

University of St Andrews PIRLS Survey 2017

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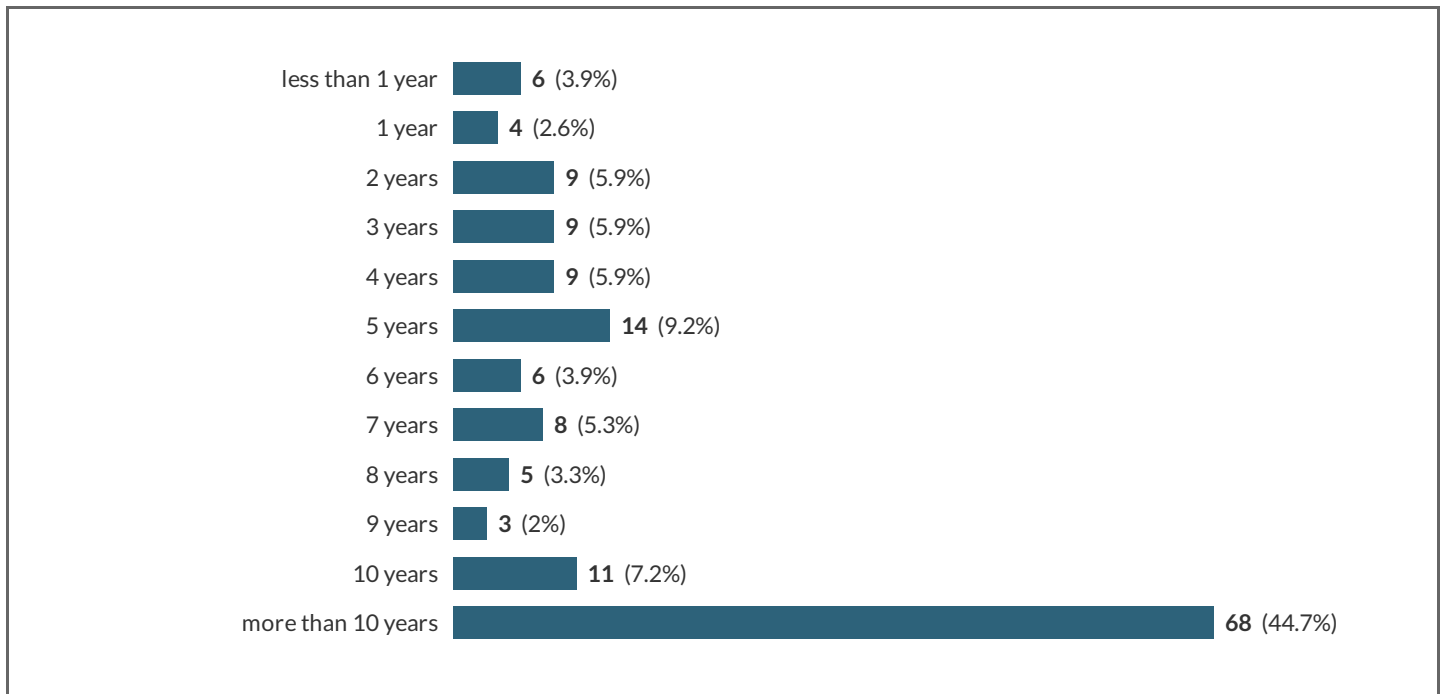
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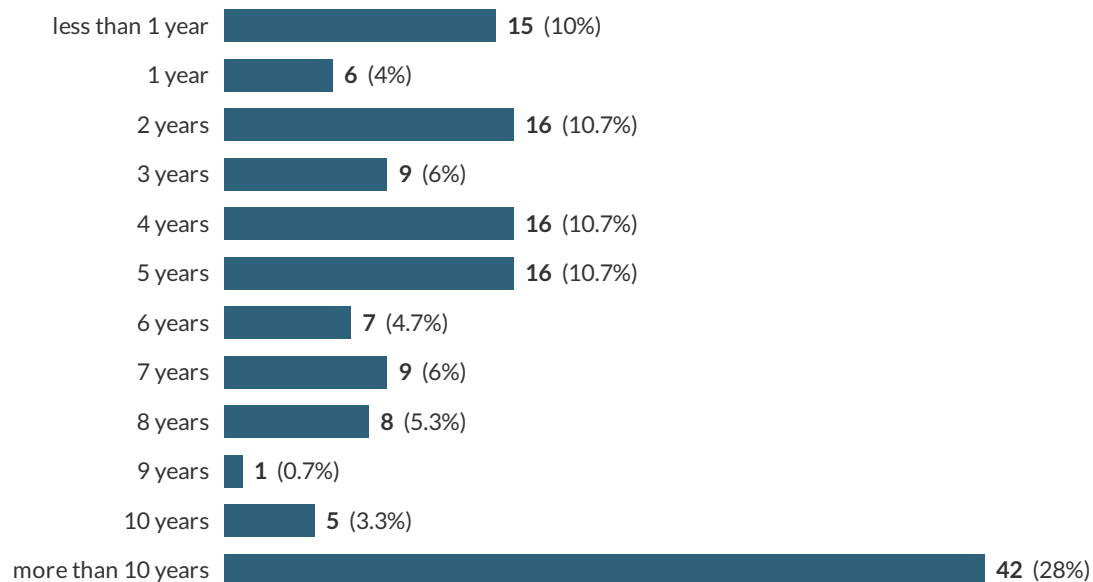
Response rate: 23%

Section A - Your experience as a principal investigator/research leader.

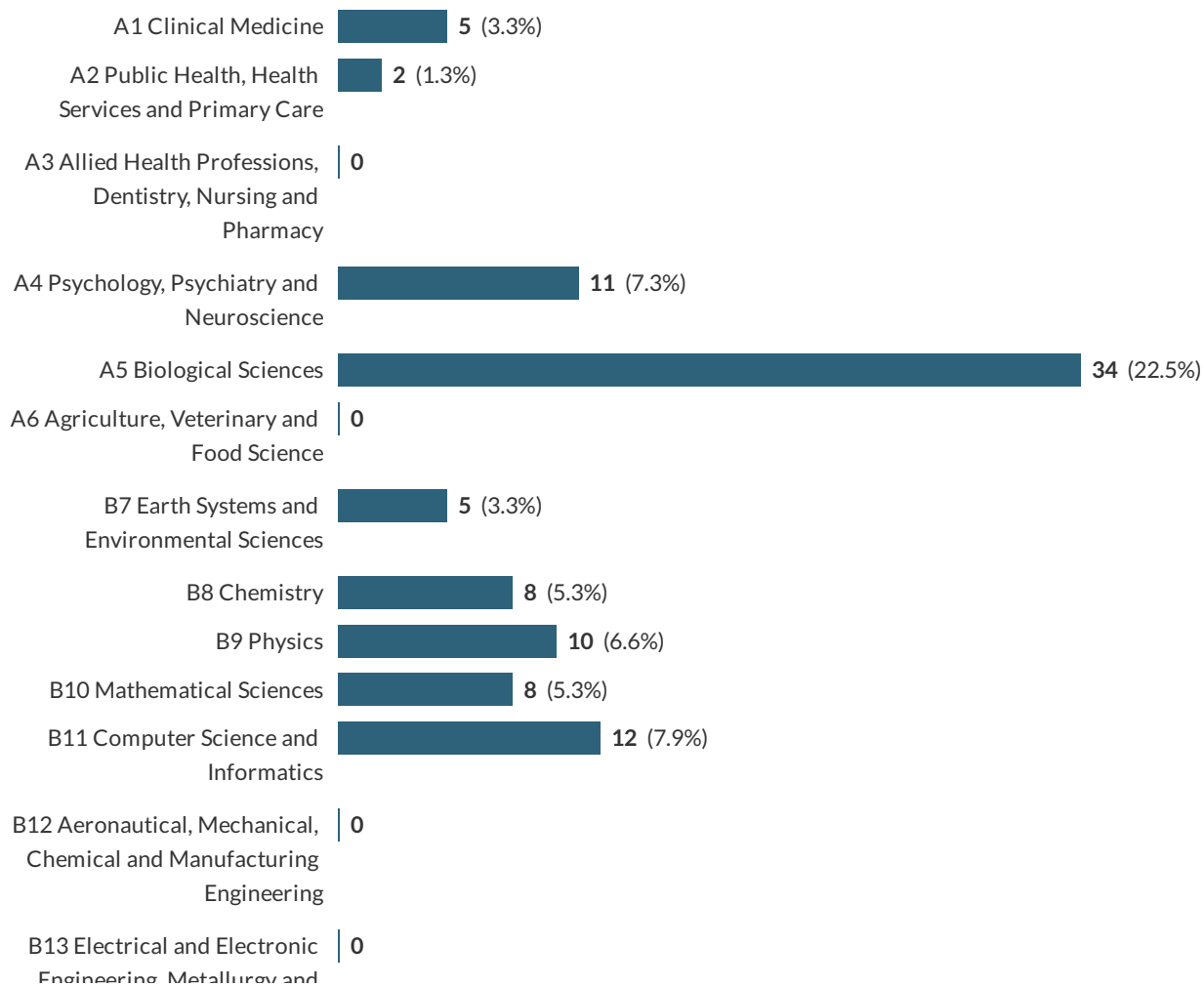
1 How long have you been a PI/research leader?

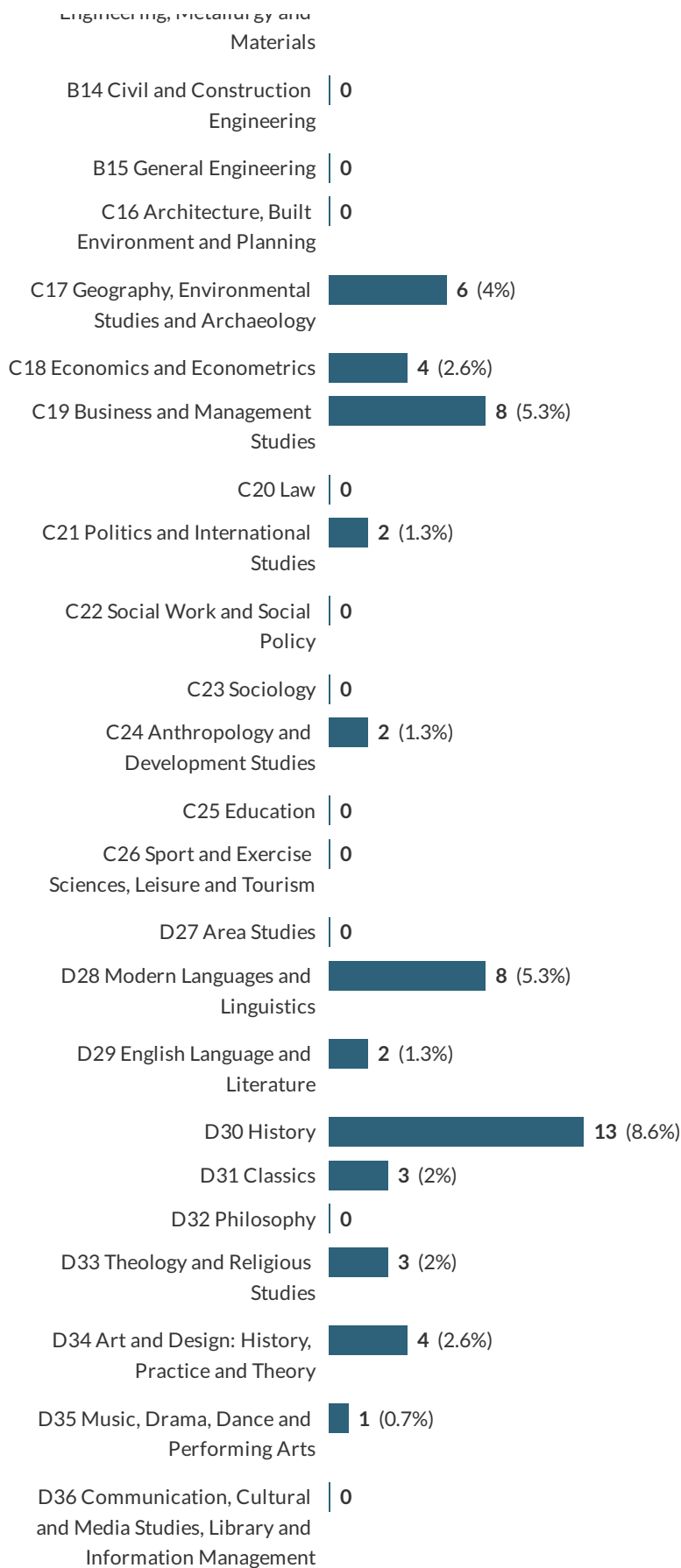


2 How long have you been a PI/research leader in your current institution?



3 What is your main subject specialism?

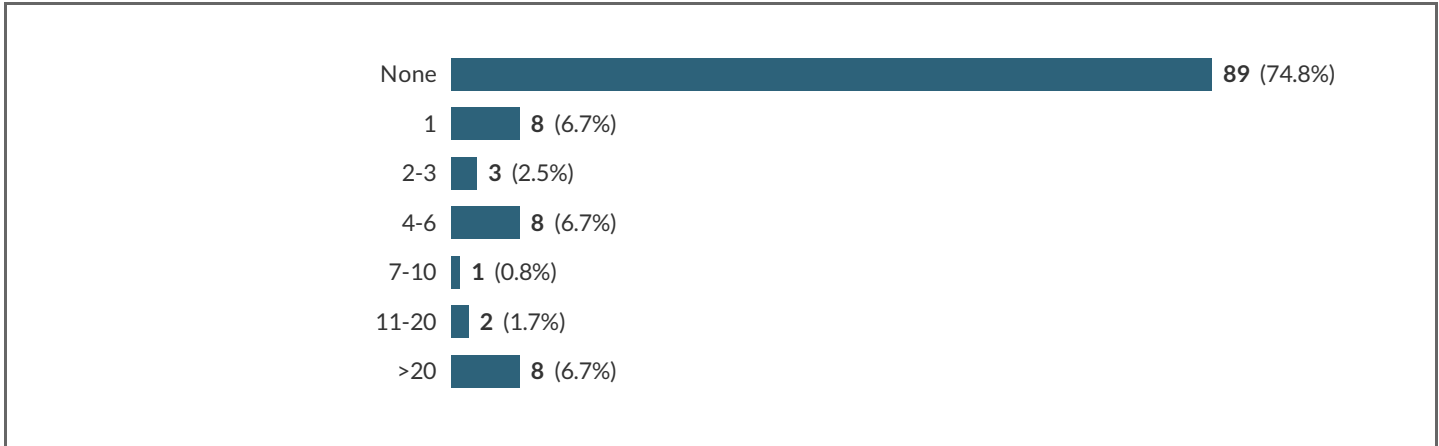




4 For how many people are you responsible?

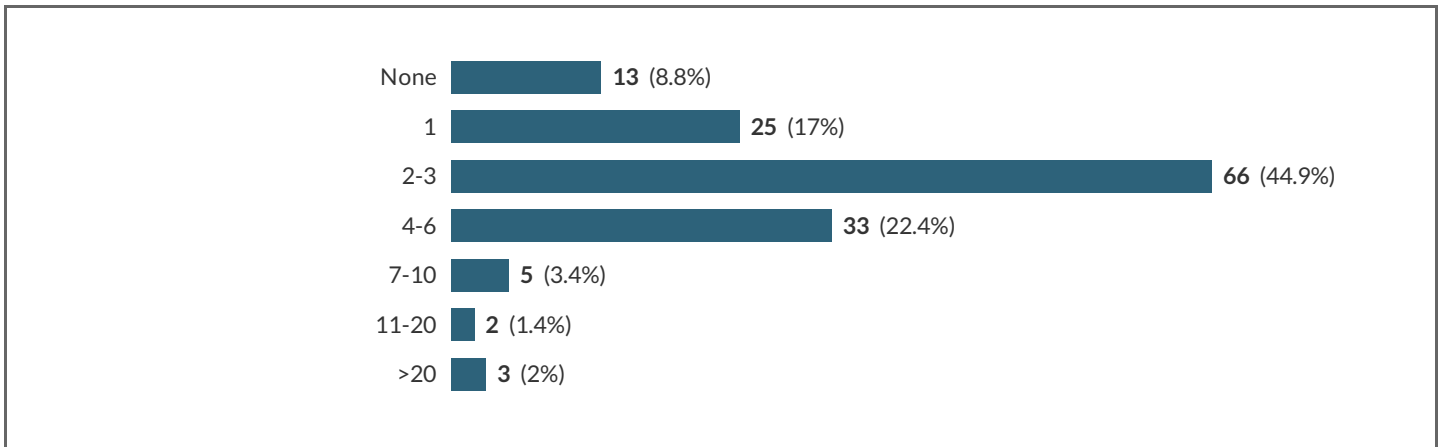
4.1 Academic staff

4.1.a Academic staff - Please select one response per row



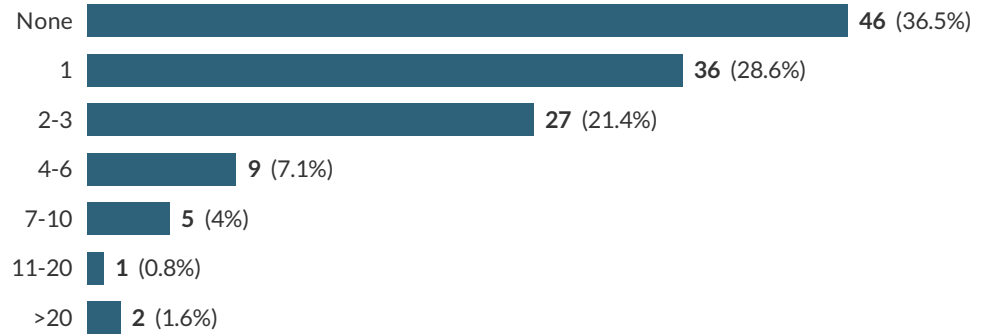
4.2 Postgraduate research students

4.2.a Postgraduate research students - Please select one response per row



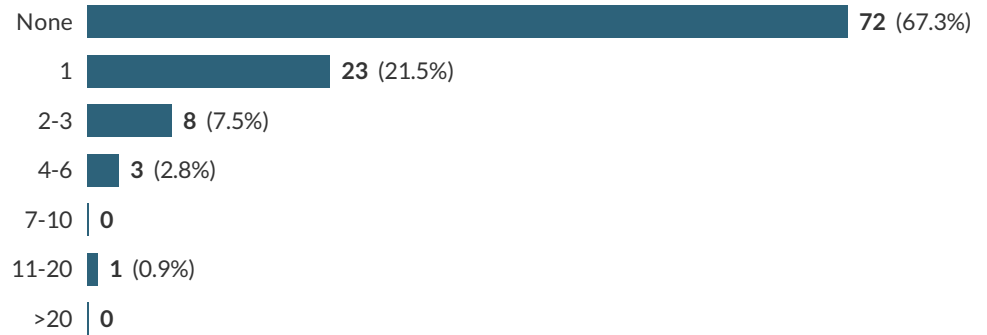
4.3 Research staff

4.3.a Research staff - Please select one response per row



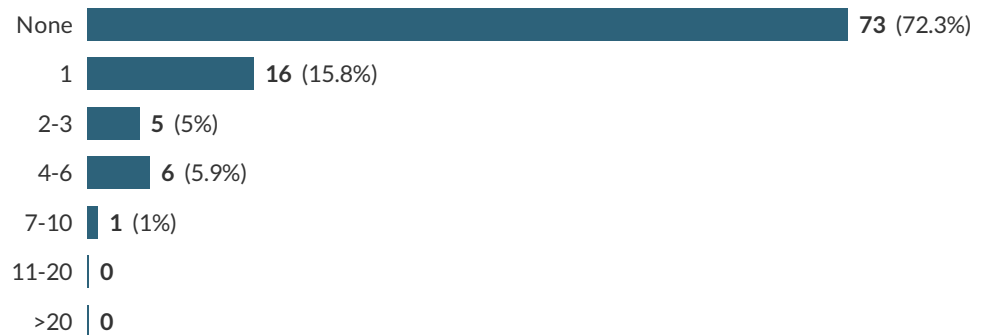
4.4 Technical support staff

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4.5 Administrative support staff

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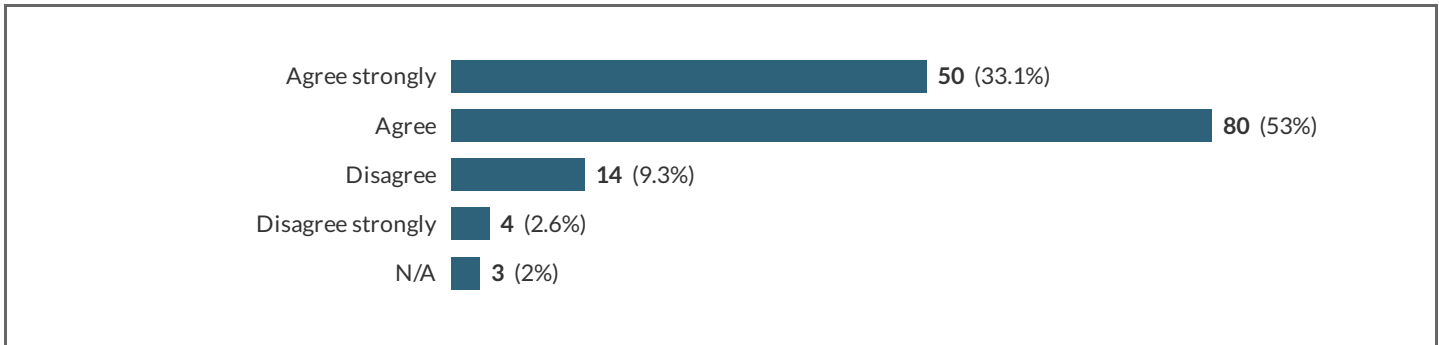


Section B - Recognition and value.

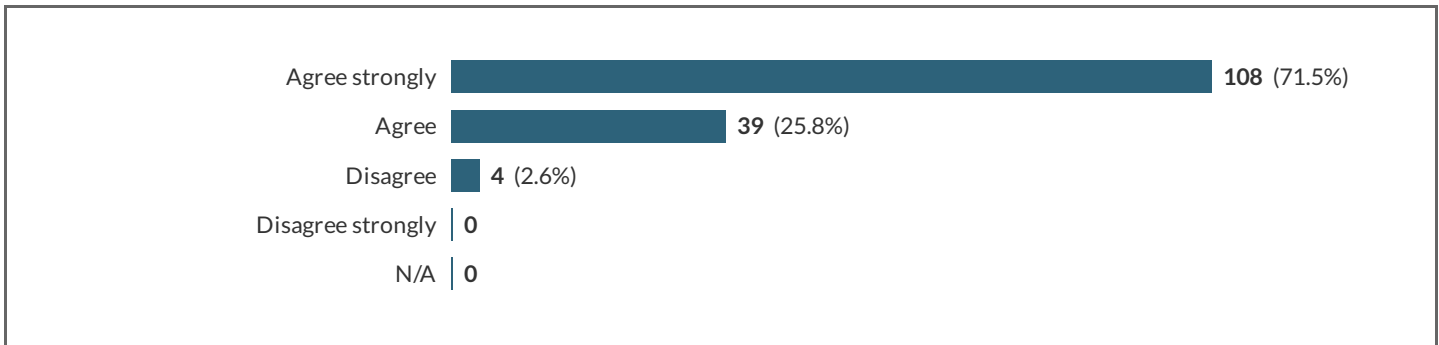
5 a) Research activity

5.1 Academic collaborations (including interdisciplinary and international)

5.1.a Academic collaborations (including interdisciplinary and international) - My institution recognises and values the contribution I make to:

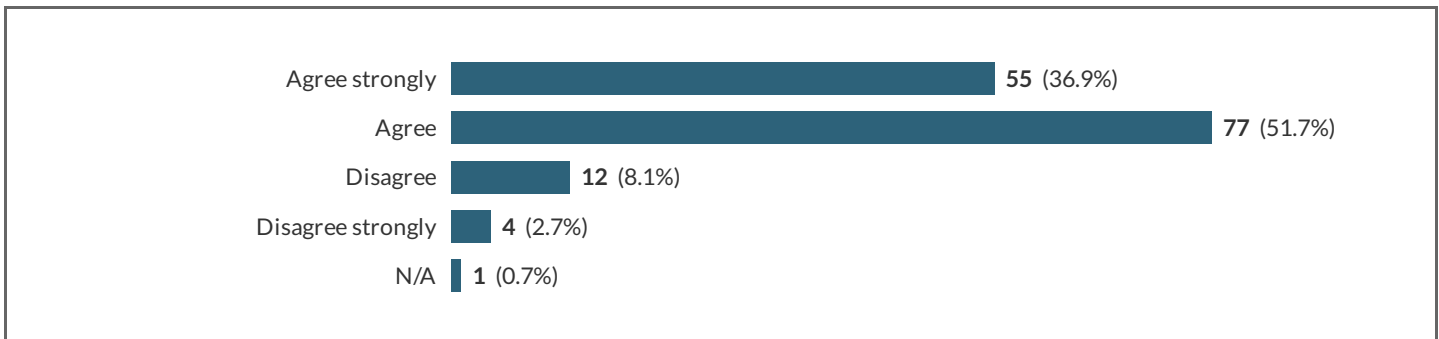


5.1.b Academic collaborations (including interdisciplinary and international) - I think this activity is very important in being a successful PI/research leader:

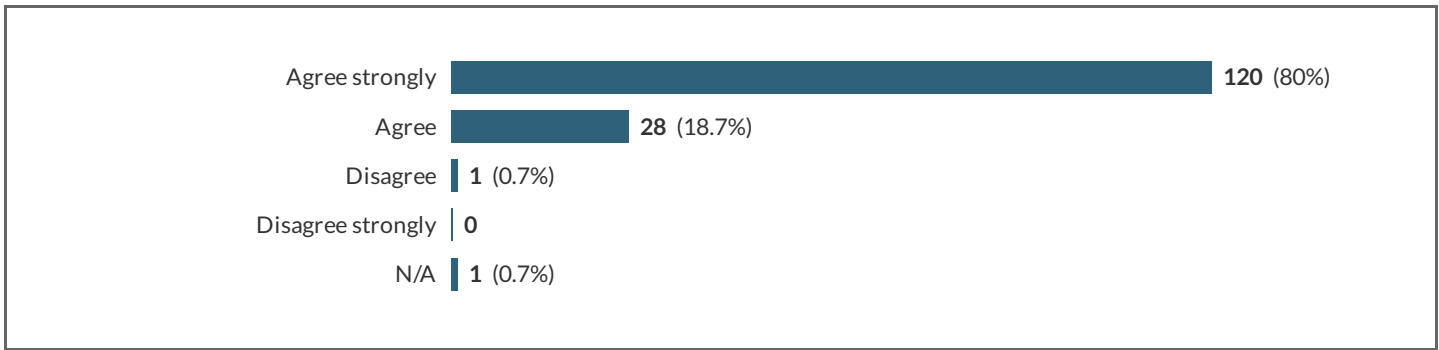


5.2 Advancing your research area

5.2.a Advancing your research area - My institution recognises and values the contribution I make to:

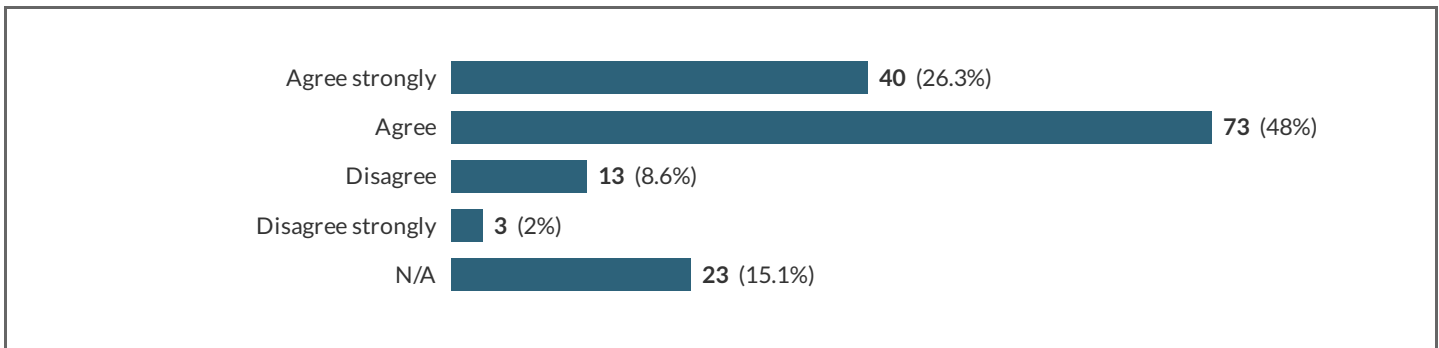


5.2.b Advancing your research area - I think this activity is very important in being a successful PI/research leader:

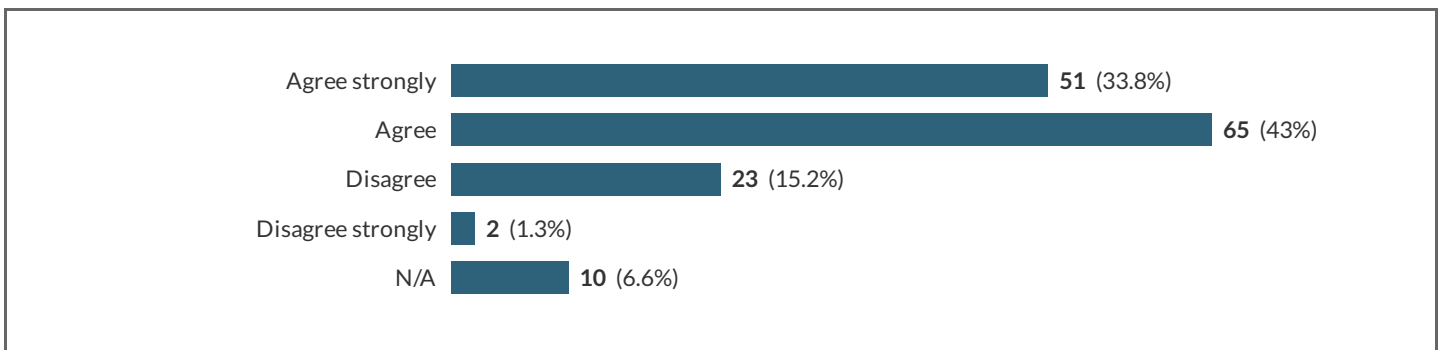


5.3 Collaborations outside HE (with other sectors, research users)

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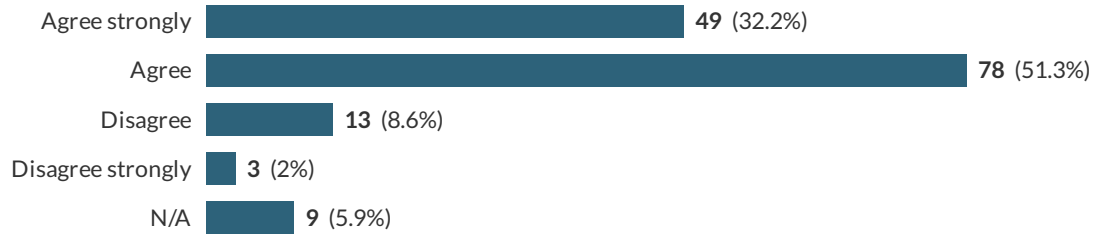


5.3.b Collaborations outside HE (with other sectors, research users) - I think this activity is very important in being a successful PI/research leader:



5.4 Good research conduct (ethics, intellectual property, etc)

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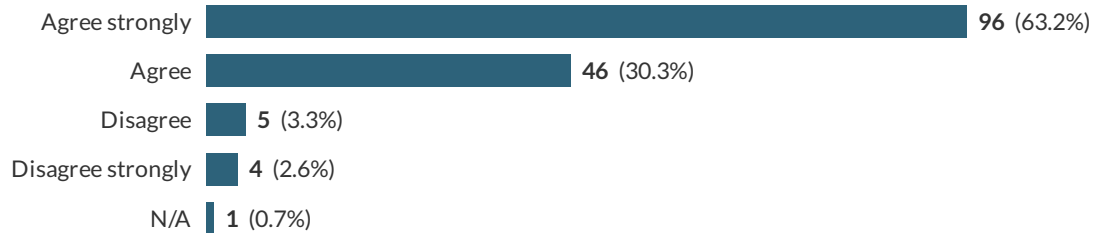


5.4.b Good research conduct (ethics, intellectual property, etc) - I think this activity is very important in being a successful PI/research leader:

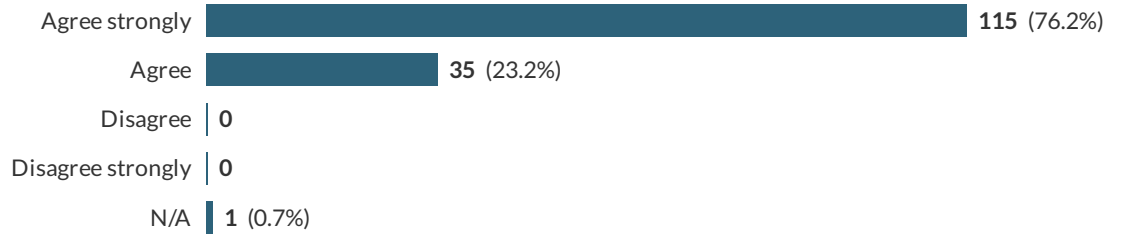


5.5 Research outputs, including publications

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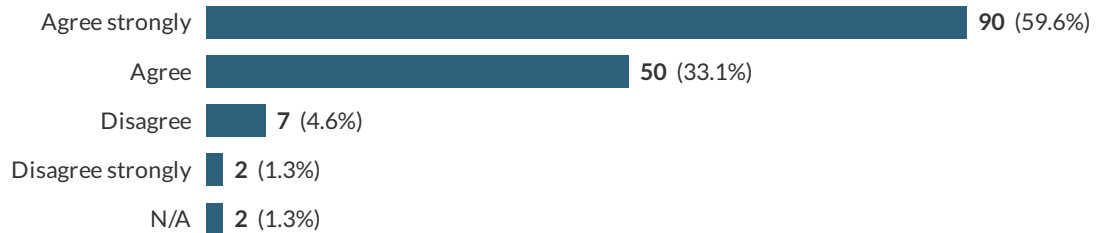


5.5.b Research outputs, including publications - I think this activity is very important in being a successful PI/research leader:



5.6 Securing research funding

5.6.a Securing research funding - My institution recognises and values the contribution I make to:



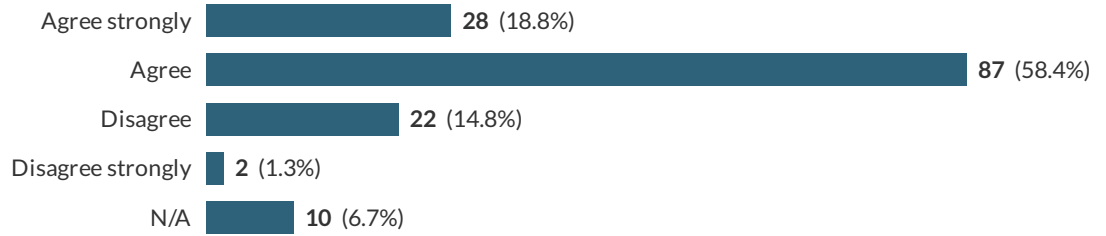
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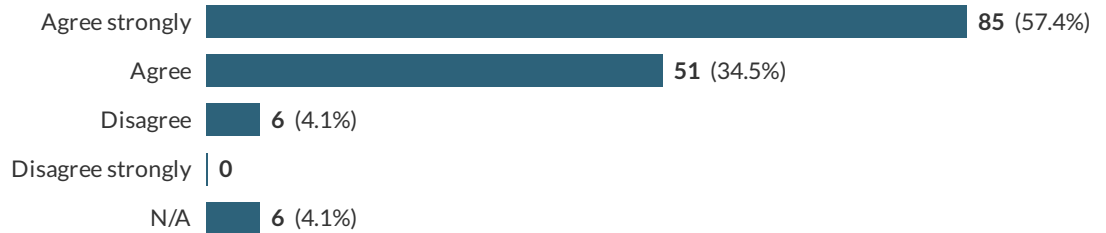
6 b) Inspiring/leading other researchers

6.1 Building a research group

6.1.a Building a research group - My institution recognises and values the contribution I make to:

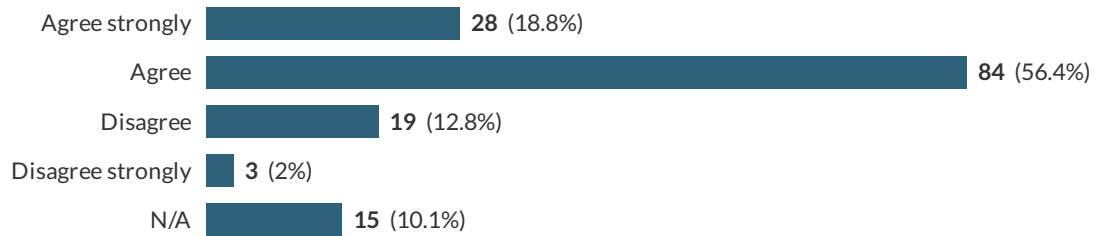


6.1.b Building a research group - I think this activity is very important in being a successful PI/research leader:



6.2 Leading a research group

6.2.a Leading a research group - My institution recognises and values the contribution I make to:

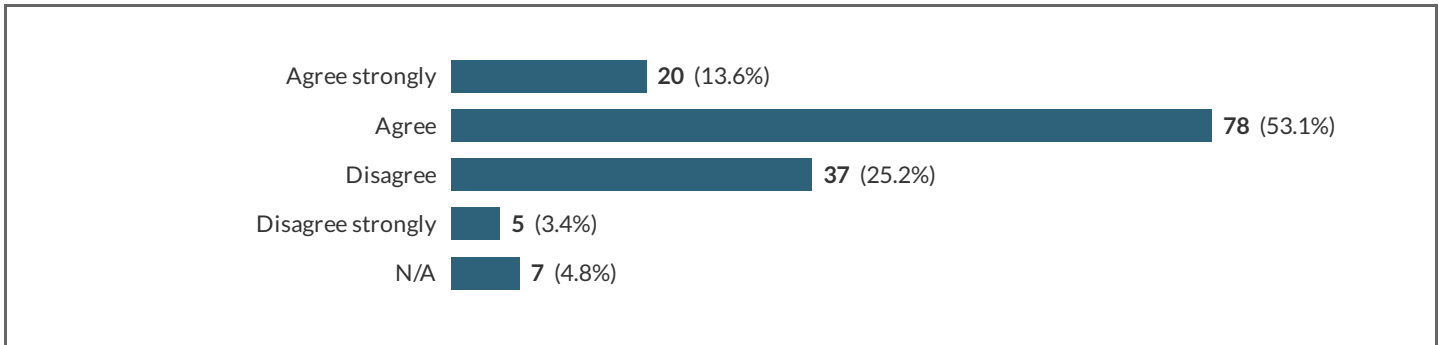


6.2.b Leading a research group - I think this activity is very important in being a successful PI/research leader:

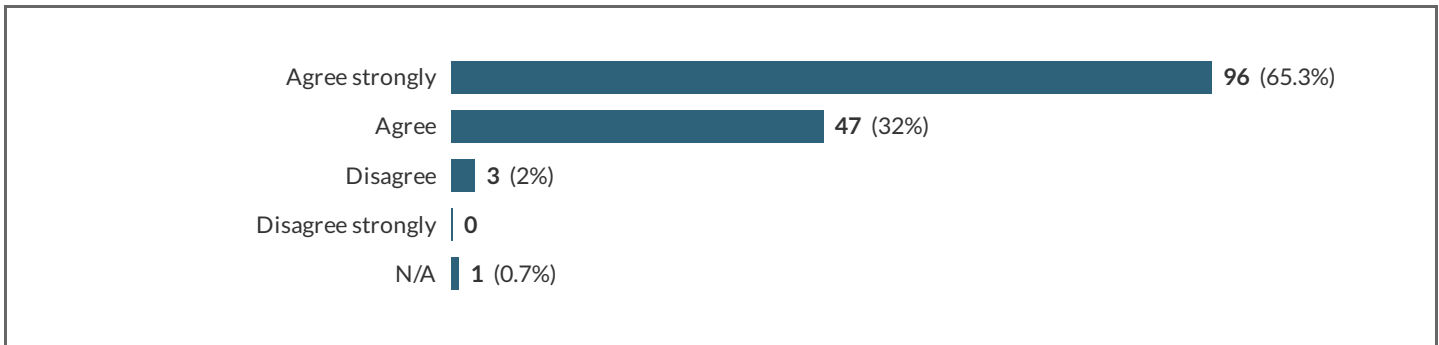


6.3 Motivating individuals

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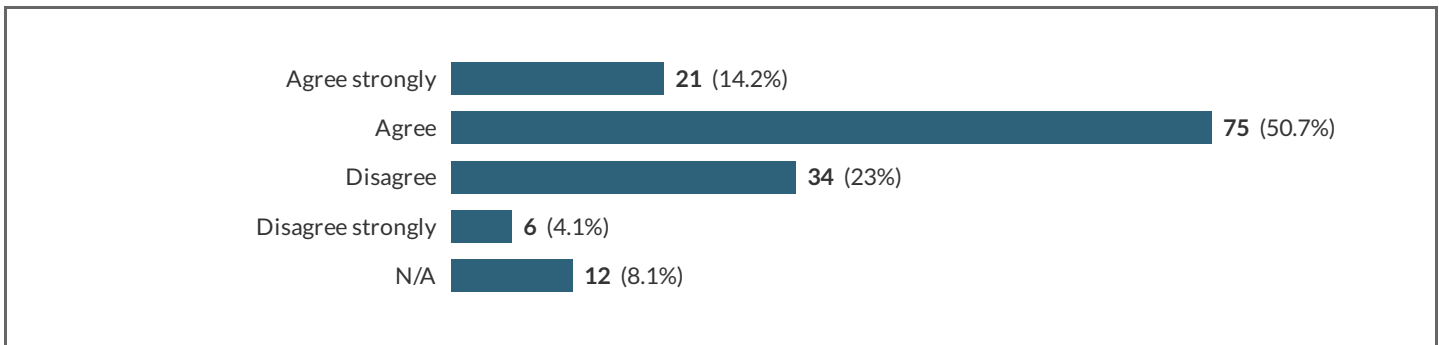


6.3.b Motivating individuals - I think this activity is very important in being a successful PI/research leader:



6.4 Providing career development advice to others on careers inside higher education

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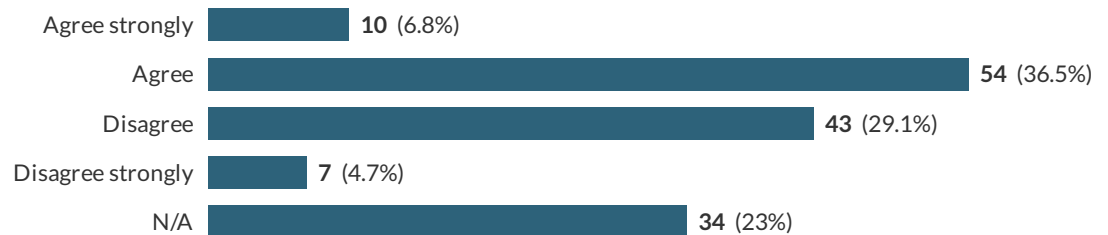


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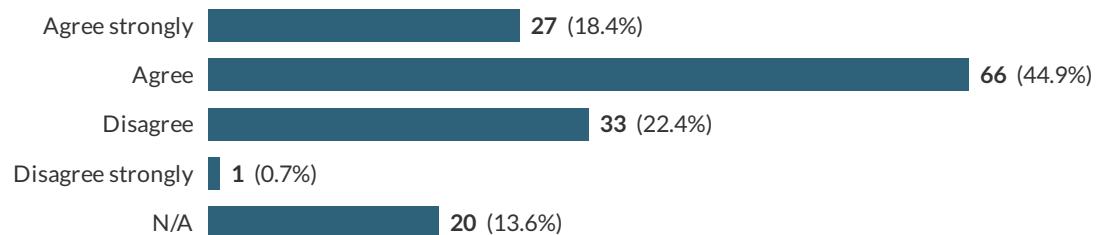


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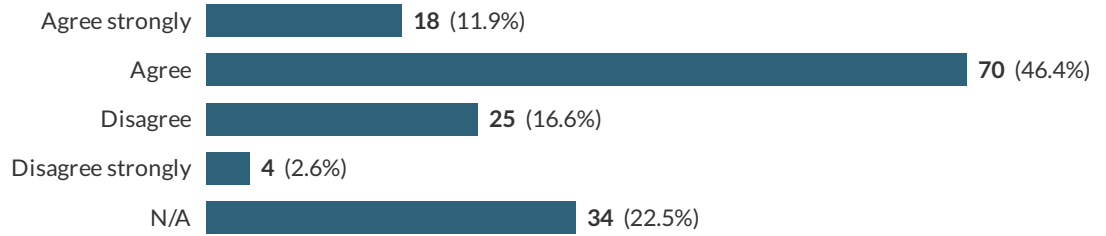
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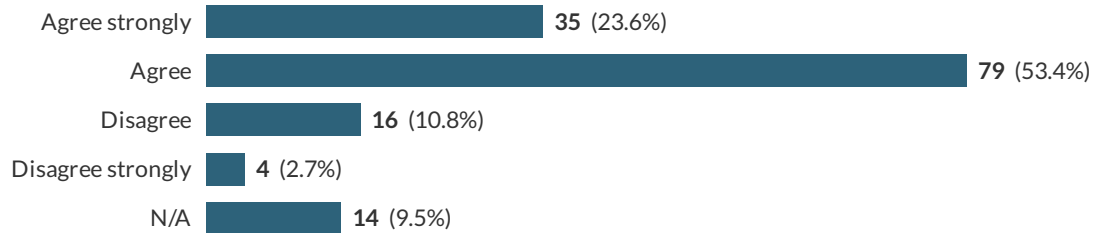
7 c) Management activity

7.1 Appraisal/review of staff

7.1.a Appraisal/review of staff - My institution recognises and values the contribution I make to:

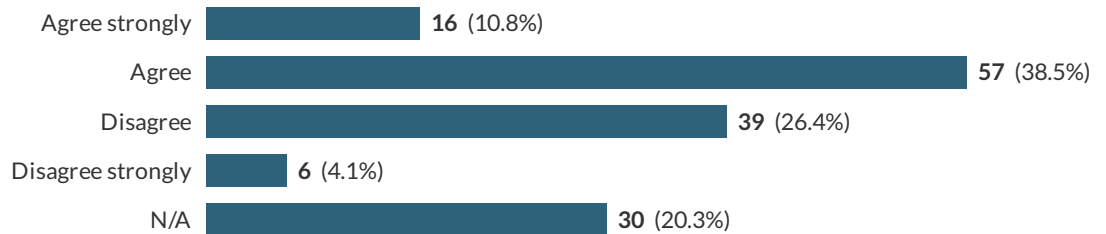


7.1.b Appraisal/review of staff - I think this activity is very important in being a successful PI/research leader:

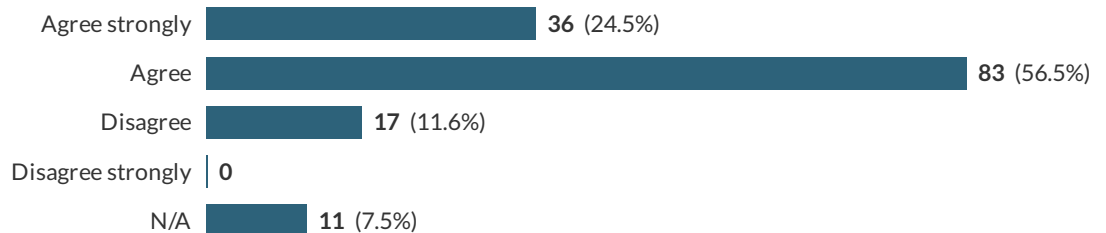


7.2 Budget/finance management

7.2.a Budget/finance management - My institution recognises and values the contribution I make to:

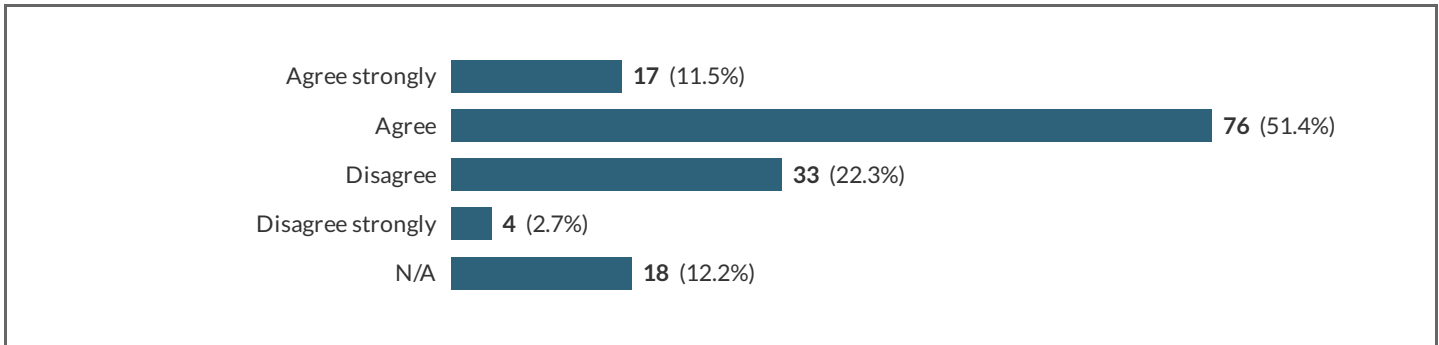


7.2.b Budget/finance management - I think this activity is very important in being a successful PI/research leader:

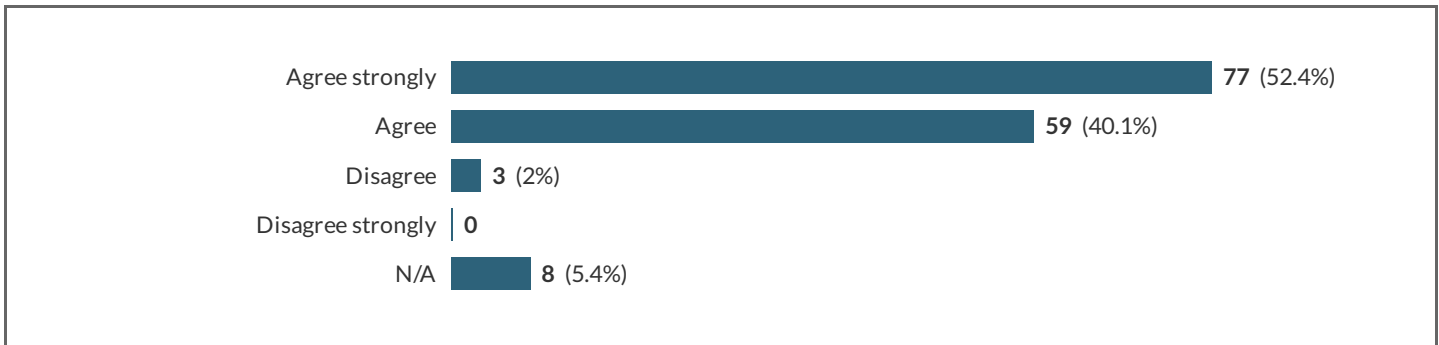


7.3 Developing research staff

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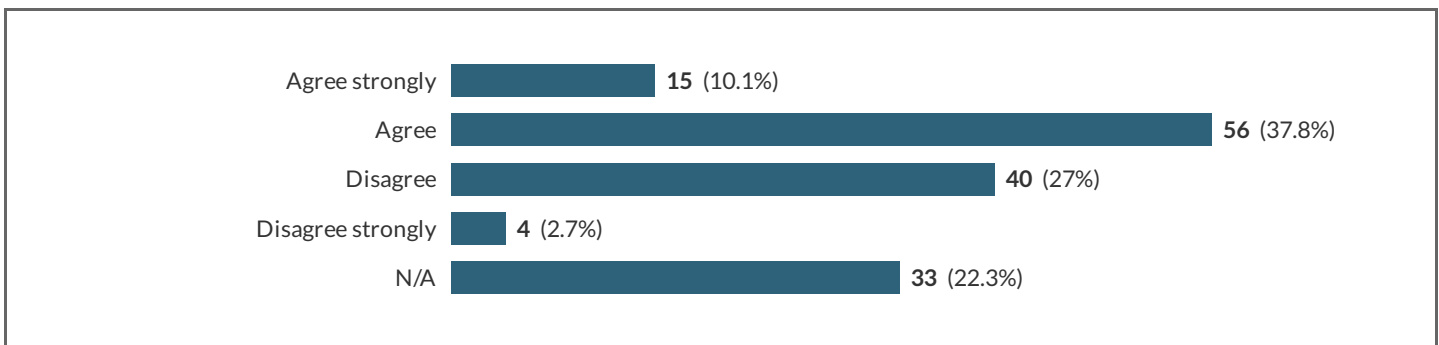


7.3.b Developing research staff - I think this activity is very important in being a successful PI/research leader:

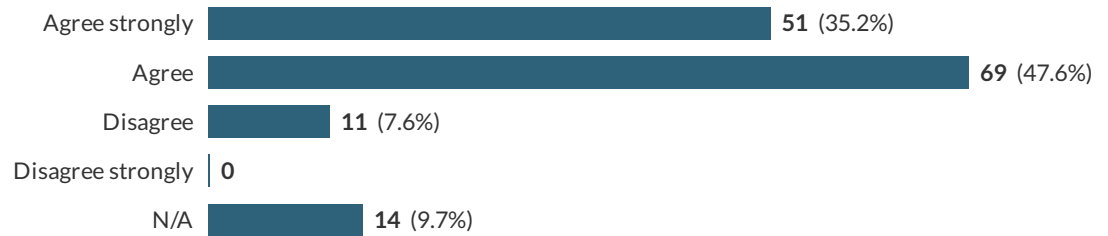


7.4 Managing research staff performance

7.4.a Managing research staff performance - My institution recognises and values the contribution I make to:

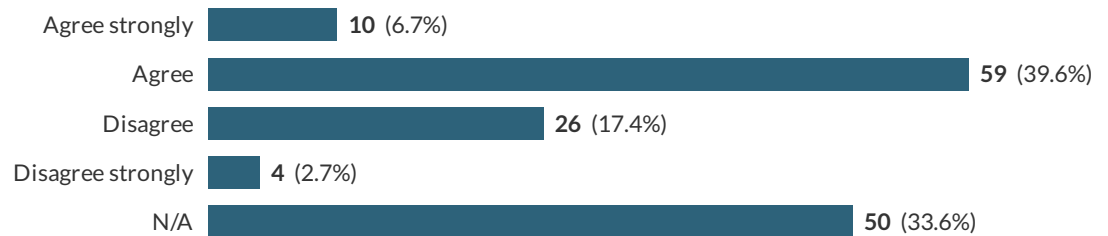


7.4.b Managing research staff performance - I think this activity is very important in being a successful PI/research leader:

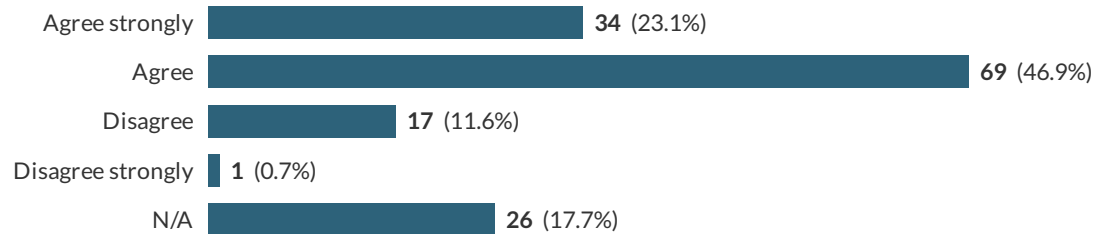


7.5 Managing/supervising other staff

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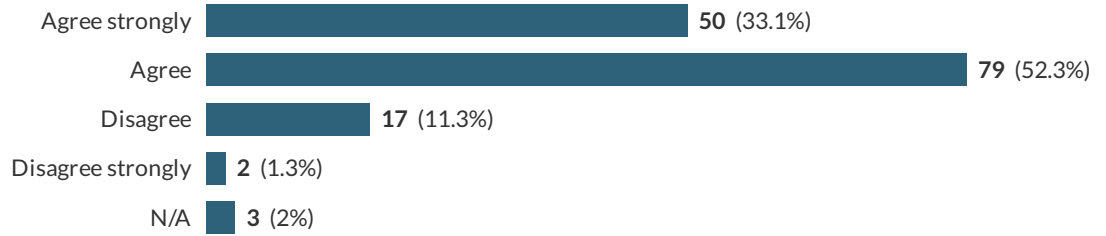


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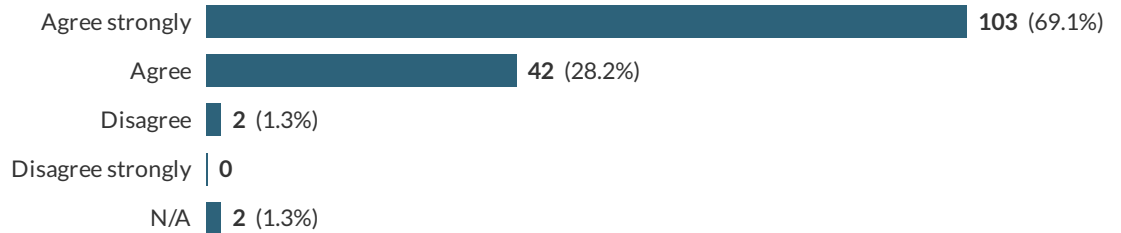


7.6 Supervising research students

7.6.a Supervising research students - My institution recognises and values the contribution I make to:



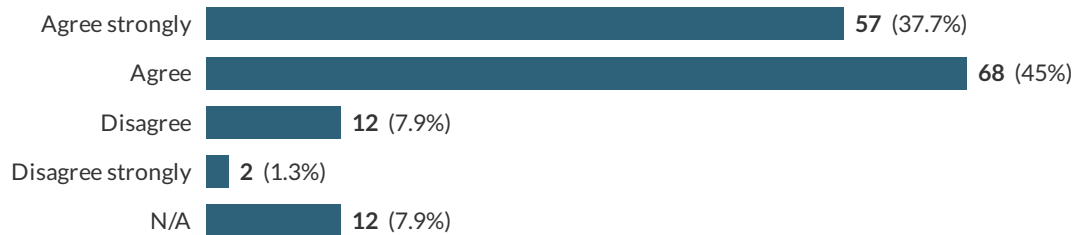
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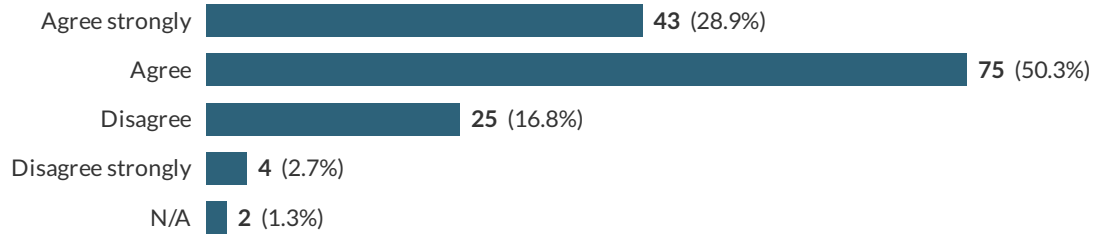
8 d) Engagement and impact

8.1 Demonstrating the impact of research

8.1.a Demonstrating the impact of research - My institution recognises and values the contribution I make to:

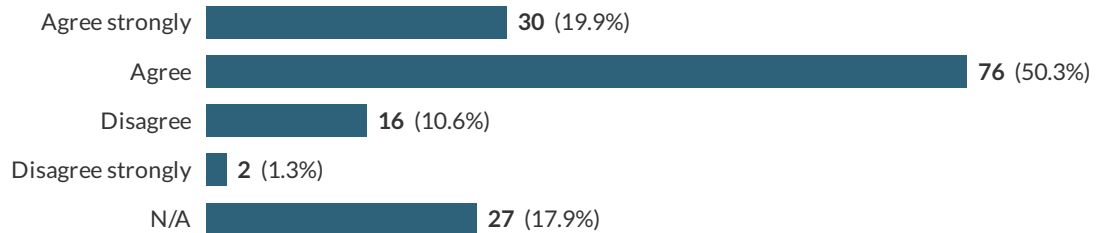


8.1.b Demonstrating the impact of research - I think this activity is very important in being a successful PI/research leader:

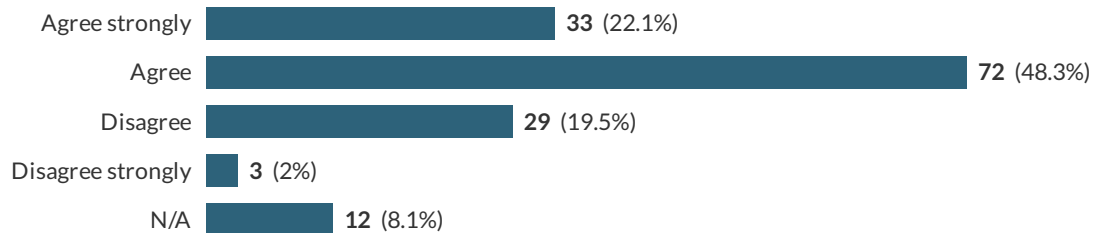


8.2 Knowledge exchange (through collaborative training, people exchange, commercialisation and development)

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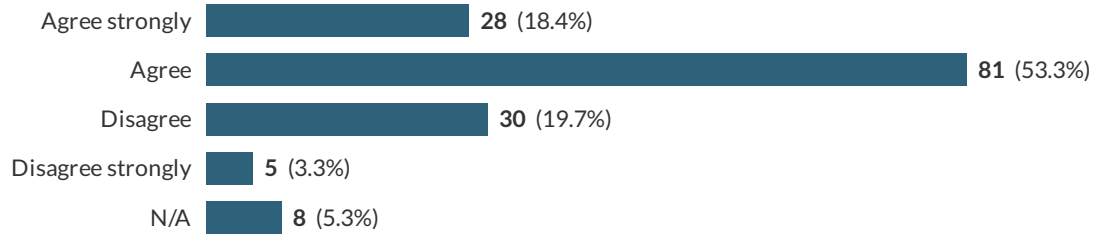


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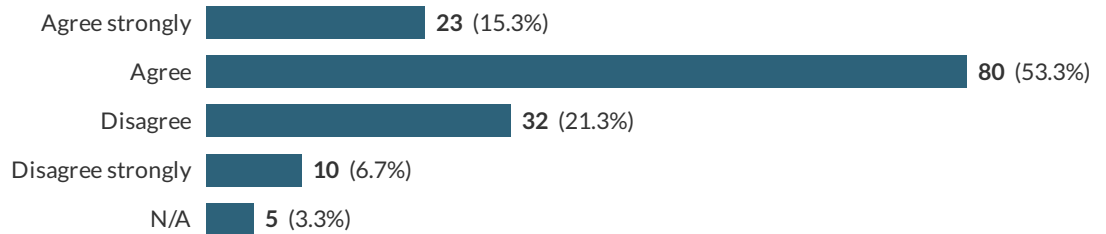


8.3 Management and administration within the institution

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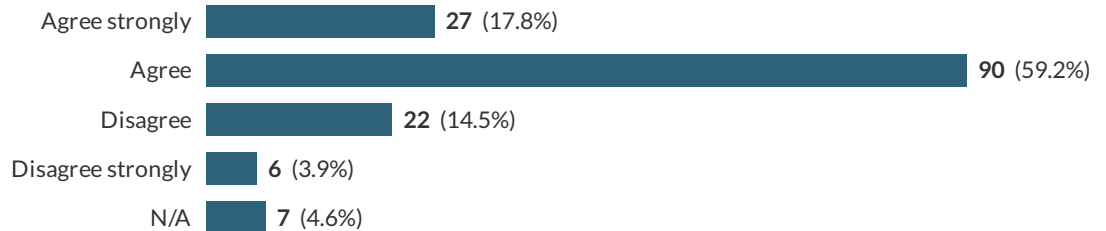


8.3.b Management and administration within the institution - I think this activity is very important in being a successful PI/research leader:

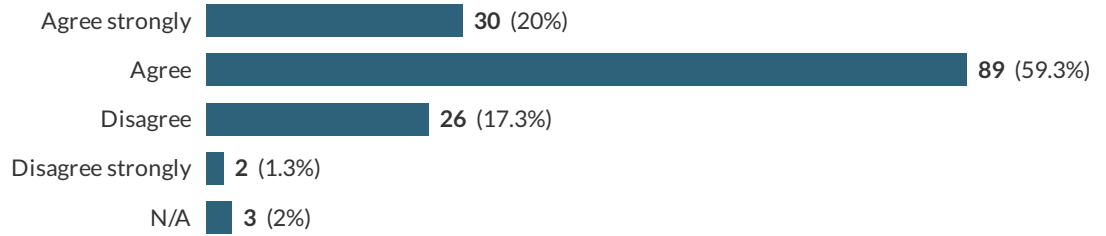


8.4 Public engagement and outreach activities

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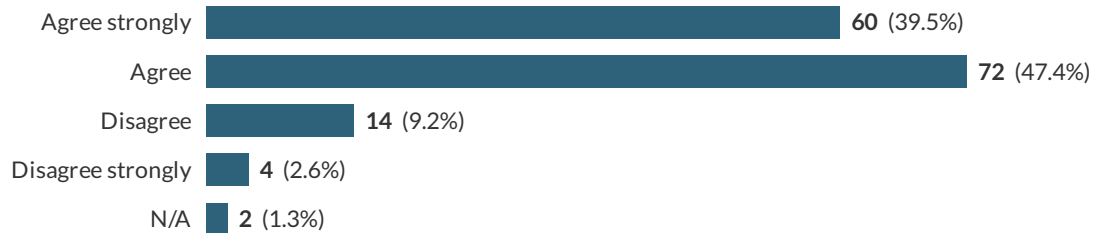


8.4.b Public engagement and outreach activities - I think this activity is very important in being a successful PI/research leader:

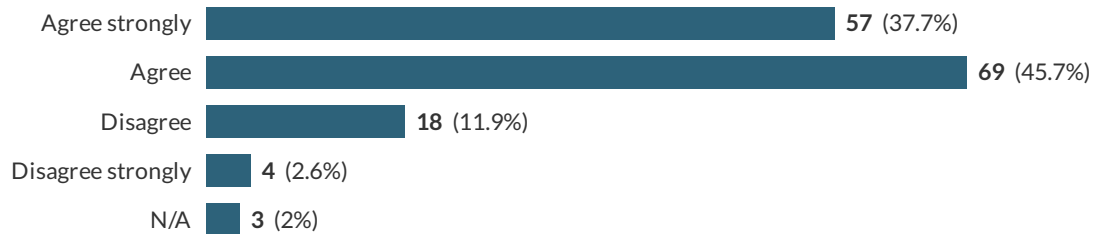


8.5 Teaching and lecturing

8.5.a Teaching and lecturing - My institution recognises and values the contribution I make to:



8.5.b Teaching and lecturing - I think this activity is very important in being a successful PI/research leader:



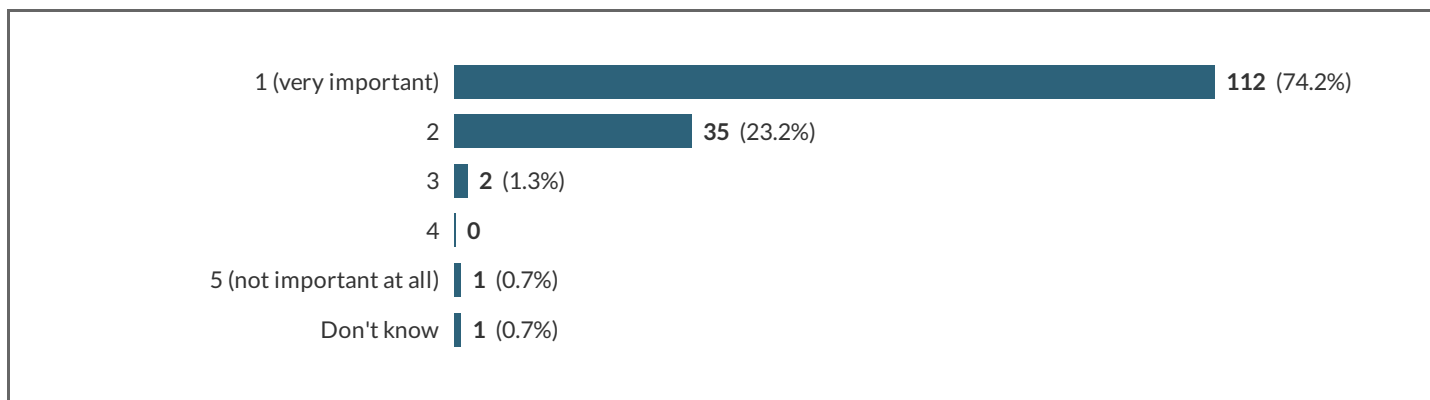
9 Please provide any comments about the importance of research-related activities and how your contributions are recognised and valued by your institution.

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I am a DoPGR; as such, many of the questions / topics are not particularly applicable (as I am not in charge of a 'research group' as such)	275753-275745-23159345
Poor leadership in the School of Biology has greatly undermined research	275753-275745-23158933
Contributions to teaching are low-status. This is just wrong.	275753-275745-23162925
I have answered "Disagree strongly" to all but one of these questions, because my institution does nothing to recognise or value my contributions in these areas, besides an email every semester thanking us for our contribution. If the university truly values these things, then they could recognise our contribution where it matters, in our salaries.	275753-275745-23163428
I do feel that generally my research-related activities are recognised and valued. What I feel is not valued and in some way credited is what it means to shape and build an international career, networks, international profile. Coming from a non-UK background I have often felt that non-UK publishing methods, e.g. in different languages, translations of publications, publications outside strictly REF criteria, are not valued and credited within our internal career structures, in spite of our international outlook and ambitions.	275753-275745-23164168

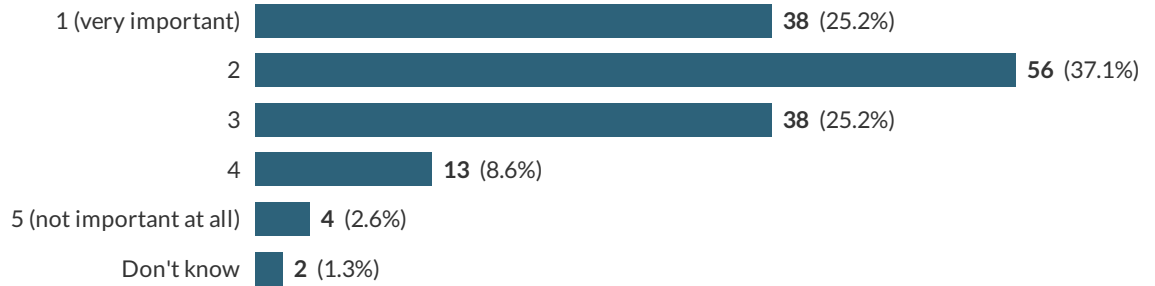
Section C - What makes a good research leader?

10 How important do you consider the following statements to be in the behaviours of an excellent research leader?

10.1 Advances significantly the discipline/research area



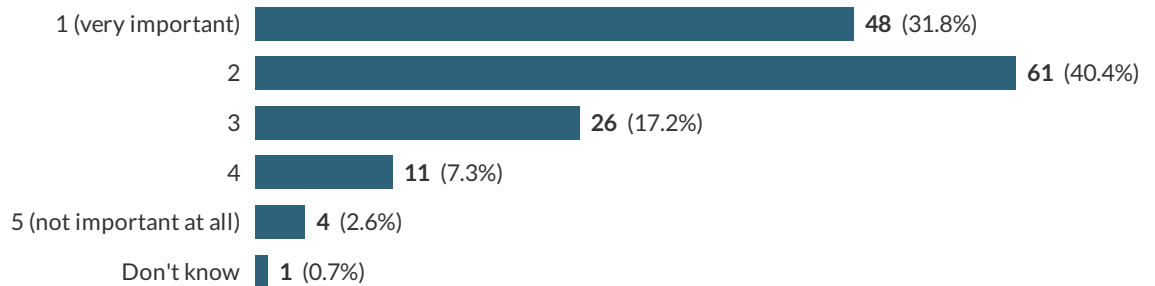
10.2 Appreciates and demonstrates the impact of research



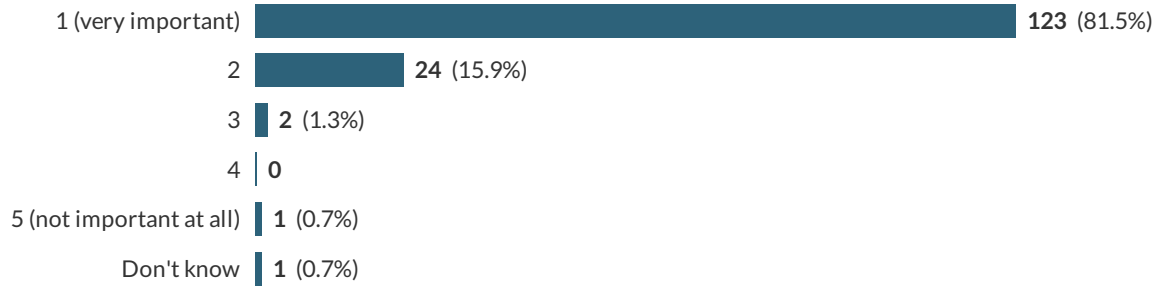
10.3 Creates opportunities and nurtures researchers' careers



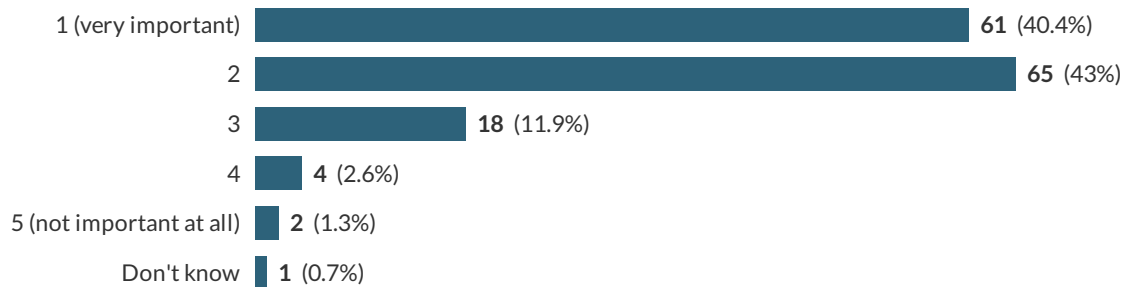
10.4 Engages in income generation and advises and supports applications led by others



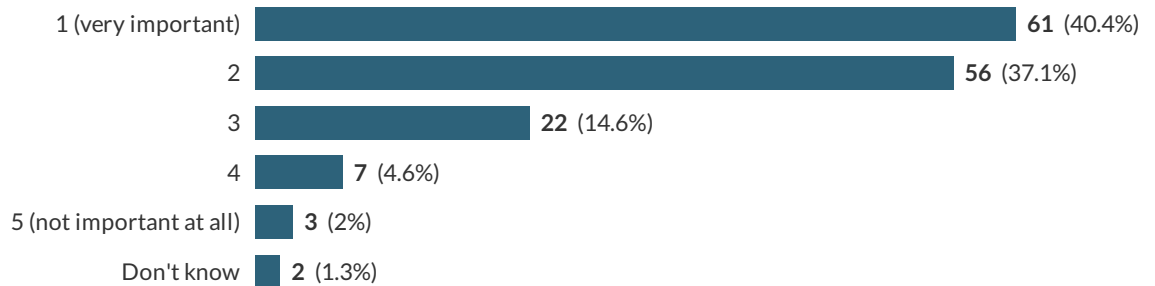
10.5 Exemplifies the highest standards of research integrity and conduct



10.6 Influences, leads and manages researchers and groups using a range of leadership styles effectively



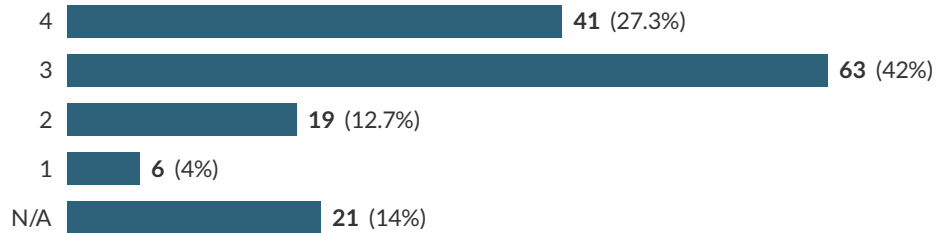
10.7 Models exemplary continuing professional development behaviour to inspire others



11 Please use the dropdown lists to indicate your level of confidence in relation to the following aspects of leading researchers, and where you would benefit from more support/training/development. If you don't do one of these activities then please select 'not applicable (N/A)'.

11.1 Conducting appraisals

11.1.a Conducting appraisals - How confident are you? (4 = fully confident, 1 = not at all confident)

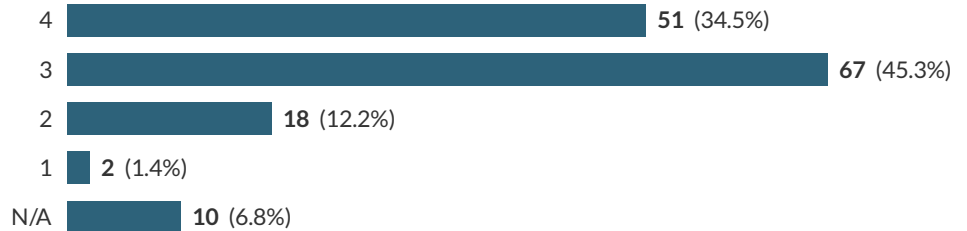


11.1.b Conducting appraisals - Would you benefit from more support/training/development?



11.2 Leading your people/group

11.2.a Leading your people/group - How confident are you? (4 = fully confident, 1 = not at all confident)

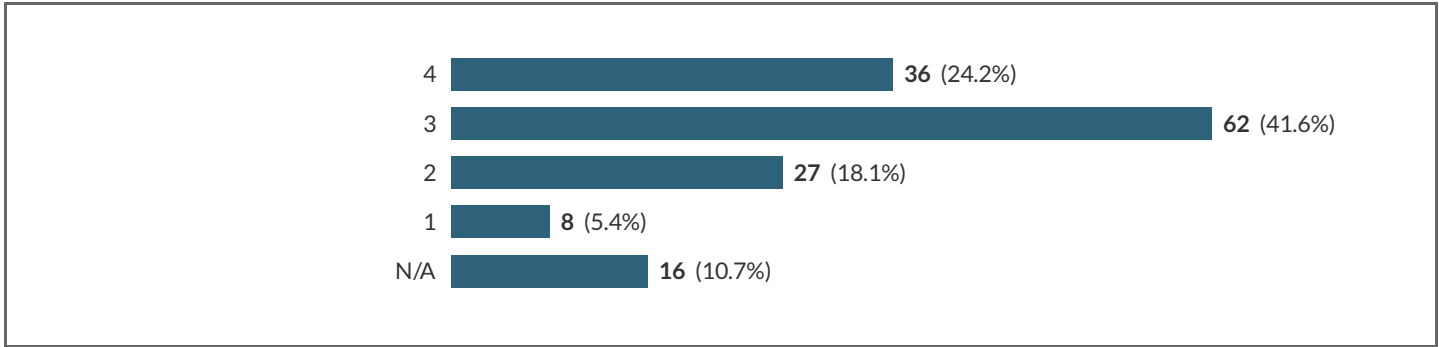


11.2.b Leading your people/group - Would you benefit from more support/training/development?

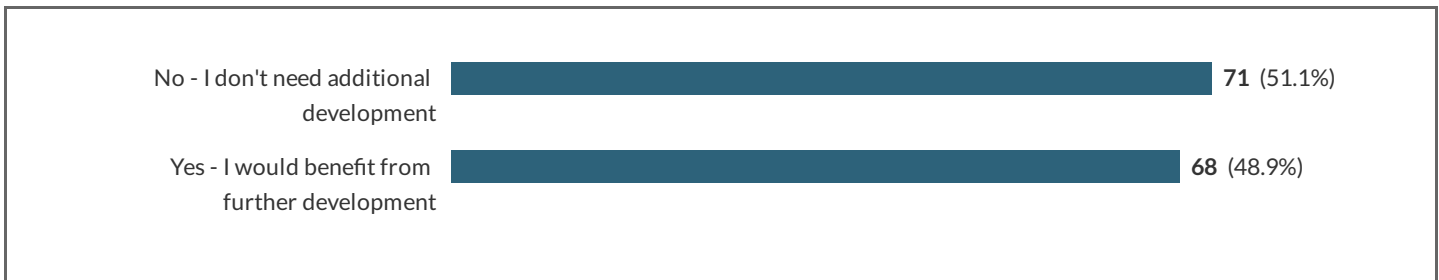


11.3 Managing group/project finances

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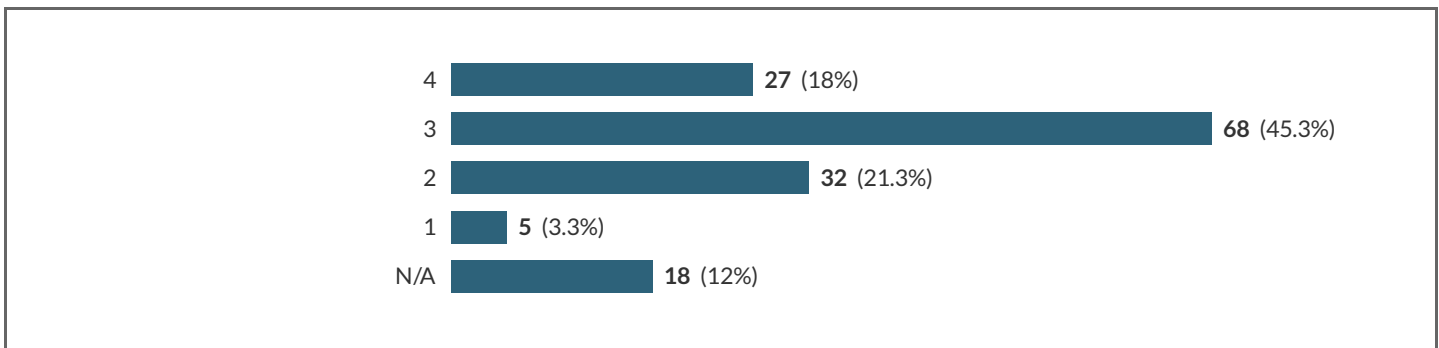


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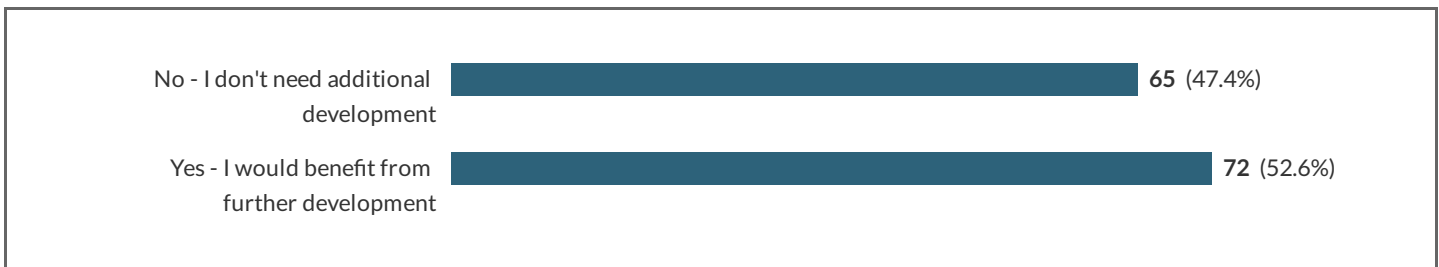


11.4 Managing staff performance

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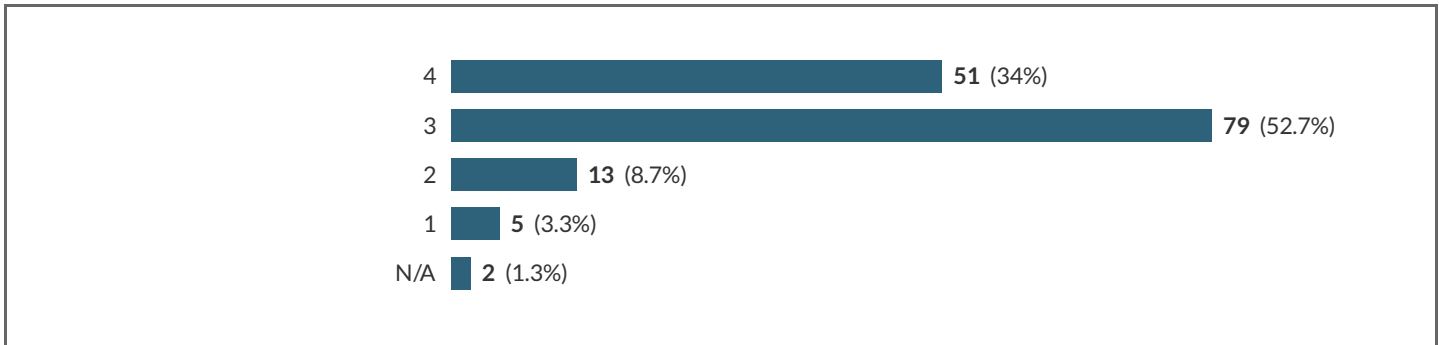


11.4.b Managing staff performance - Would you benefit from more support/training/development?

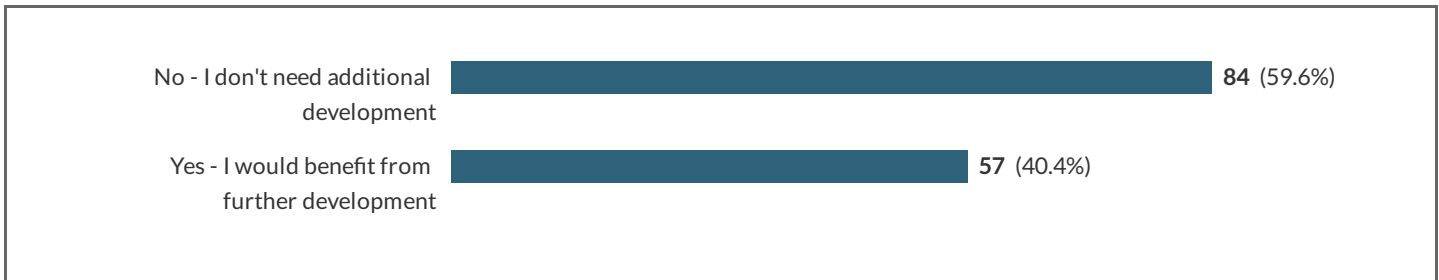


11.5 Motivating individuals

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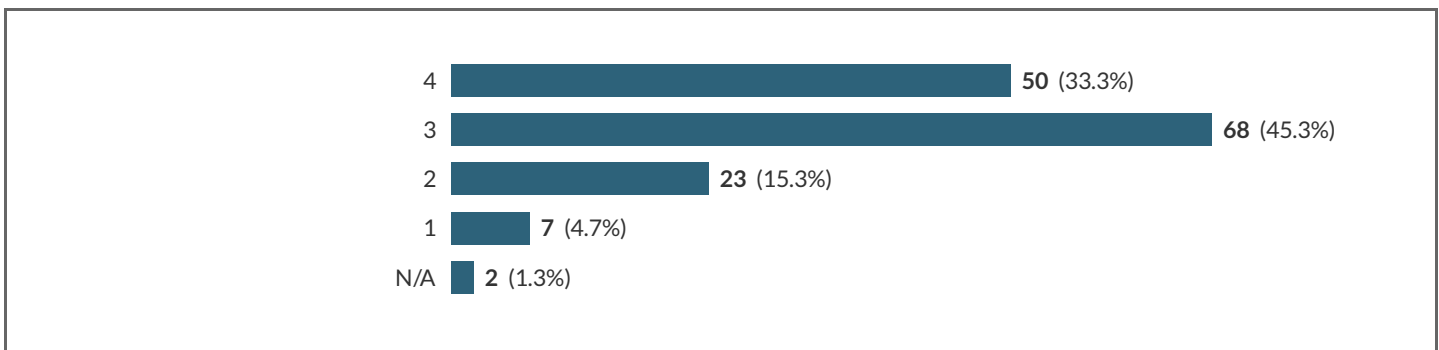


11.5.b Motivating individuals - Would you benefit from more support/training/development?



11.6 Personal effectiveness (time management, etc)

11.6.a Personal effectiveness (time management, etc) - How confident are you? (4 = fully confident, 1 = not at all confident)

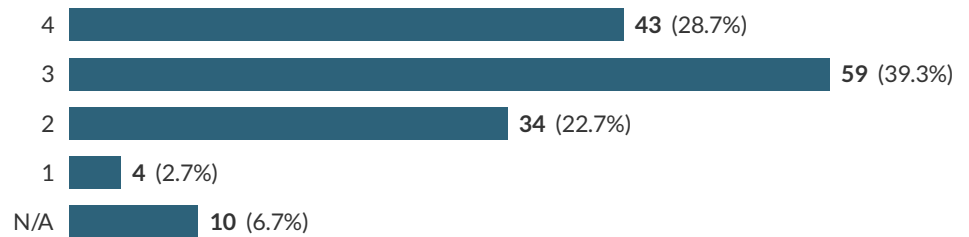


11.6.b Personal effectiveness (time management, etc) - Would you benefit from more support/training/development?



11.7 Providing research staff with advice on the range of career opportunities

11.7.a Providing research staff with advice on the range of career opportunities - How confident are you? (4 = fully confident, 1 = not at all confident)

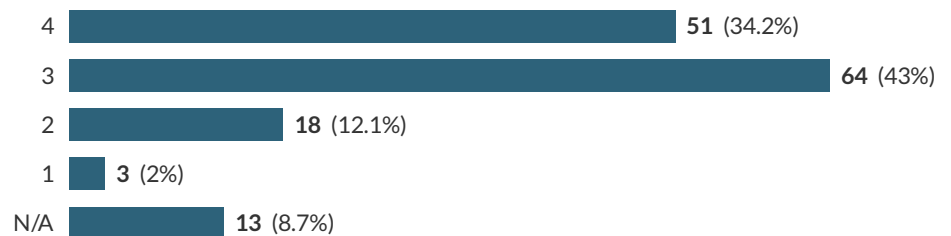


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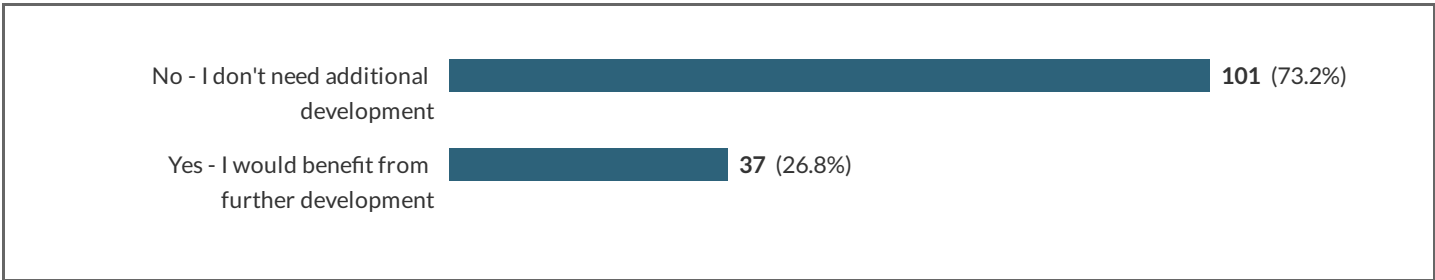


11.8 Recruiting and selecting group members

11.8.a Recruiting and selecting group members - How confident are you? (4 = fully confident, 1 = not at all confident)

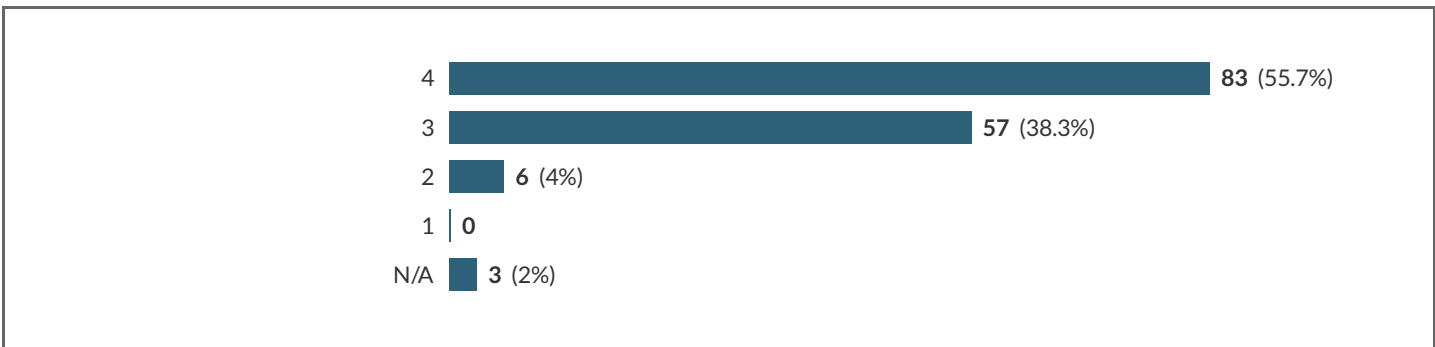


11.8.b Recruiting and selecting group members - Would you benefit from more support/training/development?

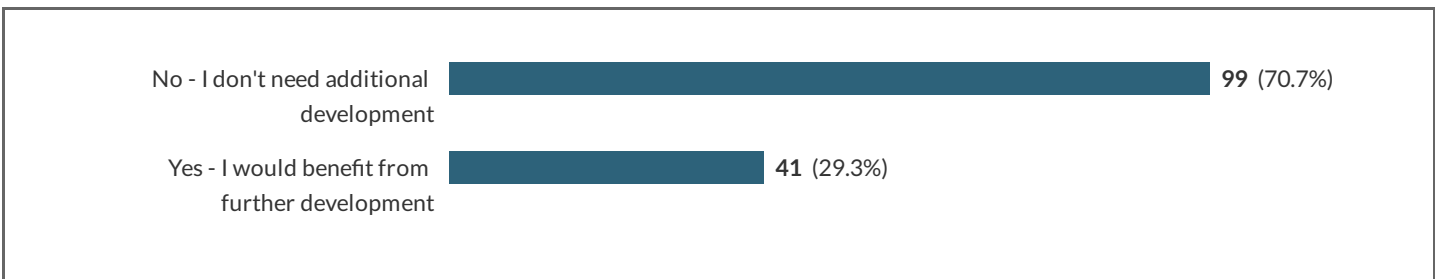


11.9 Supervising research students

11.9.a Supervising research students - How confident are you? (4 = fully confident, 1 = not at all confident)



11.9.b Supervising research students - Would you benefit from more support/training/development?

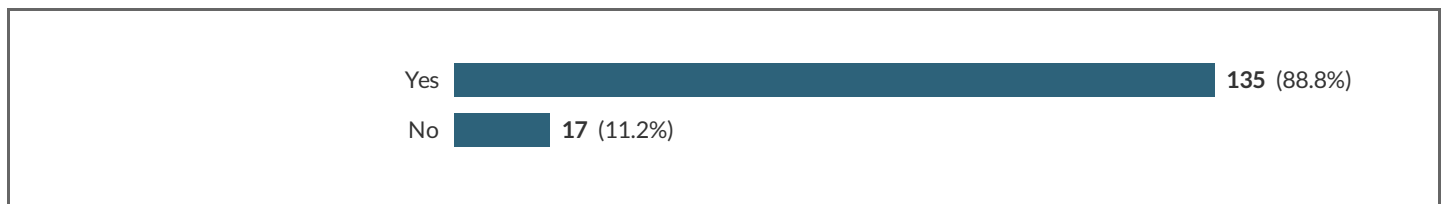


12 Please provide any comments about good research leadership or any aspect of training, support or other development activities.

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The importance of peer support and advice/help from colleagues is not mentioned yet in your survey.	275753-275745-23162925
Serious engagement with the professional welfare of students and PDRAs is poor in some of my colleagues.	275753-275745-23167215
Because of the rather discipline-specific nature of many aspects of team management, I feel that for these topics a well-implemented mentoring scheme is often a better option than University- or even Faculty-level training courses.	275753-275745-23172775
I think the questions in the first part of section C are daft and are not going to give anyone any significant piece of information. Re the second set of questions: I have never taken a course run by a non-academic that provided anything of any use to me as an academic. I've largely learned from wonderful colleagues when I was much younger. That was all I needed, and having the experience of management and dealing with problems that arose.	275753-275745-23159137
Development support has to be good to be worthwhile. This is difficult as successful practitioners can struggle to articulate the reasons for their success in a way that is generally meaningful to others; training 'experts' can lack the credence of having done it for themselves.	275753-275745-23228860

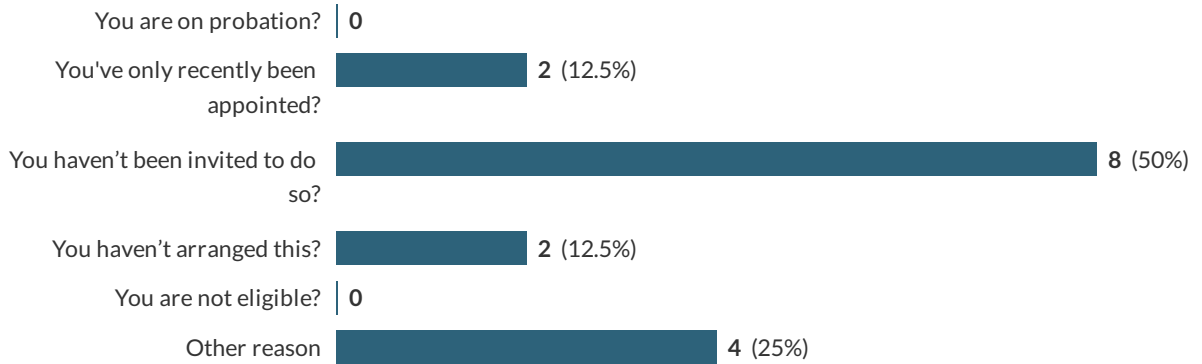
Section D - How your institution supports you as a principal investigator/research leader.

13 Have you been appraised/reviewed in the past two years?



Section D - How your institution supports you as a principal investigator/research leader.

14 You have not participated in appraisal because:

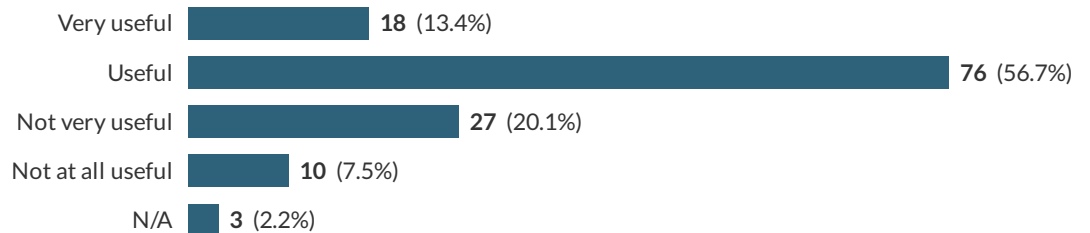


Section D - How your institution supports you as a principal investigator/research leader.

15 How would you rate the usefulness of your institution's staff review/appraisal scheme:

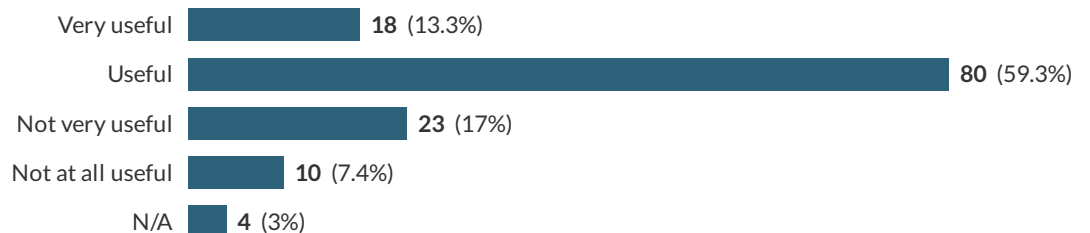
15.1 Overall?

15.1.a Overall? - Please select...



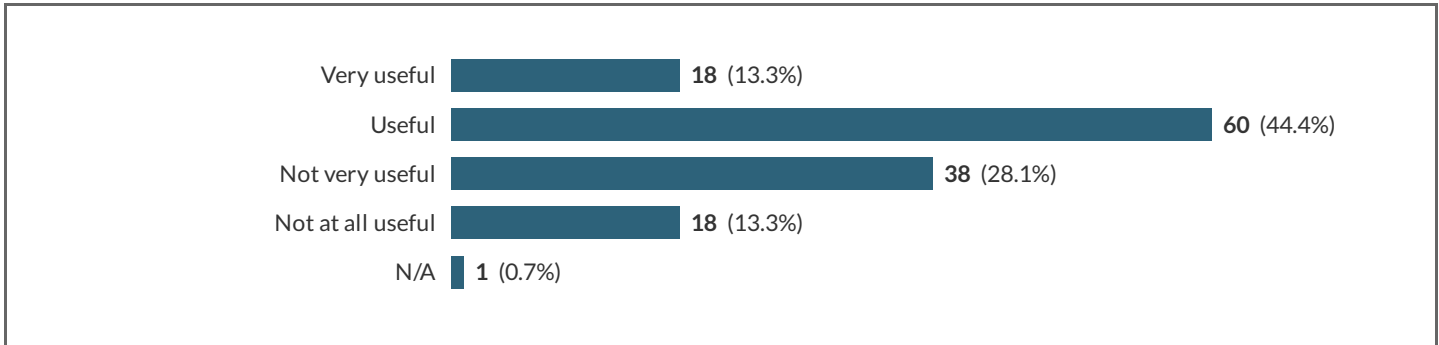
15.2 For highlighting issues?

15.2.a For highlighting issues? - Please select...



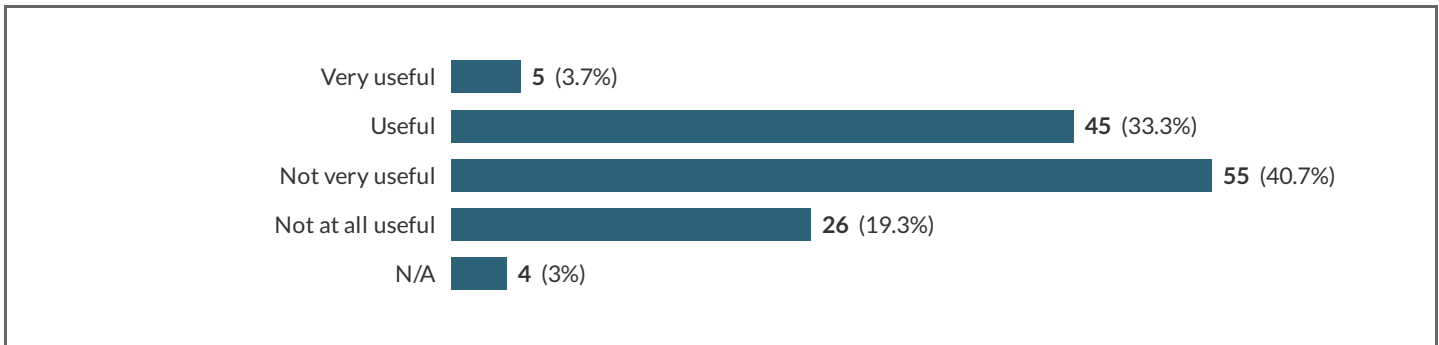
15.3 In identifying your strengths and achievements?

15.3.a In identifying your strengths and achievements? - Please select...



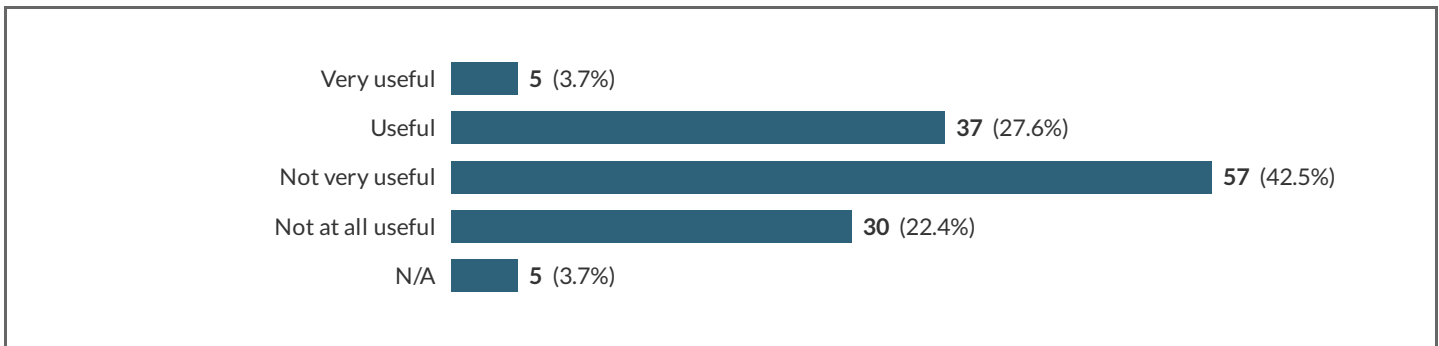
15.4 In leading to training or other continuing professional development opportunities?

15.4.a In leading to training or other continuing professional development opportunities? - Please select...



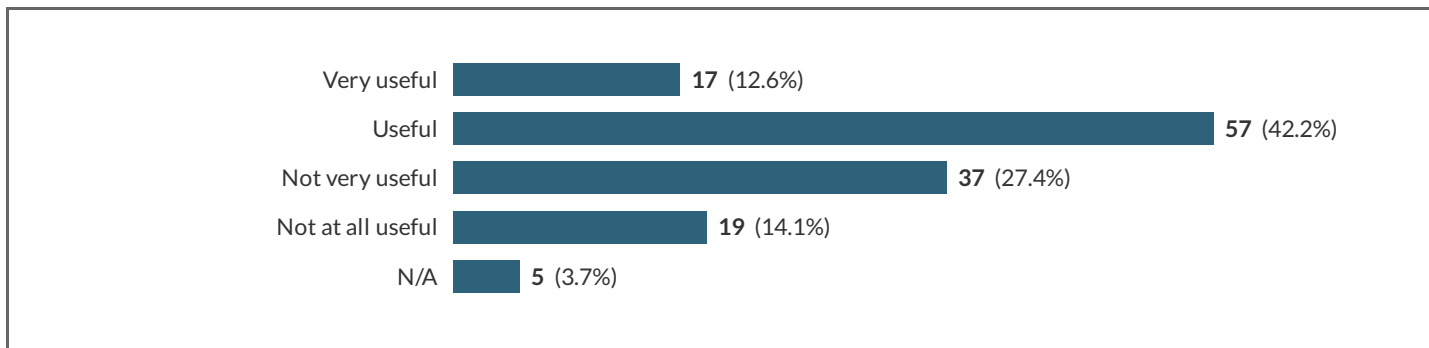
15.5 In leading to changes in work practices?

15.5.a In leading to changes in work practices? - Please select...



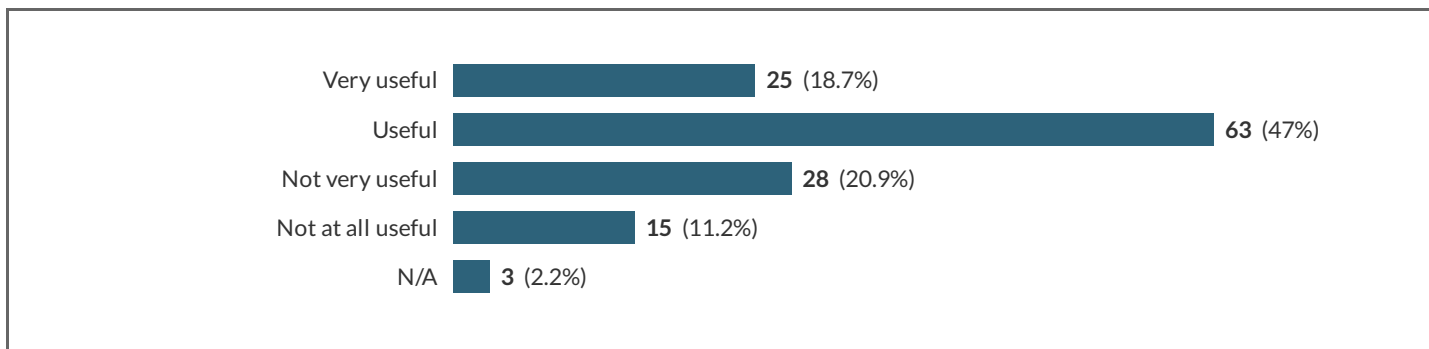
15.6 In helping you focus on your career aspirations and how these are met by your current role?

15.6.a In helping you focus on your career aspirations and how these are met by your current role? - Please select...



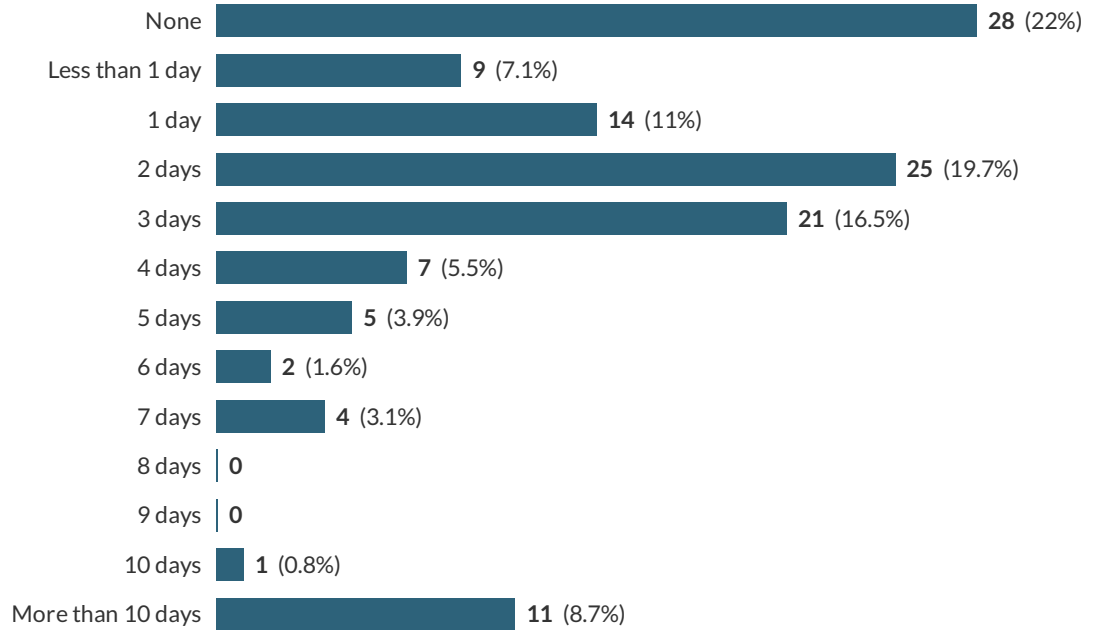
15.7 In reviewing your personal progress?

15.7.a In reviewing your personal progress? - Please select...



Section D – How your institution supports you as a principal investigator/research leader.

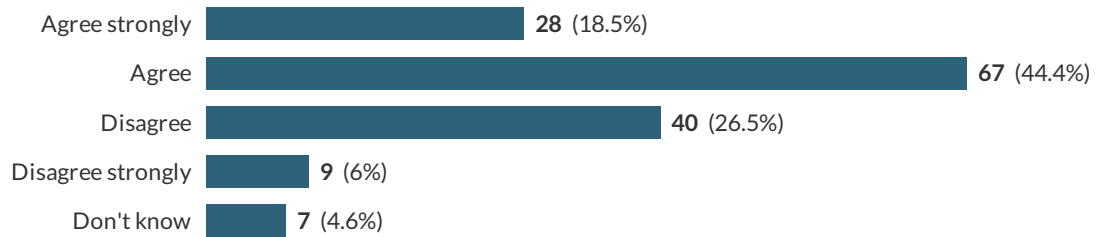
16 During the past 12 months (or since taking up your current position if that is more recent) approximately how many days have you spent on training and other continuing professional development activities?



17 Please indicate your level of agreement or disagreement with the following statements.

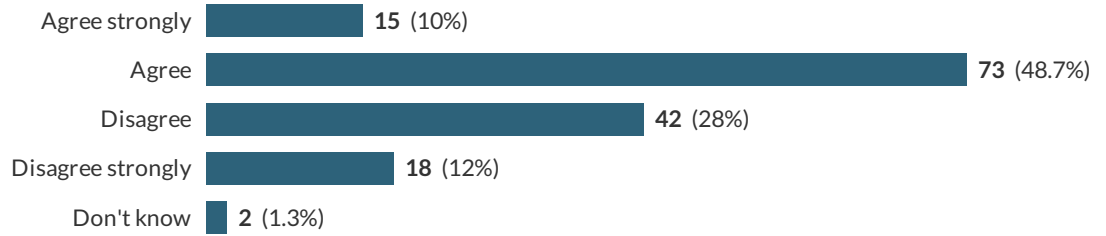
17.1 I am appropriately rewarded for my contributions to the institution

17.1.a I am appropriately rewarded for my contributions to the institution - Please select...



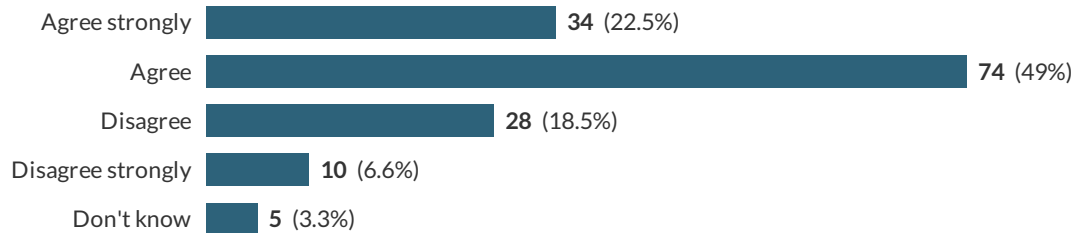
17.2 I am satisfied with my work-life balance

17.2.a I am satisfied with my work-life balance - Please select...



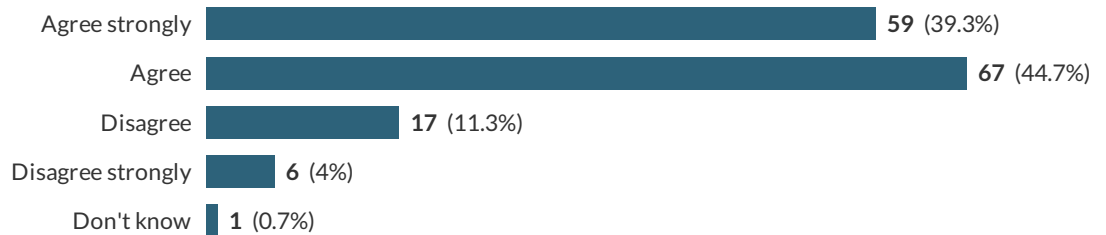
17.3 I believe I am well led by institutional senior management

17.3.a I believe I am well led by institutional senior management - Please select...



17.4 I feel integrated within the institution

17.4.a I feel integrated within the institution - Please select...



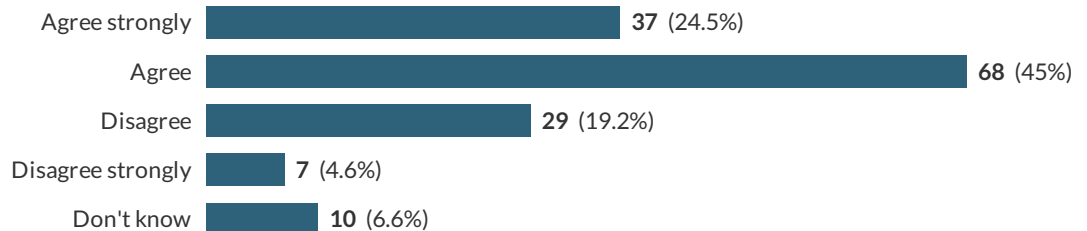
17.5 I have a good level of job satisfaction

17.5.a I have a good level of job satisfaction - Please select...



17.6 I understand how my research activities are aligned with my institution's strategic priorities

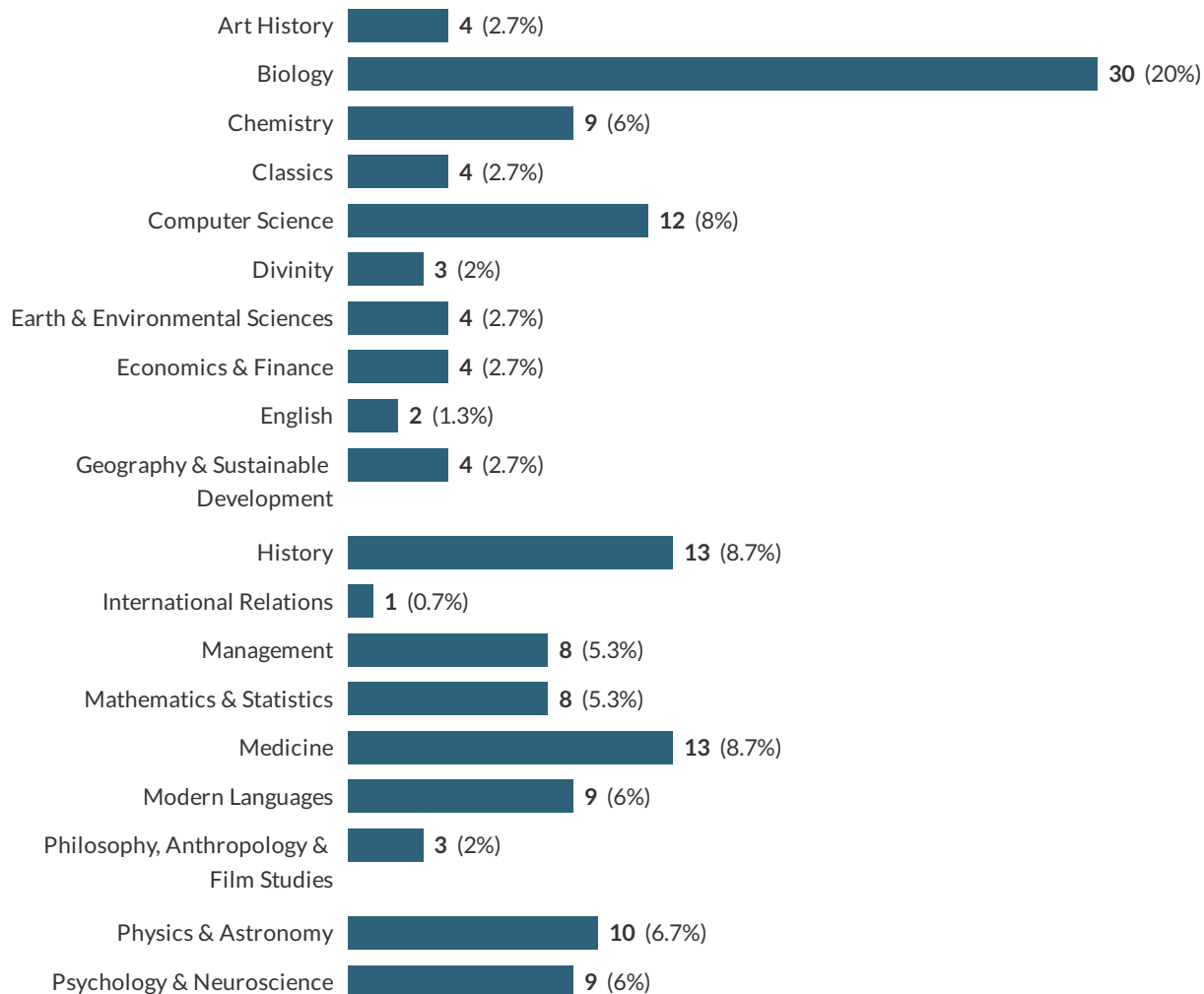
17.6.a I understand how my research activities are aligned with my institution's strategic priorities - Please select...



18 Please provide any comments about review, appraisal and engagement.

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There has been no salary review process in place for several years.	275753-275745-23158628
Senior management at St Andrews are uniformly arrogant and obnoxious, self-serving and incompetent. I never met so many desperate, empty and vile people in my life before coming here.	275753-275745-23158933
It's not clear that the university has -- or indeed should have -- institutional research priorities.	275753-275745-23160428
I am extremely overworked and stressed and have raised this now 2 years in a row at appraisals. Promised action/support has not been forthcoming. This is lamentable.	275753-275745-23162925
Institution senior management is good. Immediate line management/head of school is not so this means there is limited opportunity/encouragement to engage in the institution beyond the school	275753-275745-23163207

19 Please indicate which School you work in:



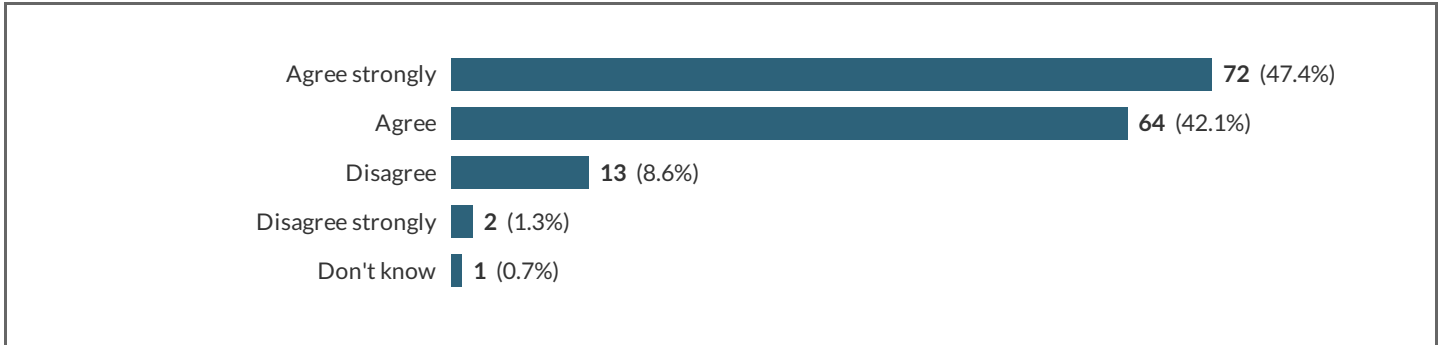
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21 Please indicate your level of agreement or disagreement with the following statement:

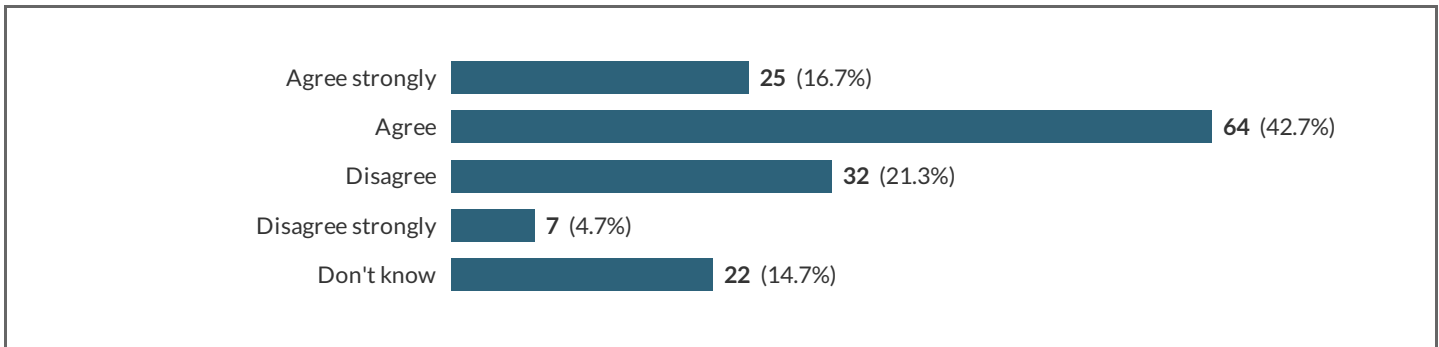
21.1 I believe my institution is committed to equality and diversity

21.1.a I believe my institution is committed to equality and diversity



21.2 My institution promotes better mental health and well-being at work

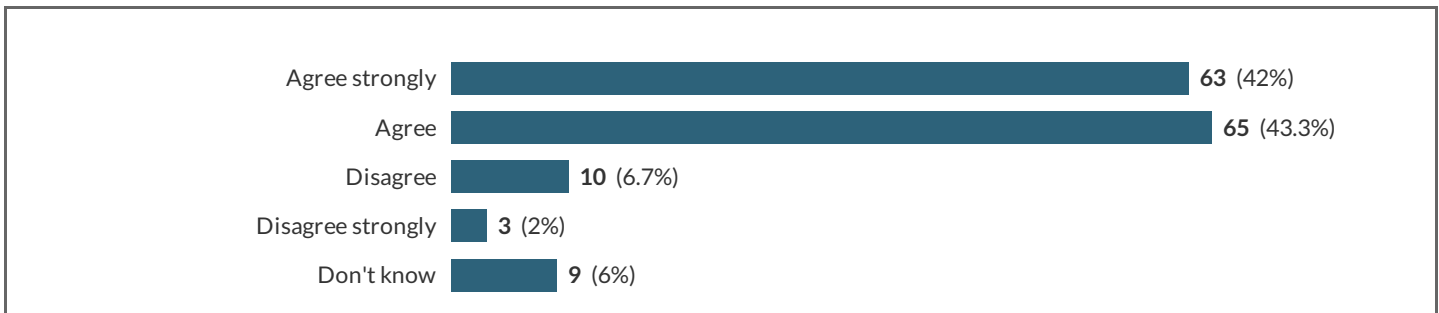
21.2.a My institution promotes better mental health and well-being at work



22 Overall, I think that staff at my institution are treated fairly, regardless of ethnic background, gender, gender identity, religion or belief, sexual orientation, disability or age with regard to:

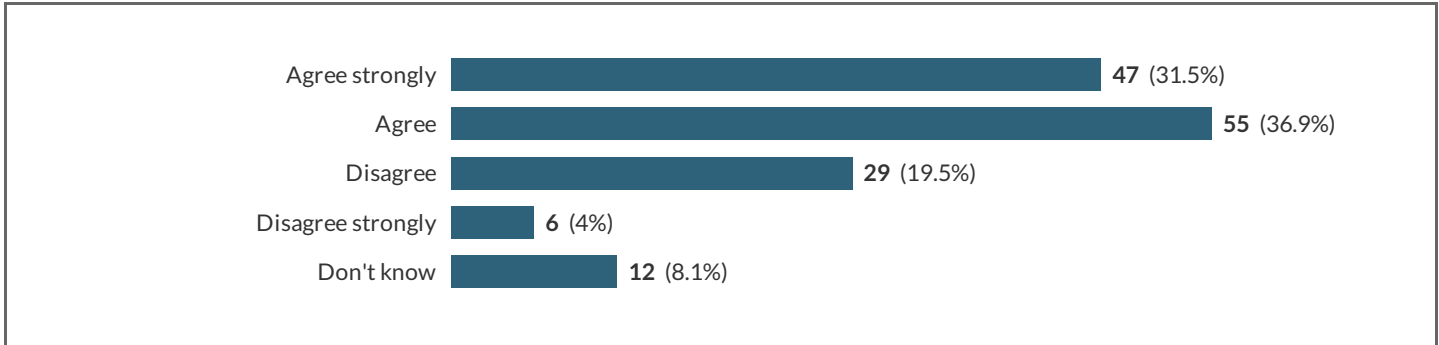
22.1 Recruitment and selection

22.1.a Recruitment and selection



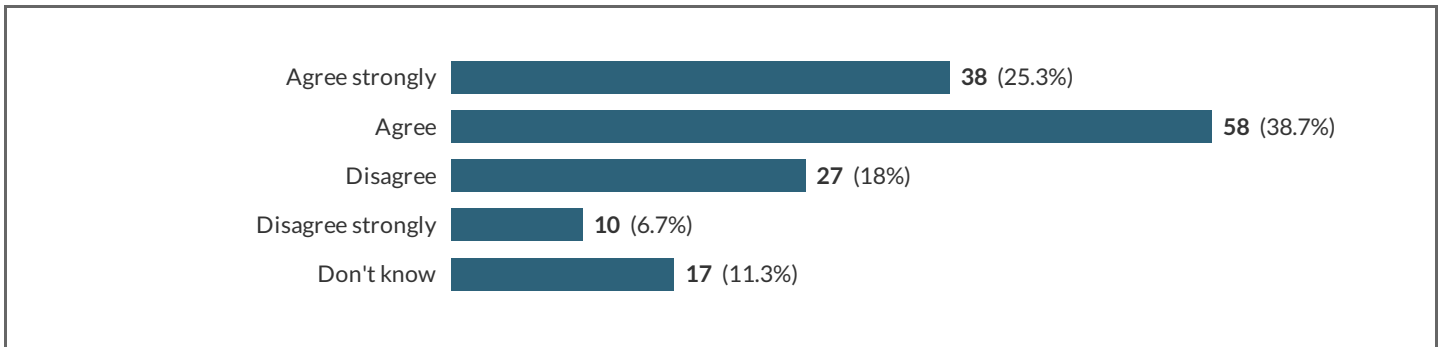
22.2 Career progression / promotion

22.2.a Career progression / promotion



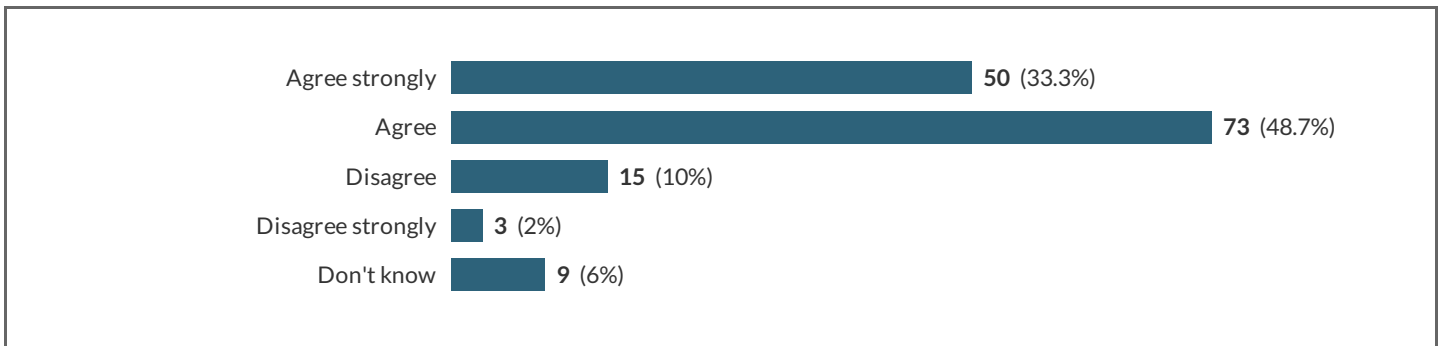
22.3 Reward

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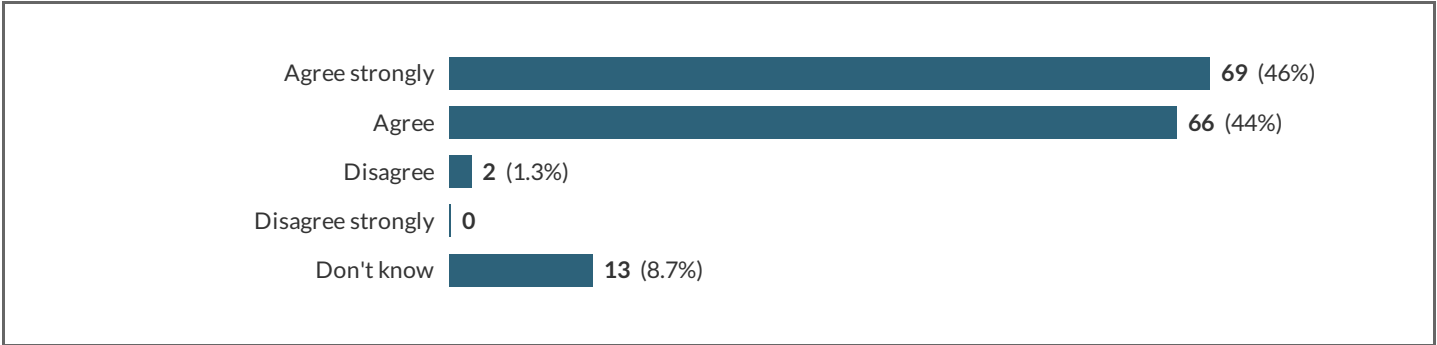
22.4 Day to day treatment at work

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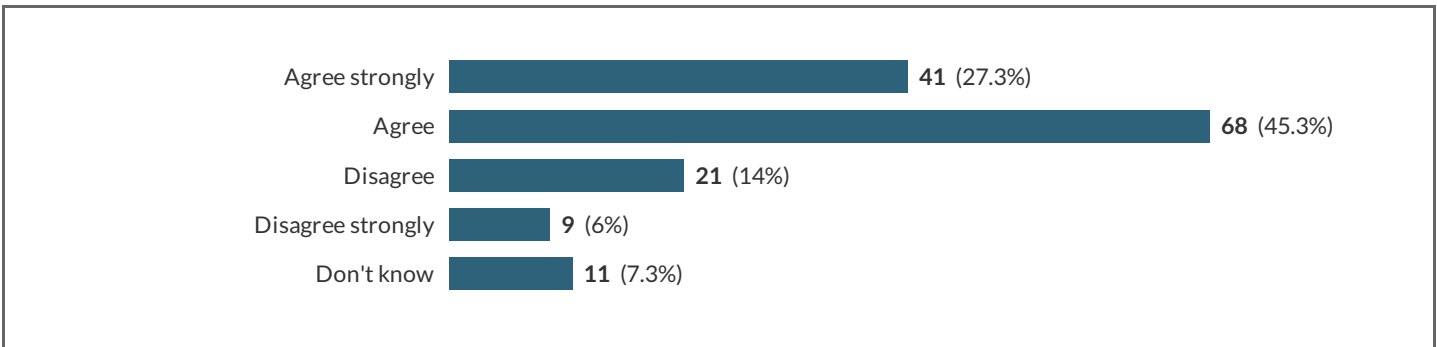
22.5 Access to training and development

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22.6 Participation in decision making

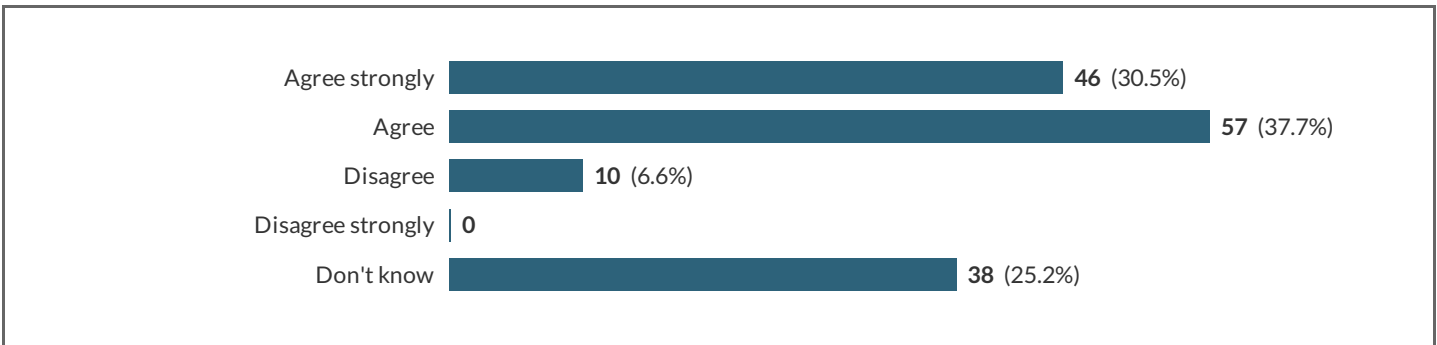
22.6.a Participation in decision making



23 Overall, I think that staff at my institution are treated fairly irrespective of:

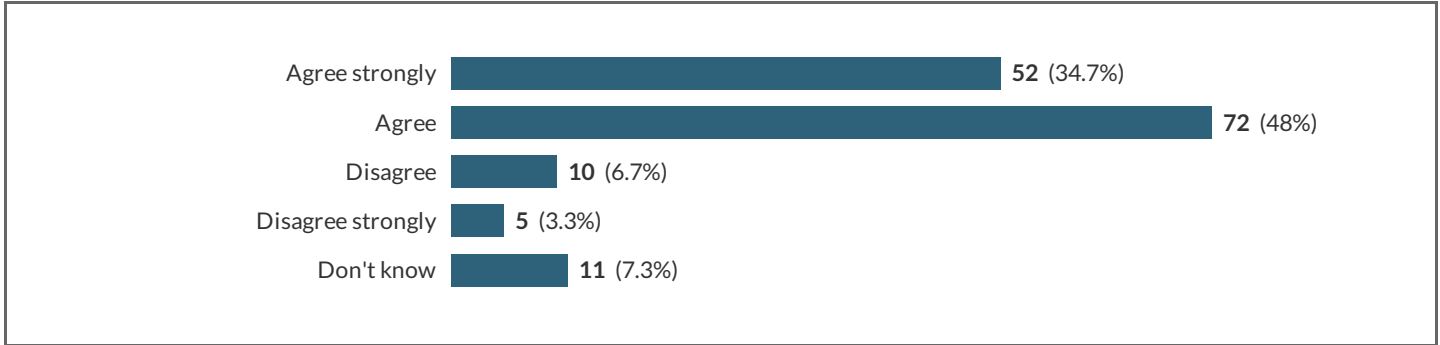
23.1 Adoption and parental leave

23.1.a Adoption and parental leave



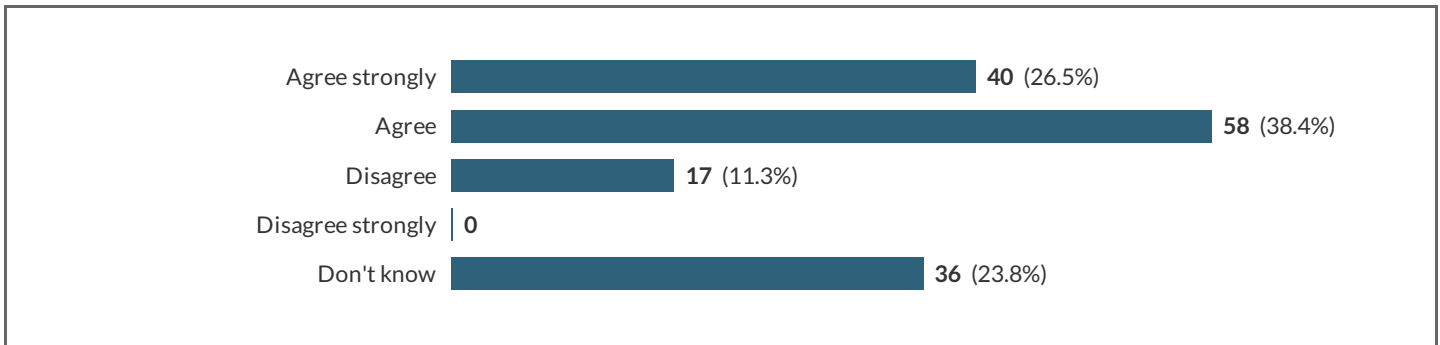
23.2 Age

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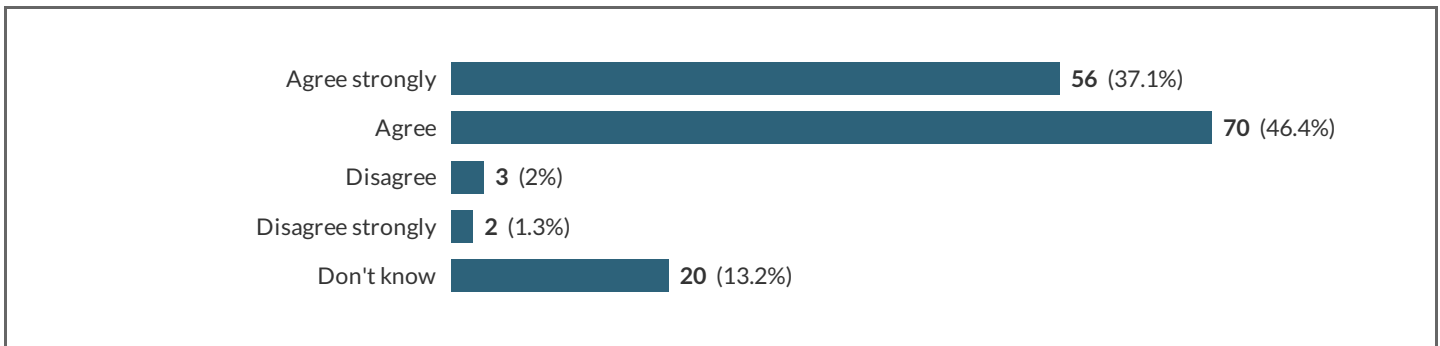
23.3 Caring responsibilities

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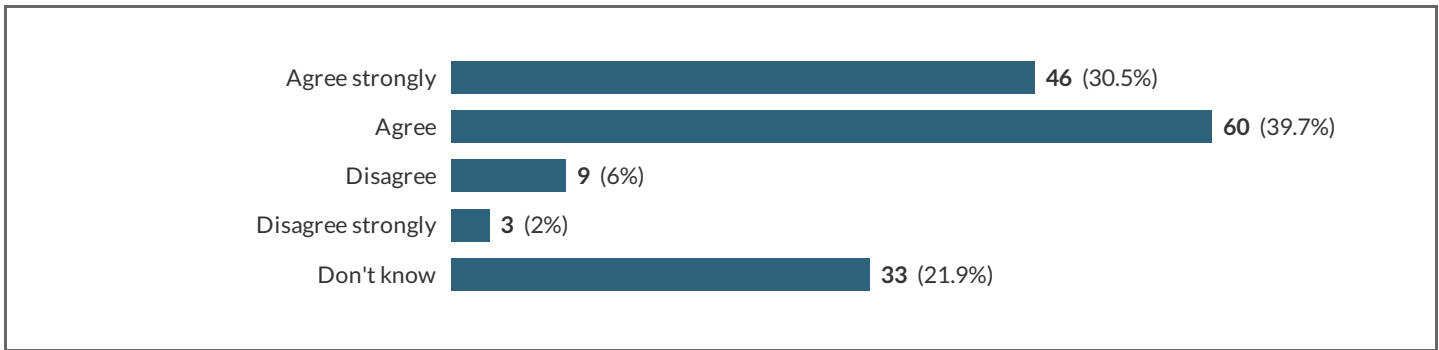
23.4 Ethnicity

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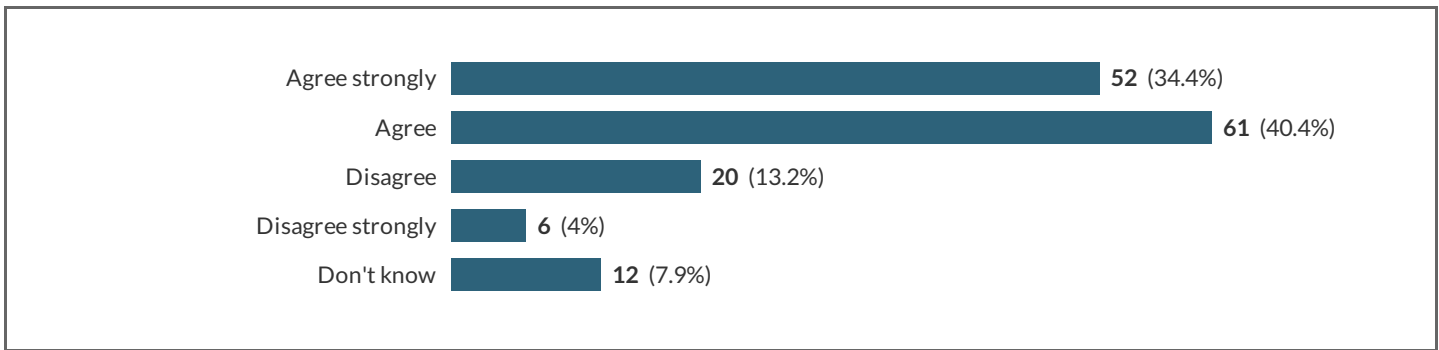
23.5 Disability

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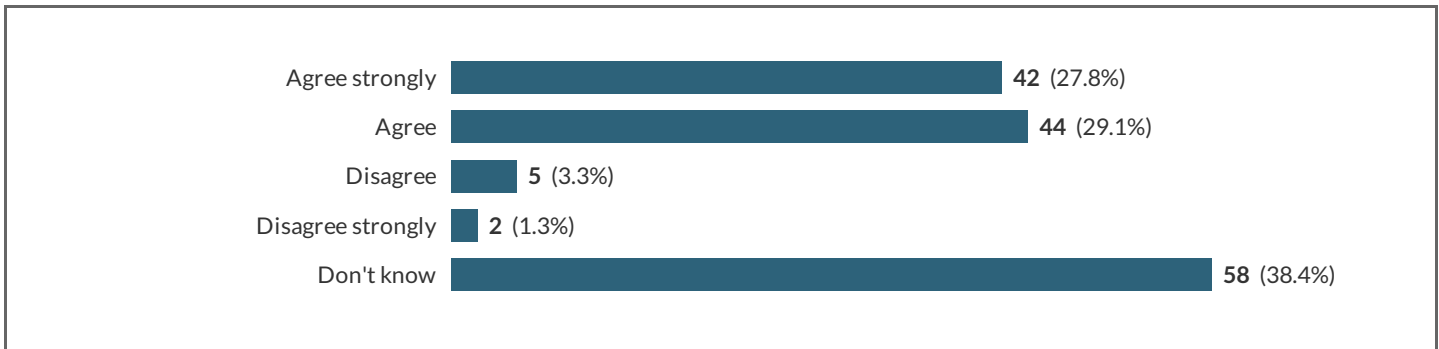
23.6 Gender

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23.7 Gender identity

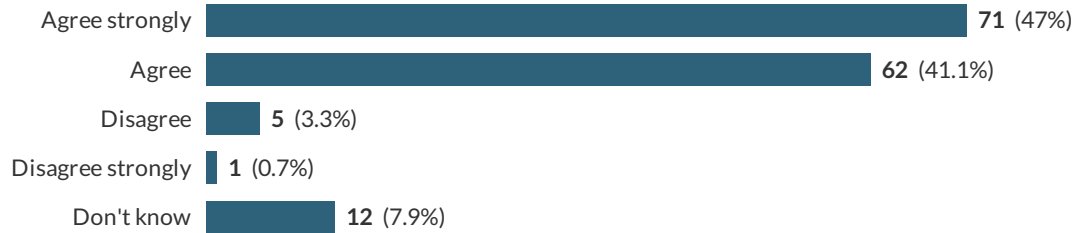
23.7.a Gender identity



23.8 Nationality

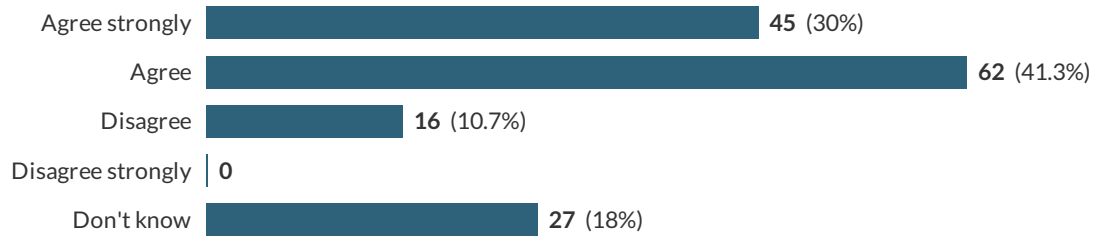
23.8.a Nationality





23.9 Pregnancy and maternity

23.9.a Pregnancy and maternity



23.10 Religion/belief

23.10.a Religion/belief



23.11 Sexual orientation

23.11.a Sexual orientation



24 Have you felt unfairly discriminated against in your current post?



24.a If yes, please explain in what way you felt discriminated against?

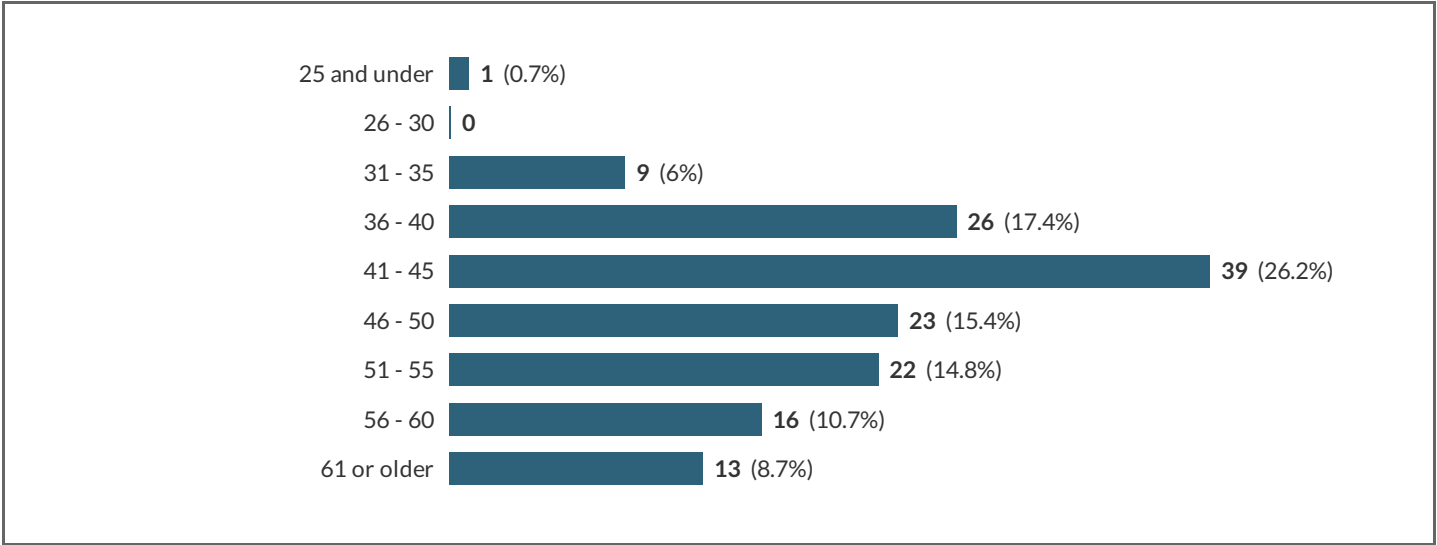
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The university is anti-white, anti-male, anti-religious	275753-275745-23158933
I do a great job, and have done consistently, but am suspicious that I earn quite a lot less than others at my level.	275753-275745-23160145
Age. As a late entrant to academia, a number of funding streams are explicitly closed to me. This issue is not st Andrews but broader (e.g. funding bodies)	275753-275745-23162925
Returning from maternity leave - limited support and only when I asked for it. Should be routine to provide it. Also in requests for flexible working - university's own procedures not followed but I didn't want to cause a fuss...	275753-275745-23163207
Second class space, no technical or PhD support when I started - men continue to get it.	275753-275745-23167215

25 Please provide any additional comments you have about aspects of diversity and equality.

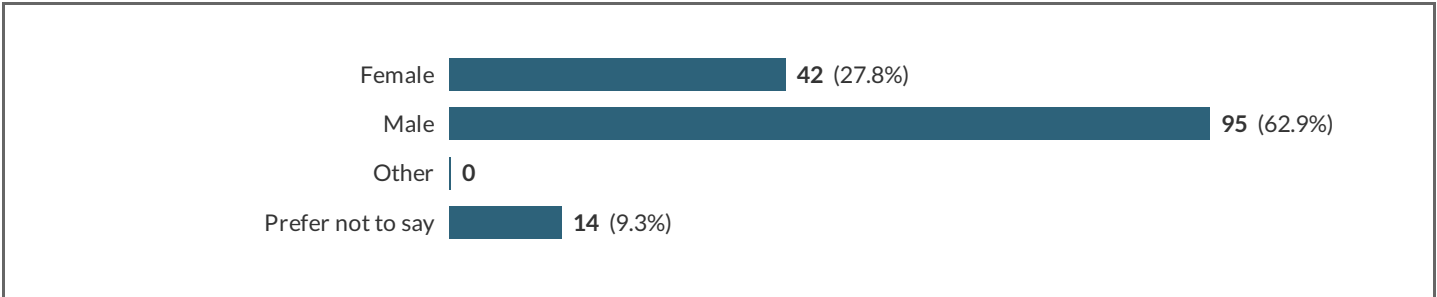
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Most of the unacceptable discriminatory behaviour we face comes from students. We need more training on how to deal with this.	275753-275745-23159668
Promotion and access to resources are biased in favour of women. The active promotion of women to senior positions, in some cases with laughable track records, is a disgrace.	275753-275745-23158933
The only unfairness I can perceive is in regard to people's inability to attend certain events or perform certain functions because of other responsibilities -- which is the hardest kind of inequality to address, in my opinion	275753-275745-23160428
We generally don't recruit from a broad range of socioeconomic backgrounds or ethnicities - poor people don't make it this far up the ladder.	275753-275745-23162925
I think the university has generally has good policies but it all comes down to how they are applied. In my case - poorly applied by a HoS who gives lip service to equality and diversity. Precedents for some members of staff are not given to all (e.g. in the case of flexible working).	275753-275745-23163207

Section F - About you.

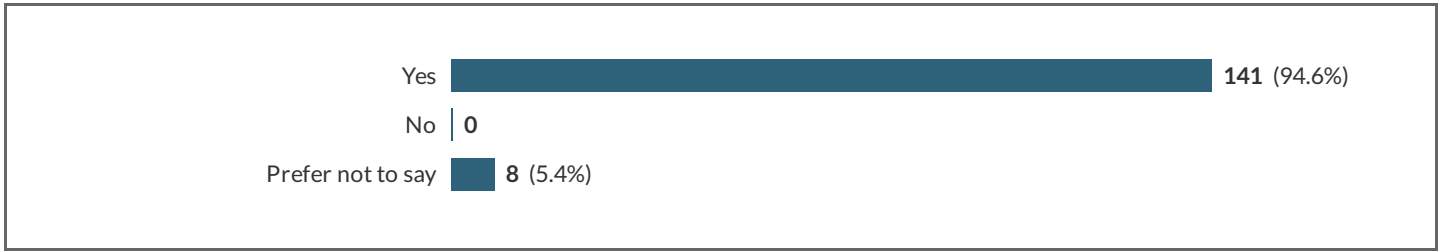
26 What is your age?



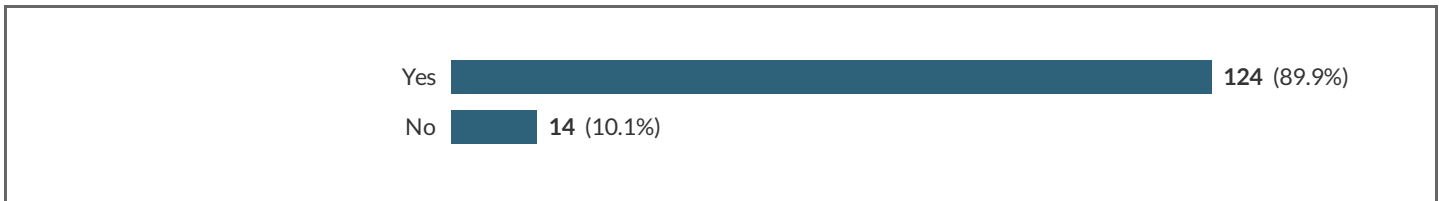
27 What is your sex?



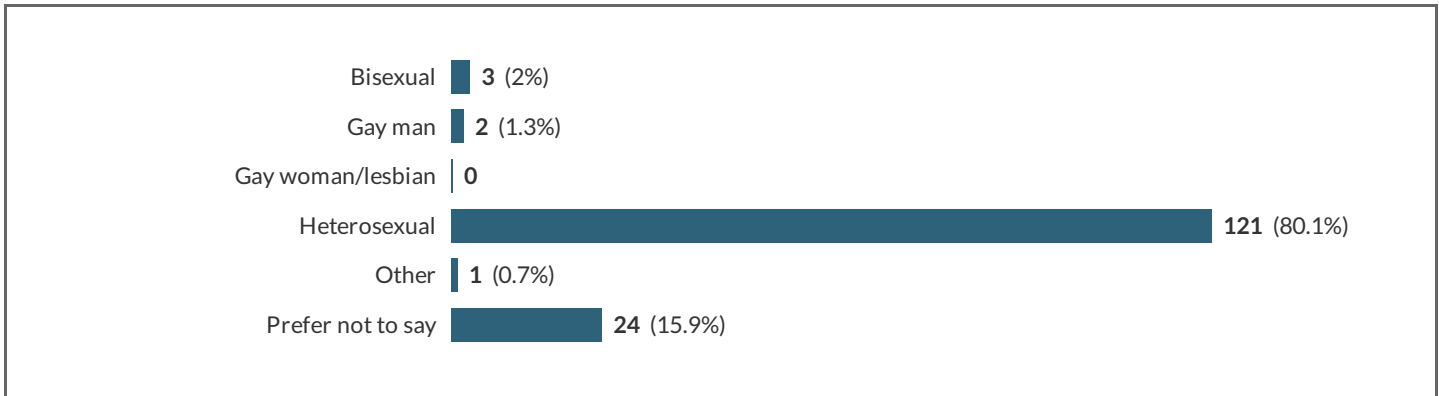
28 Is your gender identity the same as the gender you were assigned at birth?



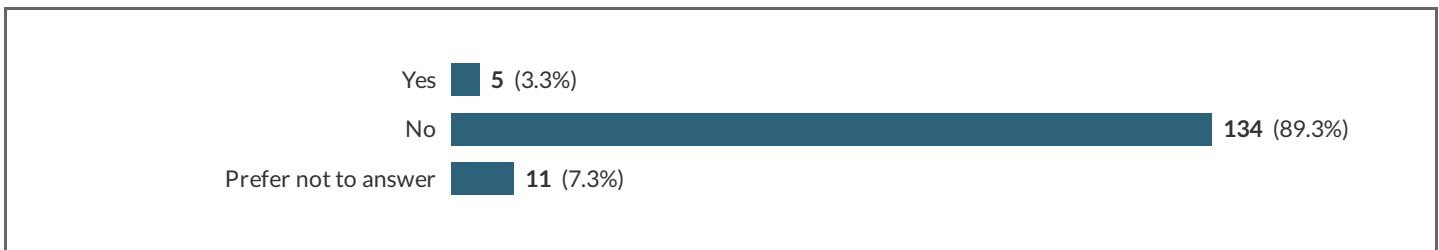
28.a Information about gender identity is considered sensitive personal data under the Data Protection Act. We want to make sure that we have permission to store this data for the purposes of monitoring and advancing equality and diversity in higher education. Please indicate if you give us permission to store this information and use it in this way.



29 What is your sexual orientation?

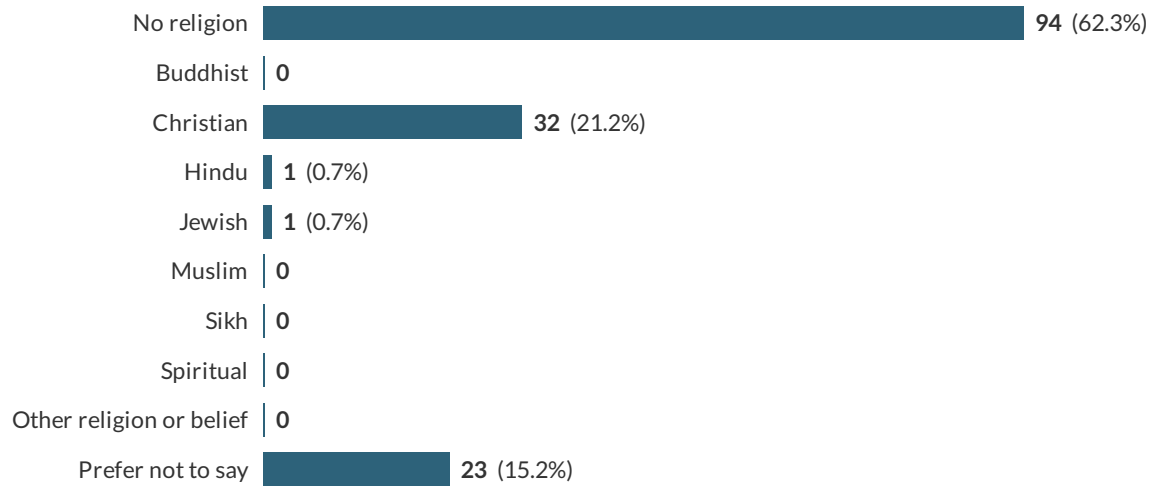


30 Do you consider yourself disabled?

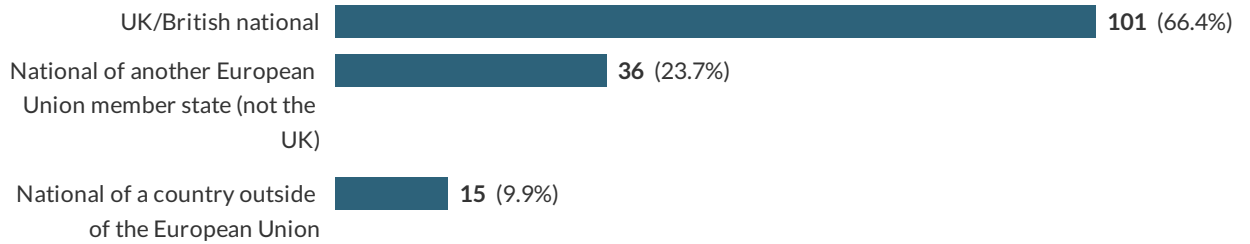


31 What is your religion?



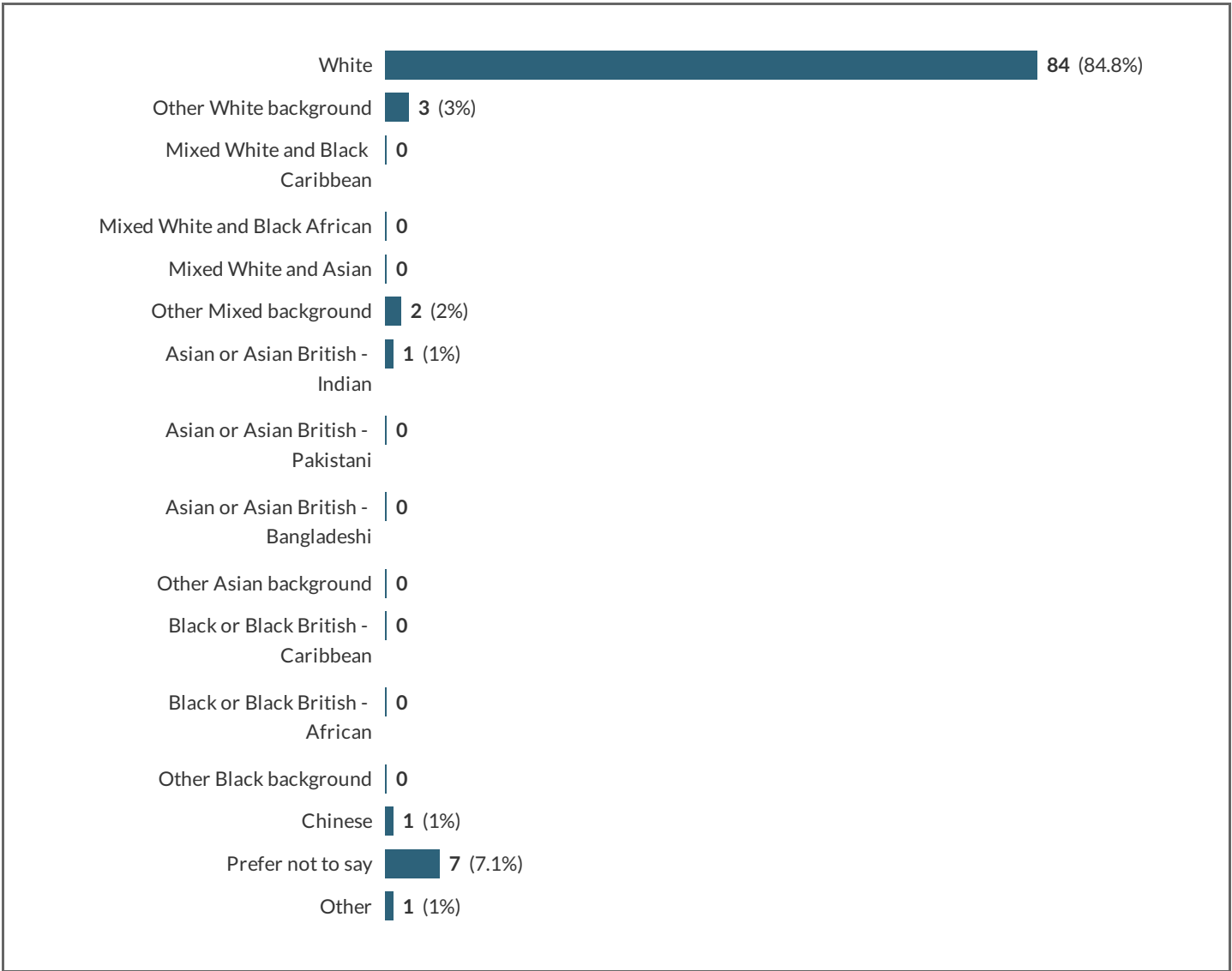


32 What is your nationality?



Section F - About you.

33 As a UK/British national, how would you classify your ethnic group and cultural background?



34 Please provide any final, additional comments.

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The options did not provide 'neutral' options; only agree / disagree / NA	275753-275745-23158995
University management has embraced 'diversity', in all its ugly forms, at the cost of supporting scholarship based on merit	275753-275745-23158933
This is a great place to work with great people doing fantastic research. However, current promotion procedure is too box-ticking. It emphasises contributions but not the quality of those contributions (e.g. good lecturers who care about students vs those who seek to minimise what they are asked for at every turn). And it does not sufficiently reward collaborative/nurturing aspects of teaching or research. This could be improved - maybe look to industry, where performance in given role is often considered crucial in review.	275753-275745-23162925
As before, my main issue is with how policies are implemented/enacted by immediate line managers, not necessarily by the institution	275753-275745-23163207
Thank you for this, I hope it proves to be somewhat useful.	275753-275745-23164168

