

Texas A&M University

18 Characteristics of Texas Public Doctoral Programs

Programs included only if in existence 3 or more years. Program is defined at the 8-digit CIP code level.

Department	College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences Dean's Office
Doctoral Degree Program	Biomedical Sciences
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1	Number of Degrees Per Year <i>Average, 2013-2016</i> <i>Three-year average of the number of degrees awarded per academic year</i>	2013-2014	13
		2014-2015	7
		2015-2016	6
		3 Year Average	8.7

2	Graduation Rates <i>Starting Cohorts: 2004-2006</i> <i>Three-year average of the percent of first-year doctoral students who graduated within ten years. First-year doctoral students: Those students who have been coded as doctoral students by the institution and have either completed a master's program or at least 30 SCH towards a graduate degree.</i>	% Graduating within 10 Years	58%
		Years with Cohort greater than 0	2004,2005,2006

3	Average Time to Degree <i>Students Starting 2004-2006</i> <i>Three-year average of the registered time to degree[3] of first-year doctoral students within a ten year period. [3] Registered time to degree: The number of semesters enrolled starting when a student first appears as a doctoral student until she completes a degree, excluding any time taken off during graduate study. The number of years is obtained by dividing the number semesters by three.</i>	Average Years to Degree	5.2

4	Employment Profile <i>(In field within one year of graduation). For each of the three most recent years, the number and percent of graduates by year employed, those still seeking employment, and unknown</i>						
		Employed		Still Seeking Employment		Unknown	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
	2013-2014	13	100%	0	0%	0	0%
	2014-2015	7	100%	0	0%	0	0%
2015-2016	6	100%	0	0%	0	0%	

5	Admissions Criteria	<i>Description of admission factors</i>
	Admission to the degree of PhD in Biomedical Sciences requires a minimum of an earned baccalaureate degree (or its equivalent) from an accredited institution of higher education prior to the start of the admission semester. Applicants must secure a faculty mentor (College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences faculty member who has agreed to support the student in the ways necessary for them to pursue doctoral research) prior to a review of the admission application materials. After an applicant has secured a faculty mentor and submitted all of the required materials, a holistic review of the applicant by the faculty mentor and a college-wide admissions committee will consider the following criteria: the Grade Point Average for previous postsecondary coursework with competitive candidates having a 3.00 or higher (on a 4.00 scale); satisfactory scores on the GRE exam including a minimum of 146 on the verbal section and competitive total score of 300 or higher; TOEFL or equivalent test scores (applicable only to international 5 applicants); a resume or CV; and a minimum of 3 letters of recommendation.	

6	Percentage Full-time Students <i>FTS/number of students enrolled for the last three fall semesters.</i>	Fall 2013	83.0%
		Fall 2014	81.4%
		Fall 2015	87.3%

7	Average Institutional Financial Support Provided <i>For those receiving financial support, the average monetary institutional financial support provided per full-time graduate student for the prior year, from assistantships, scholarships, stipends, grants, and fellowships. Does not include tuition or benefits.</i>	\$25,595.36
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8	Percentage Full-Time Students with Institutional Financial Support <i>In the prior year, the number of full-time students with at least \$1,000 of annual support/the number of full-time students</i>	90%																		
9	Number of Core Faculty <i>Number of core faculty in the prior year</i>	64																		
10	Student-Core Faculty Ratio <i>Three-year average of full-time student equivalent (FTSE) /three-year average of full-time faculty equivalent (FTFE) of core faculty. Core Faculty: Full-time tenured and tenure-track faculty who teach 50 percent or more in the doctoral program or other individuals integral to the doctoral program who can direct dissertation research.</i>	1.1																		
11	Core Faculty Publications <i>Three-year average of the number of discipline-related refereed papers/publications, books/book chapters, juried creative/performance accomplishments, and notices of discoveries filed/patents issued per year per core faculty member.</i>	4.9																		
12	Core Faculty External Grants <i>Three-year average of the number of core faculty receiving external funds, average external funds per faculty, and total external funds per program per academic year. All external funds received from any source including research grants, training grants, gifts from foundations, etc., reported as expenditures.</i>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td data-bbox="808 789 1318 827">Average of the Number of Core Faculty receiving</td> <td data-bbox="1318 789 1505 827">39</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="808 827 1318 865">Average External Funds per Faculty</td> <td data-bbox="1318 827 1505 865">\$330,975.98</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="808 865 1318 903">Total External Funds</td> <td data-bbox="1318 865 1505 903">\$12,908,063.33</td> </tr> </table>	Average of the Number of Core Faculty receiving	39	Average External Funds per Faculty	\$330,975.98	Total External Funds	\$12,908,063.33												
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13	Faculty Teaching Load <i>Total number of semester credit hours in organized teaching courses taught per academic year by core faculty divided by the number of core faculty in the prior year</i>	9.9																		
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17	External Program Accreditation <i>Name of body and date of last program accreditation review, if applicable, updated when changed</i>																			
18	Student Publications/Presentations <i>For the three most recent years, the number of discipline-related refereed papers/ publications, juried creative/performance accomplishments, book chapters, books, and external presentations per year by student FTE</i>	2.75																		

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Notes:

The sum of #14 (Faculty Diversity) could be less than #9 (Number of Core Faculty) if some faculty have chosen to keep their information confidential.

Excluding the distance education students, whom will be included starting from the next year