

National Research Council Assessment of Research Doctorate Programs 2006

Program Questionnaire for Emerging Fields

Every ten or so years, the National Research Council conducts a study of national importance regarding the quality and characteristics of doctoral programs in the United States. This comparative assessment is designed to assist prospective doctoral students with selecting programs that best fit their interests and to permit programs to benchmark themselves against similar programs.

The 2006 Assessment of Research Doctorate Programs collects data about the doctoral programs in over 60 areas of study in American universities.

Your institution has identified your program in:

_____ (Name of program that was identified by the institution)

as an area of doctoral study that corresponds to the following emerging field in the NRC taxonomy:

_____ (Name of field in the NRC taxonomy)

Your program was selected because it satisfies at least three of the following four criteria for a doctoral program:

1. Enrolls doctoral students
2. Has a designated faculty
3. Develops a curriculum for doctoral study
4. Makes recommendations for the award of degrees.

In addition, the program must have awarded 5 Ph.D.s during the period 2001/2 to 2005/6.

If more than one doctoral degree granting program in this field exists at your institution: data and faculty lists for those programs will be provided to the NRC separately.

The following other program(s) at your institution will also be part of the study in the field of (Name of field in the NRC taxonomy):

_____ (Name of program that was identified by the institution)
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We are interested in the number of core, new, and associated faculty in your program.

Core Faculty are faculty members who:

- 1) have served as a chair or member of a program dissertation committee in the past 5 academic years (2001-2002 through 2005-2006), OR
- 2) are serving as a member of the graduate admissions or curriculum committee

The faculty member must be currently (2006-2007) and formally designated as faculty in the program, and not be an outside reader who reads the dissertation but does not contribute substantially to its development. Include emeritus faculty only if the faculty member has, within the past three years, either chaired a dissertation committee or been the primary instructor for a regular PhD course.

New Faculty are faculty members who:

- 1) do not meet the criteria for core faculty, but who have been hired in tenured or tenure-track positions within the past three academic years (2003-2004 through 2005-2006) AND
- 2) are currently employed at your university and are expected to become involved in doctoral education in your program

Associated Faculty are faculty members who:

- 1) have chaired or served on program dissertation committees in the past five years (2001-2002 through 2005-2006), AND
- 2) have a current (2006-2007) faculty appointment at your institution, but who are not designated faculty in the program.

They should not be outside readers, or faculty currently employed at other universities. Include emeritus faculty only if the faculty member has, within the past three years, either chaired a dissertation committee or been the primary instructor for a regular PhD course.

1. Based on the definitions above, please provide for this program...

The number of core faculty:
The number of new faculty:
The number of associated faculty:

- 2. How many students were enrolled in doctoral study in this program during the 2005-2006 academic year?**

Number of Students

- 3. How many of this program's currently enrolled doctoral students were in the candidacy stage as of the 2005-2006 academic year?**

Number of Students