

LGBTIQA+ SURVEY RESULTS

YOU SPOKE. HERE'S WHAT YOU SAID

In 2025, we asked Monash LGBTIQA+ graduate students to share their experiences and input to guide the development of future advocacy, events, and student engagement experiences by MGA Queer.

134

graduate students responded.

81%

feel strongest sense of safety and belonging on-campus with other university students.

81%

had the most positive experiences from accepting campus climate, community and friendships.

67%

want more events and social gatherings.

MGA QUEER REPRESENTATIVE STATEMENT

First of all, thank you everyone in the community for taking time out of your busy schedule to do this survey. We've put together this report below to share with you the story you've shared with us through your responses. The story is a simple one, and also unbelievably complex; we need to create a community together. Being a Graduate student is often an isolating experience. So too is identifying as part of the LGBTIQA+ community. When you compound these two, without even adding in the nuance of being international, a woman, Aboriginal or Torres Strait islander or some other identity that complicates life in Australia, this time in our lives has the potential to be some of our loneliest periods. Community fights that. Together we fight that. Together, we create community.

In the responses, 81% of us noted that we felt most safety and belonging with other university students. Again, 81% of us mentioned an accepting campus climate and community and friendships as your

most positive experiences. Additionally, 67% of us requested more events and social gatherings, focused on community building, networking, educational workshops, and opportunities for visibility and representation. The story is clear. We want more community!

But how do we get there? The simple answer is together. The complexity emerges when we start to dive into what we need to do, how it should be done, how frequently, where, and more important questions. The answer to all of that is 'Together, let's figure it out'. So please, reach out to the MGA Queer email (MGA-EC-Queer@monash.edu) with any ideas, concerns or opportunities you have that will help us create and curate our community! Let's make something happen together! We already have a small group of folks excited to get things rolling and plan small and big events alike, and there's always room under our tent for you, no matter who you are, who you love, or what you present as. There's space for you here!

WHAT COMES NEXT?

What you want to see more of:

"More inclusion in extracurricular activities! Sports, study groups, social groups, etc. There's already a [Pride in Sports initiative](#), it would be good to see Monash getting more involved with them."

"Pride Pool is a great event, maybe we could have more pool party with different theme?"

"A postgraduate queer network would also be amazing, as being a postgrad student can be very isolating from the rest of the student community."

"More enlightenment on sexuality and how to accept them."

Arts and culture / Collaborations

KEEP IN TOUCH

Join the WhatsApp group chat or reach out via MGA-EC-Queer@monash.edu

Educational initiatives / Resources

"I'd love to see more regular community-building events that are low-pressure and inclusive — like casual meetups, queer film nights, or creative workshops. It would also be great to have more collaboration with other student groups to help build intersectional solidarity across campus. Visibility is important, but so is creating safe, supportive spaces where people can genuinely connect."

"I think it would be good to have some queer spaces - online and offline - specifically for HDR students."

"More community-building activities, mentorship programs, and collaboration with other student groups."