

Graduate Education Research at UC Berkeley: What You Can Do

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Graduate Student Surveys at UCB

- Entry
 - New students
 - Orientation, induction
- Housing
 - New and continuing students
 - Student budget estimation
- Midpoint
 - 3rd year doctoral and 2nd year masters students
 - Program quality
 - University environment
- Doctoral Exit
 - Program satisfaction
 - Dissertation advising
 - Academic activities
 - Job placement
- Placement
 - Department staff
 - Position and location of graduates

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Berkeley Research on Retention

- Data drawn from survey responses
- Efforts based upon these results
 - Annual review of doctoral candidates
 - Pre-qualifying exam fellowship to reduce teaching burden of some students
 - Dissertation year fellowship

Dissertation Year Fellowship (2001)

- Resulting from analysis of time-to-degree, support patterns and survey results
- Non-STEM graduate students who have made timely progress toward advancement
- Effects observed so far
 - Change in department requirements
 - Reduction in time-to-advancement
 - Will study TTD and completion rates in 2008

Do Babies Matter?

Effects of family formation on career life of women PhDs

- Alfred P. Sloan-funded research based on data from the Survey of Doctorate Recipients and UC faculty surveys
- Efforts based on results
 - Revised faculty policies at the University of California related to work and family
 - Revising policies for graduate student parents
- Research is ongoing...
- <http://ucfamilyedge.berkeley.edu/>

CGS Ph.D. Completion Project

- Projects funded by Pfizer and Ford to pilot interventions at participating institutions
- Institutional data from project participants monitored to assess project outcomes
- Baseline data collected with more results to follow
- <http://www.phdcompletion.org/>