

Summary of the 2021 student survey

We would like to thank all those that took the time to complete the 2021 student survey.

The survey was launched at the middle of October for a period of four weeks but was extended for two more weeks as the completion rate was quite slow. We received 12 returns to our annual AS student survey, with 11 respondents giving consent for their data to be used. All respondents are full-time PhD student and the overall satisfaction with their current position and supervisor relationship are overwhelmingly positive. However, there is room for improvement regarding networking among the PhD students and between PhD students and staff and we will take this point forward. There was very high awareness of AS at institute and university level and our AS section in the fortnightly newsletter promotes the values of AS and highlights social activities and development opportunities. We found that many students were not aware of the ECR resource pages on the AS website and will aim to improve this. Relating to COVID we found that some students are worried about completing their PhD on time. It is great to see that the majority feel reassured and adequately supported with their concerns by supervisors and all students felt suitably supported by supervisors during lockdown and resumption of lab work. You can look at all the detailed results of the survey in the RESULTS file.