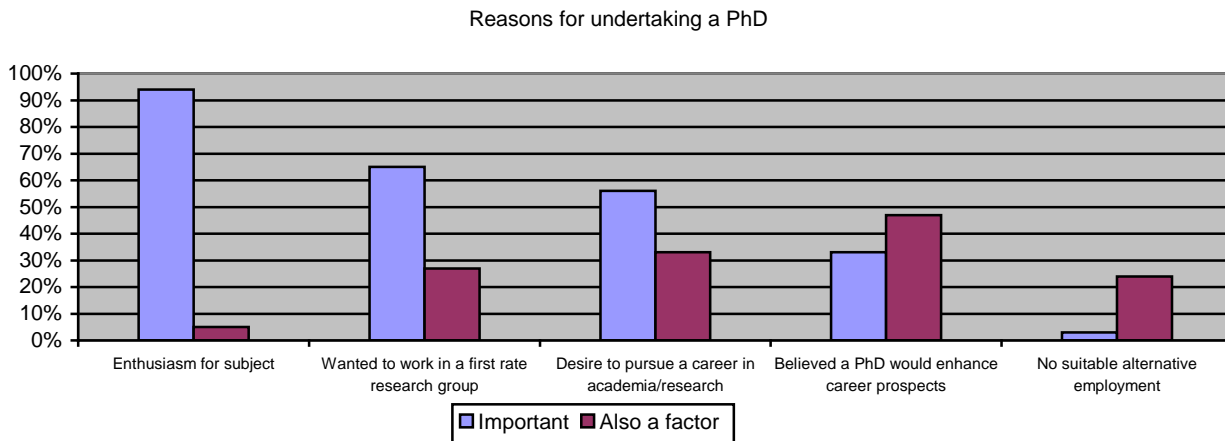
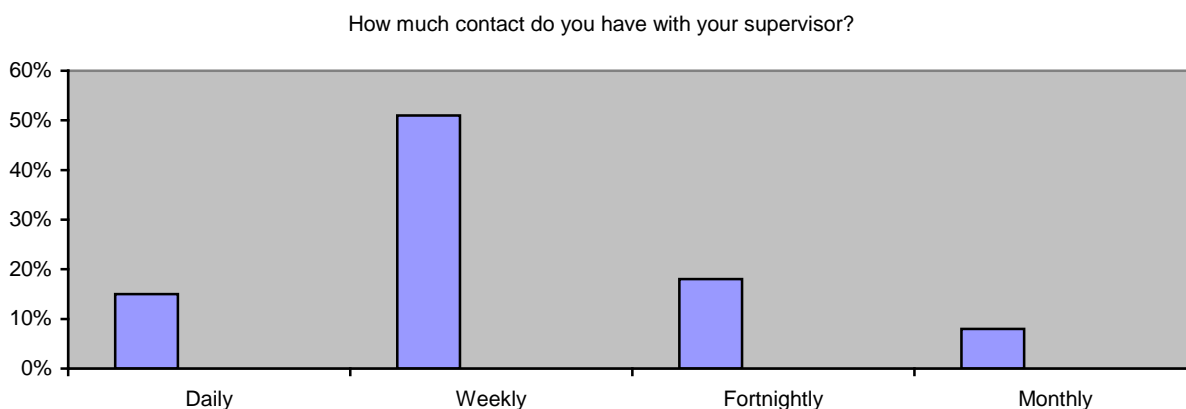


Reasons for Undertaking a PhD



- **94% of students cited enthusiasm for the subject/research as being an important reason for undertaking a PhD.**
- **65% of students wanted to do research in a first rate research group.**
- **56% of students wished to pursue a career in academia/research.**
- **33% of students believed a PhD would enhance their general career prospects.**

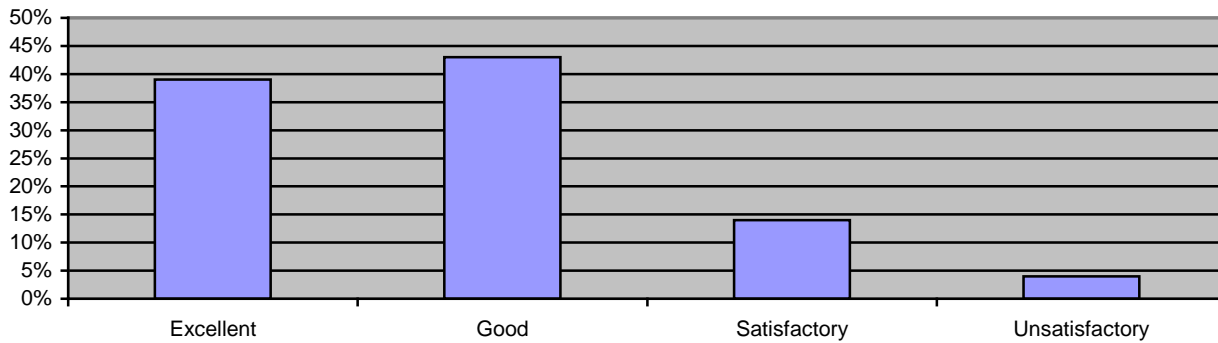
A. Supervisory Arrangements



- **15% of students have daily contact with their supervisor, whilst 51% have weekly contact, 18% have fortnightly contact and 8% have monthly contact.**
- 82% of students received help/advice from a second supervisor or other people.

- 47% of students have the opportunity to attend group/departmental seminars several times per week, whilst 41% attend at least one per week.
- 15% of CASE students have contact with their CASE partner on a fortnightly basis and 15% weekly. 50% of students said they meet with their CASE partner when necessary.

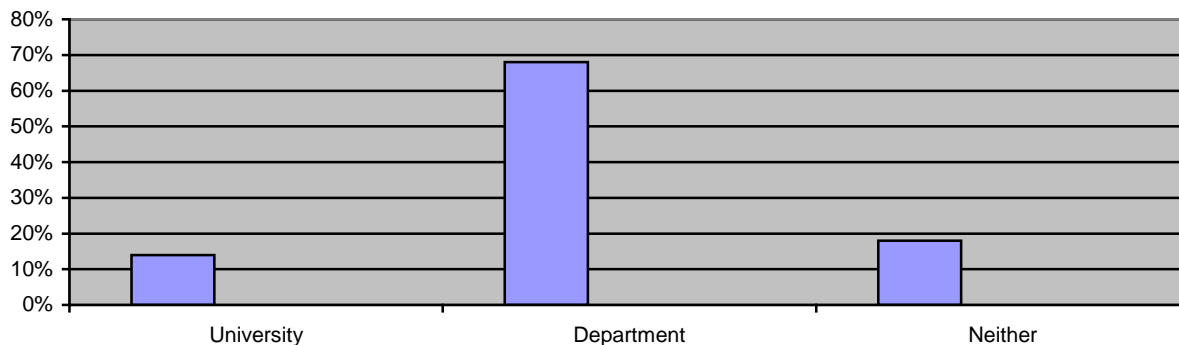
How do you rate the supervision you receive?



- **39% of students rate the supervision they receive as excellent, 43% good, 14% satisfactory and 4% rate the supervision received as unsatisfactory/very poor.**

B. Training Programme

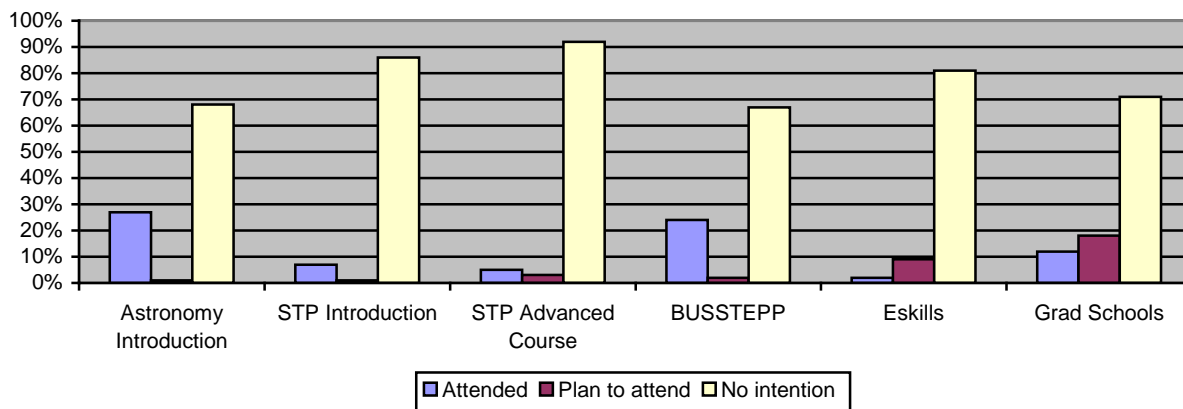
Did the University or Department provide a formal training programme in your first year?



- **14% of universities and 68% of departments provide a formal training programme in the student's first year. 18% of students said neither the university nor the department provided this.**
- 52% of students have undertaken training in technical, transferable/personal skills and other disciplinary/knowledge based areas. For 36% of these students, attendance was compulsory. 48% of the students rated the training given on these courses as good/excellent, 32% rated it as satisfactory, whilst 17% rated it as unsatisfactory/poor.

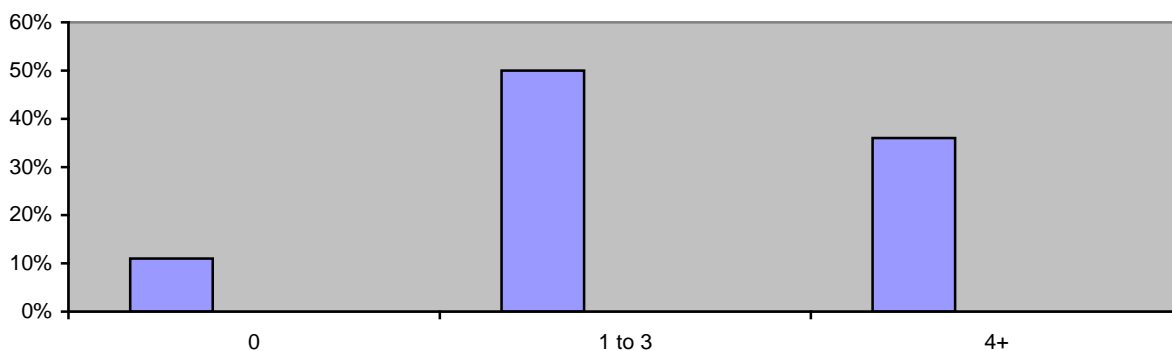
- 39% of training programme units have assessment by course work, whilst only 14% have assessment by examination.
- 30% of students have not given a research talk within their department to date, 45% have given 1-3 talks and 25% have given in excess of 4 talks.
- 46% of students have not given a research talk at a conference or other department to date, 40% have given 1-3 talks and 10% have given in excess of 4 talks.

Have you attended, or do you plan to attend a PPARC funded course?



- **On average, 13% of students have attended a PPARC (now STFC) funded course, 6% plan to attend a course, whilst 78% said they have no intention of attending.**

How many conferences have you attended?

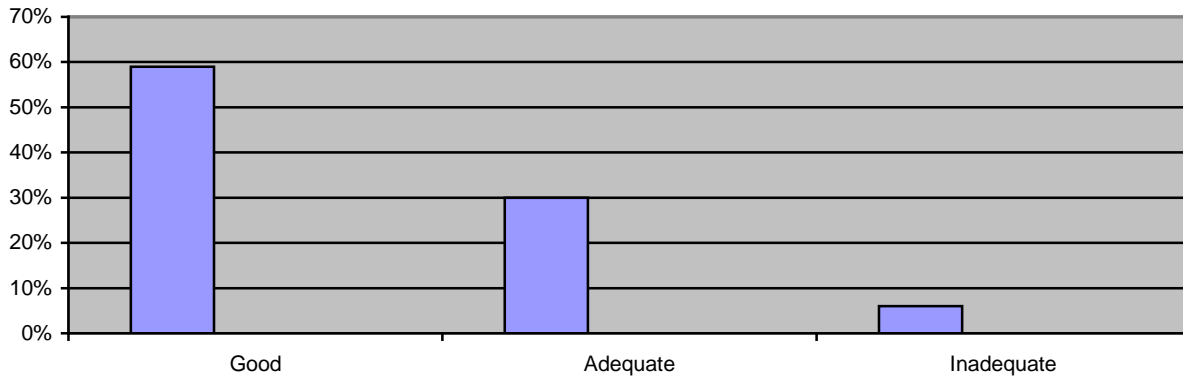


- **11% of students have not attended a conference, either within the UK or overseas, whilst 50% have attended 1-3 conferences and 36% have attended in excess of 4 conferences.**
- 80% of students said their department has a nominated Postgraduate tutor.

C. Monitoring

- 66% of students were required to produce a written report in the current year. Of these, 16% were assessed by interview with their supervisor, 61% by interview with another member of staff, whilst 25% had some other arrangement.

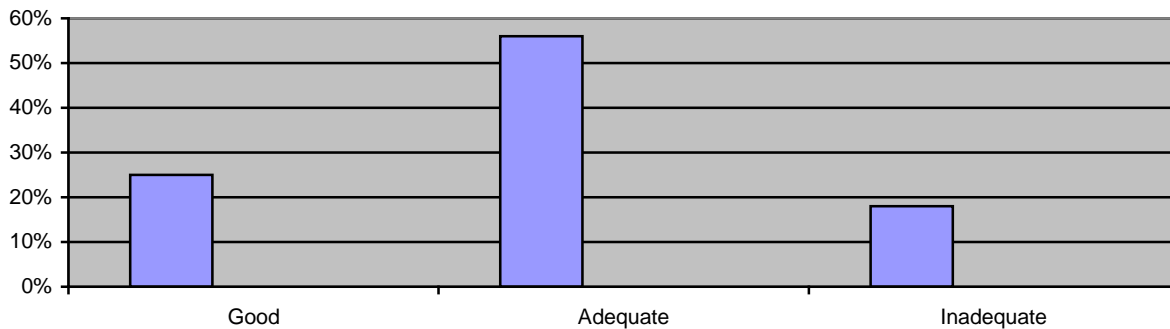
How would you rate your overall training?



- **59% of students rate their overall training as good, whilst 30% rate it as adequate and 6% rate their overall training as inadequate.**

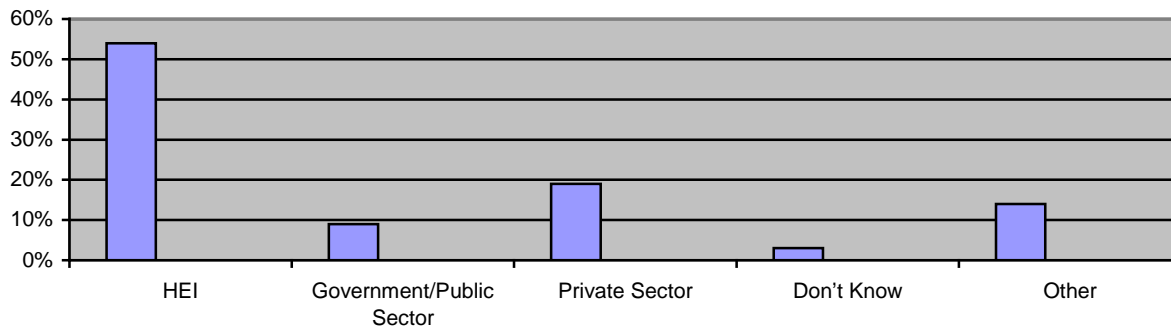
D. Future Career

How would you rate the career guidance available to you during your studentship?



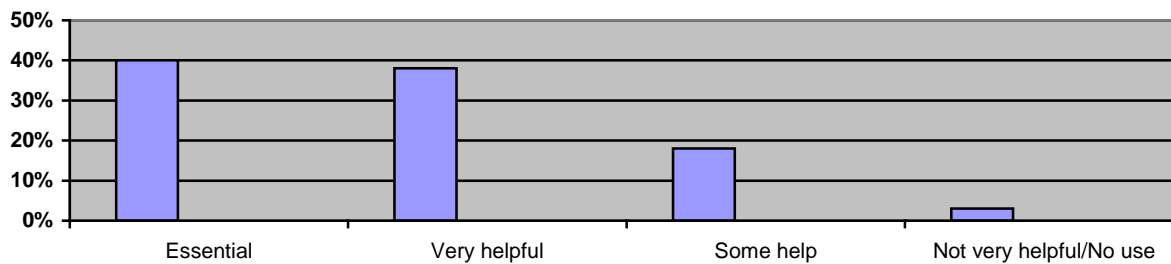
- **25% of students rated the career guidance available to them during the studentship as good, 56% rated it as adequate and 18% rated it inadequate.**

What type of organisation would you like to work for?



- **54% of students said they would wish to work in an HEI, 9% would wish to work in Government/public sector, 19% would wish to work in the private sector and 3% said they did not know.**

To what extent do you think your PhD will help you get a job?



- **40% of students thought their PhD would prove essential for obtaining a job, 38% thought it would be very helpful, 18% thought it would be of some help and 3% thought it would be of little/no use.**