Task Force on Graduate Education: Selective Excellence

Program Ratings and Rationale

Program: Orthodontics M.S. Program
Rating: High Quality

The Orthodontics MS program trains dental practitioners and graduate students in the area of malocclusions and dentofacial deformities with an emphasis on research. Students join the program through a National Matching Service for orthodontic programs. All students receive a 2-year fellowship for both years of the program which is funded by departmental patient revenue. Approximately 60% of the students will publish their MS thesis in a peer-reviewed scientific journal. All of the students since 1999 have graduated; however, ~96% have gone into private practice. Recruiting faculty in this area is a serious challenge for the program due to the lucrative nature of private practice in this area.