Task Force on Graduate Education: Selective Excellence

Program Ratings and Rationale

Program: Epidemiology M.S., Ph.D. Program
Rating: High Quality

In fall 2008, the Epidemiology graduate program had 19 MS students, 33 PhD, and 10 students in the clinical investigation MS program. The program admits high quality students. Efforts to recruit a diverse student cohort are in place. Although most students receive some type of funding, it is not guaranteed. The program does have adequate research resources, but lacks pre-doctoral stipend funding, which they hope to improve by obtaining a training grant. The % completion is good at 73% and the median TTD is 4.8 yrs, both above the average for the discipline. All PhD graduates have found placement with a trend of more graduates employed in academic positions. Demand for new professionals in this area is projected to increase; however, based on faculty numbers and funding, the program is "at capacity" to support its graduate programs.