

The CGS PhD Career Pathways Project

CGS PhD Career Pathways is a coalition of 75 doctoral institutions working to better understand and support PhD careers across all broad fields of study. Over the course of the project, universities collect data from current PhD students and alumni using surveys that have been developed by CGS in consultation with diverse stakeholders. The surveys are designed to be administered by graduate schools or graduate programs, capture the career aspirations and program experiences of second and fifth-year PhD students, and to capture snapshots of PhD alumni career progression at three, eight, and fifteen years since earning a doctorate in STEM (including social sciences) and humanities fields. The resulting data allows universities to analyze PhD career preferences and outcomes at the program level and helps faculty and university leaders strengthen career services, professional development opportunities, and mentoring.

For more information on data sources visit cgsnet.org/about-cgs.

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By the Numbers



Total institutions participating



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of CGS doctoral degree granting members







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