



Council of Graduate Schools

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Completion and Attrition in STEM Master's Programs

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Project Overview

- Sloan Foundation-funded
- Launched November 2010
- Builds on CGS' work on Ph.D. completion
- Goals:
 - Collect and analyze completion and attrition data
 - Understand reasons for enrolling, factors contributing to completion, promising practices
 - Assess need for larger project



Awardees

- Loyola University Chicago
- Purdue University
- Southern Illinois University Edwardsville
- Texas A&M University
- Wright State University



Research Partner Activities

- Obtain IRB approval
- Submit program characteristics templates
- Survey Graduate Program Directors
- Host site visits
 - Focus groups & meetings with university personnel
- Survey master's students:
 - entering, graduating, stop-out/drop-out
- Submit completion and attrition data

