

What do they actually do? Building a writing syllabus for research students

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Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
full time?	90.7%	49
part time?	7.4%	4
distance?	1.9%	1
<i>answered question</i>		54

1 st year	44.6%	21
2 nd year	36.2%	17
3 rd year	12.8%	6
4 th year	6.3%	3
<i>answered question</i>		47

Which subject field do you consider closest to you subject area?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Ancient History	1.9%	1
Archaeology	5.6%	3
Cell Physiology and Pharmacology	1.9%	1
Chemistry	1.9%	1
Computer Science	13.0%	7
Counselling and Psychotherapy	1.9%	1
Economics	5.6%	3
Education	7.4%	4
Engineering	3.7%	2
English	11.1%	6
Genetics	5.6%	3
Geography	5.6%	3
Health Sciences	3.7%	2
History of Art and Film	1.9%	1
Infection, Immunity, and Inflammation	5.6%	3
Law	3.7%	2
Management	3.7%	2
Mathematics	5.6%	3
Media and Communication	7.4%	4
Modern Languages	1.9%	1
Museum Studies	7.4%	4
Politics	1.9%	1
Psychology	1.9%	1
Translation Studies	1.9%	1
<i>answered question</i>		54

Question 1

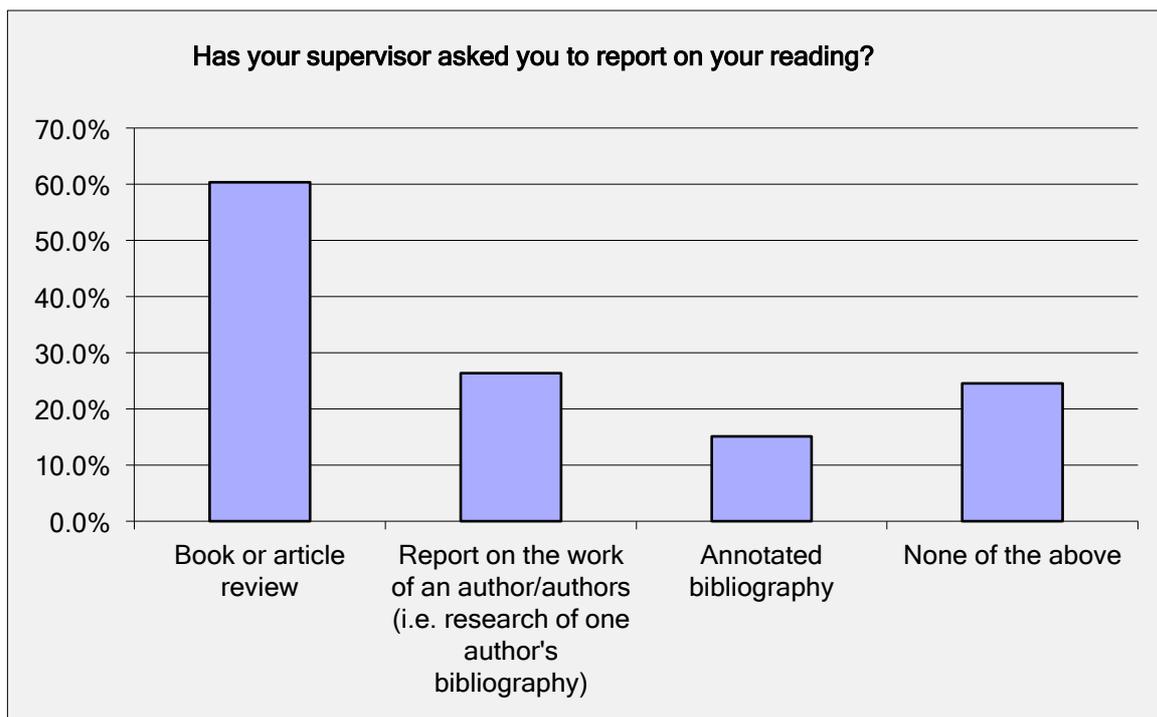
Did you have to rewrite your research project proposal after you started at Leicester?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	51.9%	28
No	48.1%	26
answered question		54
skipped question		0

Question 2

Has your supervisor asked you to report on your reading?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Book or article review	60.4%	32
Report on the work of an author/authors (i.e. research of one author's bibliography)	26.4%	14
Annotated bibliography	15.1%	8
None of the above	24.5%	13
Other report or review (please specify) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review • Verbal discussion of read books/articles • Report my work each 3 months • after three month ,He asked me to write down a report regarding my progress • Literature review • write essays of papers in which a question or topic is addressed using several authors and discussing their ideas 	6	
answered question		53
skipped question		1



Question 3

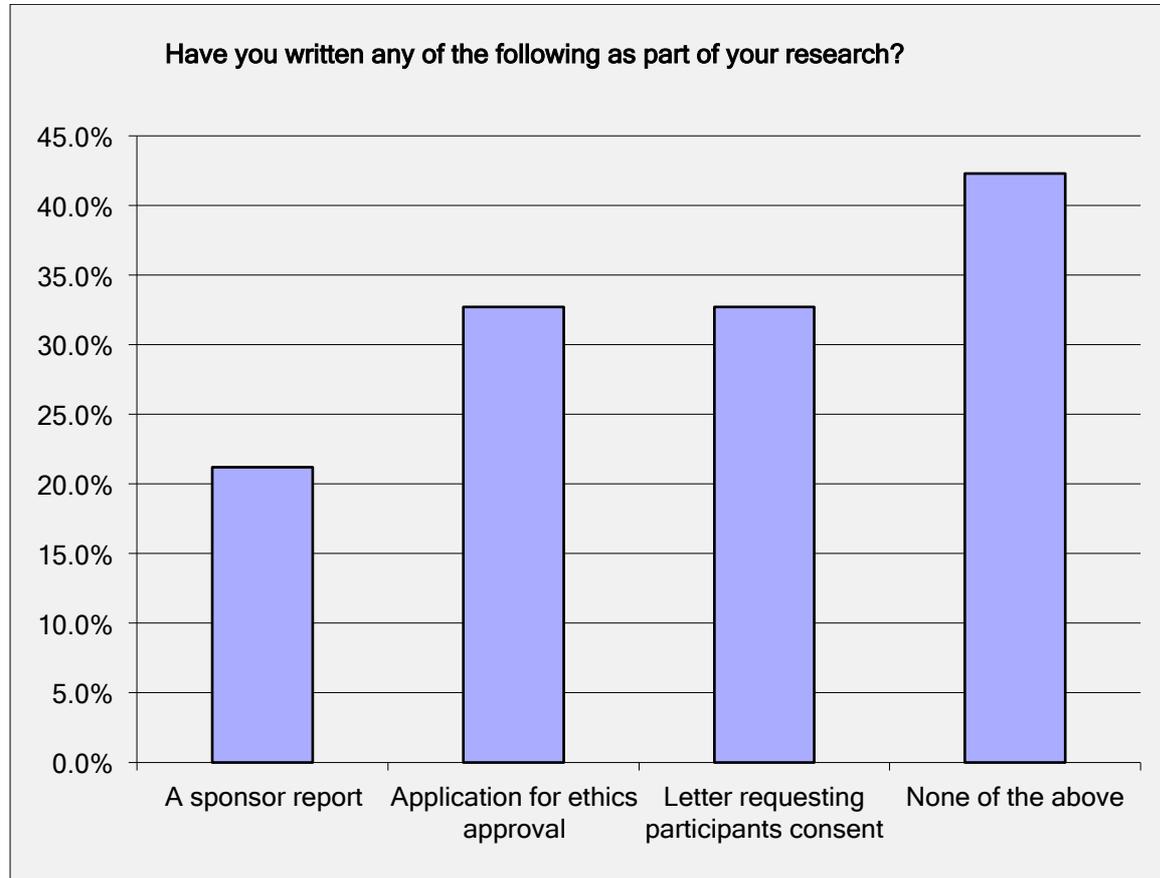
Has your supervisor asked you to write a personal reflection or report on personal experience? (e.g. reflective journal)		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	14.8%	8
No	85.2%	46
<i>answered question</i>		54
<i>skipped question</i>		0

Question 4

Do you have to submit a progress report?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	70.4%	38
No	29.6%	16
If yes, how often		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • per year • every two weeks • After 3 months, then at the end of each year • once for APG • 1 month • Each 3 months • once a year • every two weeks • In my 3red year • On first year, I have to submit 3 month reports and first year report. • nearly every 2 weeks • once a year • Once a month • after three month then annual report • Annually • weekly or monthly • once • after first three month and each year • Every year • once a month • Once a year, which are the APG and the Second Year review • 4 months, 12 months and 18 months after registration • Monthly • Annual • One month • every 6 months 		26
<i>answered question</i>		54
<i>skipped question</i>		0

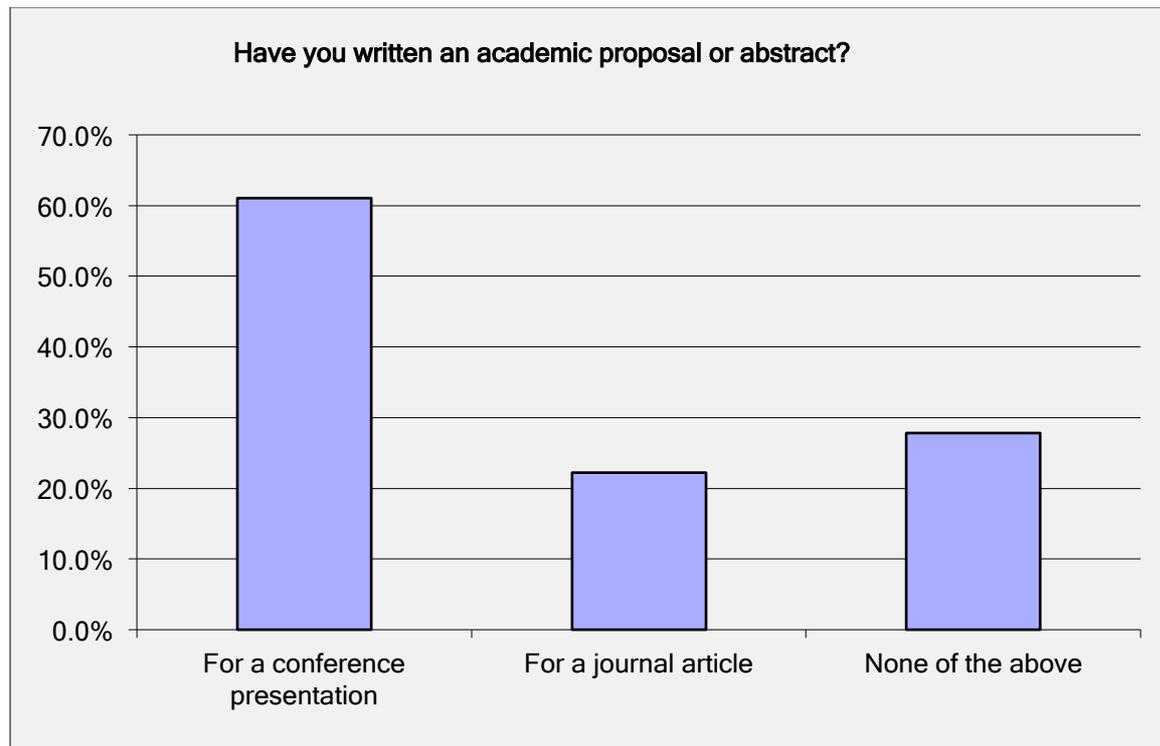
Question 5

Have you written any of the following as part of your research?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
A sponsor report	21.2%	11
Application for ethics approval	32.7%	17
Letter requesting participants consent	32.7%	17
None of the above	42.3%	22
Other administrative documents/applications/forms(please specify		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction and Literature Review • Letter of motivation for a summer school • annual report for uni, progress report for uni, meeting records, university forms • I have written the presentation of my project for I can ask a scholarship • application for deparment fundings • NoThing from the above • No 		7
answered question		52
skipped question		2



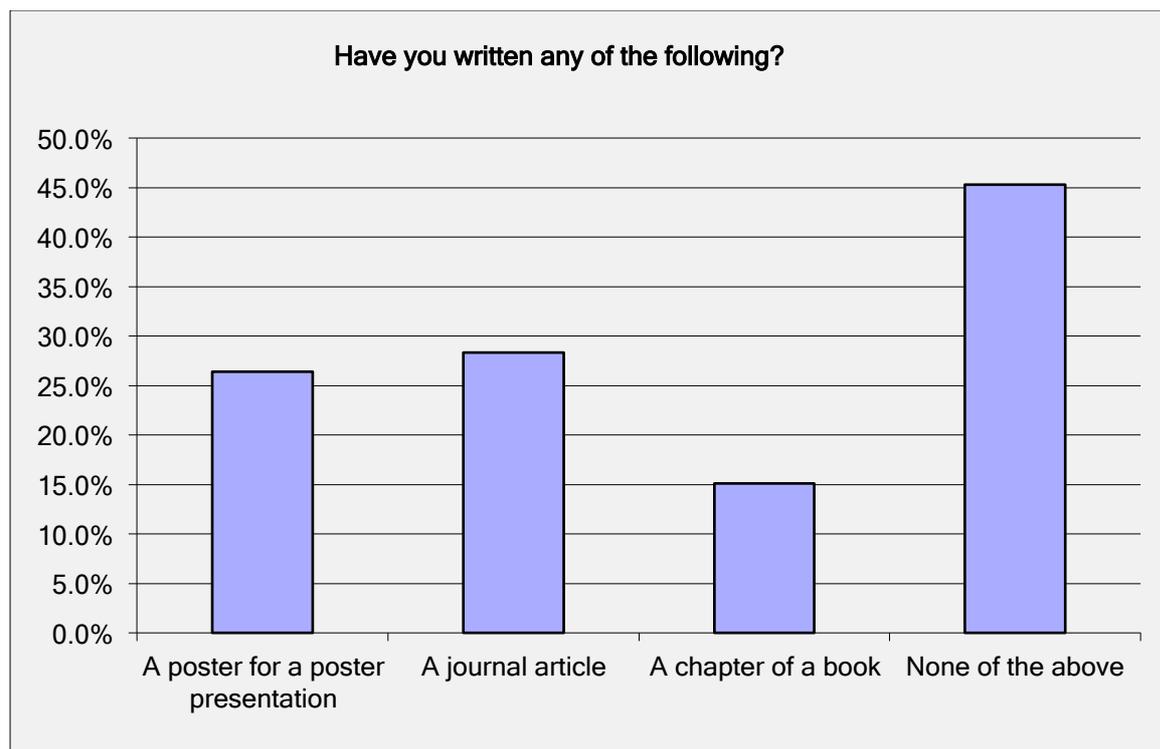
Question 6

Have you written an academic proposal or abstract?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
For a conference presentation	61.1%	33
For a journal article	22.2%	12
None of the above	27.8%	15
Other (please specify)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • apg report • my proposal • As coure work • I have written an article for the conference but still I am waiting for the conference • My school seminar • NO • No 		7
<i>answered question</i>		54
<i>skipped question</i>		0



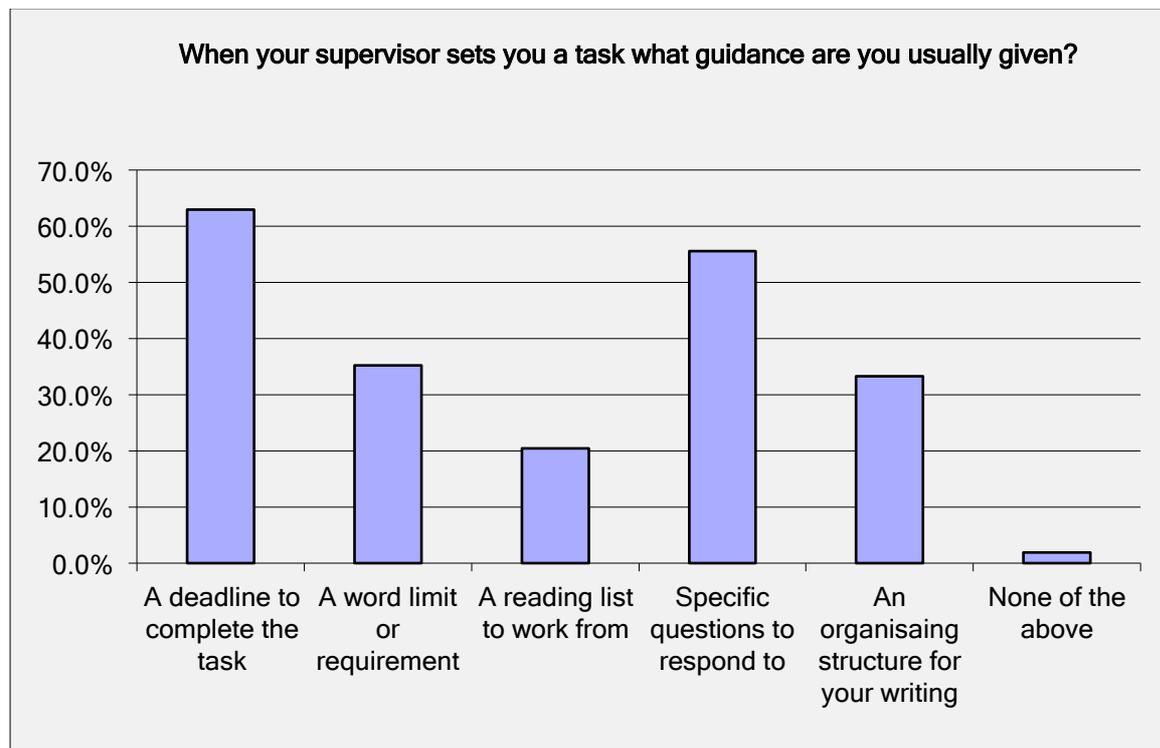
Question 7

Have you written any of the following?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
A poster for a poster presentation	26.4%	14
A journal article	28.3%	15
A chapter of a book	15.1%	8
None of the above	45.3%	24
Any Other (please specify)		
in my language before coming out I have written chaper of book But some were written in my native language NoThing from the above But for a Mexican Journal, not a British one No A mini review No		7
answered question		53
skipped question		1



Question 8

When your supervisor sets you a task what guidance are you usually given?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
A deadline to complete the task	63.0%	34
A word limit or requirement	35.2%	19
A reading list to work from	20.4%	11
Specific questions to respond to	55.6%	30
An organisaing structure for your writing	33.3%	18
None of the above	1.9%	1
Other (please specify)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referencing • It just depends on what needs to be done on different stages of research 		2
answered question		54
skipped question		0



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