

NRC Program Questionnaire: Who Does What
National Research Council Study of Research Doctorate Programs

The National Research Council is conducting a study of the quality and characteristics of doctoral programs in the United States, collecting data on programs in over 60 areas of study at more than 200 universities. A Program Questionnaire will be completed for each Case program eligible for the study.

The table below indicates which items on the Program Questionnaire will be completed centrally by Graduate Studies, and which must be completed by the department. Additional information to clarify questions has been included where available.

Item	Description	Program to Complete	Graduate Studies to Complete
A0	Program website [this should be the main department website]	X	
A1	Is the program interdisciplinary?	X	
B5-7	Faculty diversity data (gender, ethnicity, citizenship)		X
B8	Committee chair = primary advisor?	X	
C1	Number of degrees awarded		X
C2	Median time to degree for graduates		X
C3	Data on admittances and new students for past five years		X
C4	Policy on master's degree for admission	X	
C5	Number entering with master's from 2003-04 through 2005-06	X	
C6-7	Continuous enrollment policy		X
C8-9	Fall 2005 enrollment by gender, ethnicity, citizenship		X
C10	MD/PhD enrollment: number, time-to-degree reporting		X
C11	Median time to degree for MD/PhD students		X
C12	Definition of full-time	X	
C13-14	Requirements for admission to candidacy	X	
C15	Degree objectives: master's/PhD	X	
C16-18	Retention and completion tables by gender		X
C19	Names of graduates for past three years		X
D1-2	GRE requirement		X
D3-4	Median GRE scores		X
D5-6	Policy on teaching assistants	X	
D7	Details on teaching assistants in fall 2005	X	
D8	Student support services <i>See additional information below</i>	X	
D9	Program awards for doctoral faculty	X	
D10-11	Employment outcomes data	X	
D12	Student workspace	X	

Item	Description	Program to Complete	Graduate Studies to Complete
D13	Interdisciplinary centers in which students participate <i>This list is not restricted to on-campus centers, but should include only centers that actually involve doctoral students from the program.</i>	X	
D14	Program collaboration	X	
E1	Tuition and fees for 2005-06		X
E2-3	Modal financial support: academic year 2005-06	X	
E4	Modal financial support: summer 2006	X	
E5	Number of first-year students with financial support <i>The NRC has not defined "full support," allowing for variations in program policies.</i>	X	
E6-9	Student support patterns	X	
F1	Postdoctoral scholars in fall 2005	X	
F2	Postdoc gender, citizenship, ethnicity	X	
F3	Postdoc country of origin <i>This refers to birth country, if known, for temporary visa holders only, not U.S. citizens.</i>	X	
F4	Postdocs with portable fellowships	X	

Additional Information for Item D8: Support Services for Doctoral Students

Item D8 asks whether specified support services are provided to doctoral students by the institution, the program, or both. The table below indicates which services on the list are provided by the university; programs should combine this information with program-level services in answering the question.

Support Services	Provided by Program	Provided by University
Orientation for new graduate students		X
International student orientation		X
Language screening/support prior to teaching		X
Instruction in writing (outside of program requirements)		X
Instruction in statistics (outside of program requirements)		
Prizes/awards to doctoral students for teaching and/or research		X
Assistance/training in proposal preparation		X
On-campus, graduate student research conferences		X
Formal training in academic integrity/ethics		
Active graduate student association		X
Staff assigned to the graduate student association		X
Financial support for the graduate student association		X

Support Services	Provided by Program	Provided by University
Posted academic grievance procedure		X
Dispute resolution procedure		X
Regular graduate program directors/coordinators meetings		X
Annual review of all enrolled doctoral students		X
Organized training to help students improve teaching skills		X
Travel support to attend professional meetings		X