community.	46	51	49
Intellectual Climate Scale	PREQ16AP2	The Faculty provides opportunities for me to become involved in the broader research culture.	62	67	66
Intellectual Climate Scale	PREQ22AP2	A good seminar program for postgraduate students is provided.	61	73	66
Intellectual Climate Scale	PREQ23AP2	The research ambience in the School or Faculty stimulates my work.	46	55	51
Skill Development Scale	PREQ06AP2	My research is further developing my problem-solving skills.	91	92	90
Skill Development Scale	PREQ10AP2	I am learning to develop my ideas and present them in my written work.	89	92	91
Skill Development Scale	PREQ14AP2	My research is sharpening my analytical skills.	91	92	91
Skill Development Scale	PREQ20AP2	Doing my research is helping me to develop my ability to plan my work.	84	90	87
Skill Development Scale	PREQ26AP2	As a result of my research, I feel confident about tackling unfamiliar problems.	76	83	80
Infrastructure Scale	PREQ03AP2	I have access to a suitable working space.	76	79	77
Infrastructure Scale	PREQ08AP2	I have good access to the technical support I need.	72	75	74
Infrastructure Scale	PREQ12AP2	I am able to organise good access to necessary equipment.	72	74	72
Infrastructure Scale	PREQ18AP2	I have good access to computing facilities and services.	75	80	77
Infrastructure Scale	PREQ27AP2	There is appropriate financial support for research activities.	41	49	46
Goals and Expectations Scale	PREQ04AP2	I am developing an understanding of the standard of work expected.	93	93	92
Overall Satisfaction Scale	PREQ28AP2	Overall, I am satisfied with the quality of my higher degree research experience.	81	87	84

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