



Ph.D. Completion Project: Overview & Update

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Ph.D. Completion Project

Data Submitted *(as of July 6, 2005)*

- Completion Data for 369 programs from 27 universities
- 36,000 students (Research Partners) + 8,000 students (Project Partners)
- Attrition Data from 26 universities
- Aggregate Demographic Data from 25 universities
- Exit Surveys: first batch of 200+ exit surveys from 7 universities

Ph.D. Completion Project

- ✓ Database Construction
 - Even distribution across broad fields
 - Representative demographic distribution
 - 10 program areas with 10 or more universities represented (English, Political Science, Physics, Chemistry) and 11 program areas with 5+ universities
 - Preliminary analysis



Ph.D. Completion Project: Workshop Overview

- Introduction
- Preliminary Data Analysis
- Graduate Dean Leaders on Project Interventions
- [Break]
- “Table Topic” Discussions



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Project Information

Project Participants

Quantitative Data

Promising Practices

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Completion Project News

CGS Summer Workshop 2005 for Graduate Deans Technical Workshop - Ph.D. Completion Project
Wednesday, July 13, 9 am-12 noon
Santa Fe, NM

President: Daniel Denecke, Council of Graduate Schools

Speakers:

Lewis Siegel, Duke University
Orlando Taylor, Howard University
Richard Wheeler, University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign
Helen Frasier and Heath Brown, Council of Graduate Schools

This technical workshop will highlight strategies for effectively collecting attrition and completion data and for implementing interventions and student surveys designed to optimize Ph.D. completion. The workshop will consist of three parts. During the first part, CGS project staff will discuss overall research design and present preliminary baseline data analyses on data collected from 27 participating universities. Next, three graduate deans from Research Partner universities will speak about the interventions that form the basis of their projects. Finally, graduate deans and project directors from universities participating in the Ph.D. Completion Project will facilitate break-out discussions on specific topics including: implementing exit surveys for completers and non-completers (in electronic and paper formats); data readiness and general implementation strategy; and discerning "stop-outs" from "drop-outs."

Mentoring
Financial Support
Program Environment
Research Mode
Processes & Procedures
Other

- **Tool and Templates**
- **Resources**
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Anticipated Challenges

- Qualitative Data Submission
 - Exit Interviews
- Intervention Implementation
- Assessing Implementation
 - “Pre-Project Assessment Templates”
- Benchmarking
- Transparency



Best Practices / Overcoming Challenges

1. Exit Survey Implementation (Response rates & non-completers)
2. Exit Survey Implementation (Adapting existing exit survey)
3. Exit Survey Implementation 2 (Electronic)
4. Data Readiness: Attrition Templates
5. Intervention Assessment