

PROGRAM SELF-STUDY

This self-study document has been compiled for your use to examine your program and identify strengths as well as opportunities for improvement. The four areas are the identified necessary conditions for optimal doctoral completion and each area has several strategies listed to bolster each of these four conditions.

Condition 1: The right people apply for doctoral study

- Involve program faculty in recruitment efforts.
- Use technology to better disseminate information.
- Share program information with colleagues.
- Provide more attractive assistantship benefits.
- Advocate for reduced time to degree (TTD).
- Build alliances with undergraduate programs.
- Actively recruit faculty and students from underrepresented groups.

Comments:

Condition 2: The right applicants are admitted as doctoral students

- Provide opportunities for prospective students to evaluate the program for “fit.”
- Consider applicants’ interest and needs.
- Involve applicants’ support system.
- Establish early communication between potential students and faculty.

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Condition 3: Students and faculty form productive working relationships

- Promote opportunities for faculty-student research and presentations.
- Institutionalize mentoring into the program’s culture.
- Actively solicit students’ feedback.
- Involve students in program decision-making.
- Encourage faculty to advocate for students’ funding.
- Provide opportunities for information sharing.
- Create opportunities for faculty-student social interactions.
- Celebrate achievements.
- Expedite time to degree (TTD).

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Condition 4: Students experience social support from fellow students

- Encourage student socialization.
- Establish joint social support ventures.
- Create opportunities for inclusion.

Comments:
