Task Force on Graduate Education: Selective Excellence

Program Ratings and Rationale

Program: Informatics M.S., Ph.D. Program
Rating: Too new to assess

The interdisciplinary graduate program in Informatics was approved in 2006. The program currently has 4 subtracks in Information Science, Health Informatics and Bioinformatics (certificate only) and Geoinformatics (certificate only). The first student cohort was admitted in Fall 2007 and there are currently 16 students in the program (8 PhD, 7 MS, 1 certificate) of which 50% are underrepresented minority students. One student has graduated with a time to degree of 6 years. Similar to other interdisciplinary programs, progress toward excellence for this IDGP depends on continued faculty participation and stable financial support. Critical issues for the program in the immediate future are to recruit a director and to identify additional funds for student support and programming.