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# **Ph.D. Education: A Focus on Completion**

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# Ph.D. Completion Project

- **Guiding Principles:**
  - Students admitted to Ph.D. programs should have every opportunity to complete their degrees.
  - Understanding and improving student degree completion and attrition is key to increasing the effectiveness of doctoral programs.
  - Graduate deans are in the best position to lead conversations about the best practices that will improve student completion rates.



# Ph.D. Completion Project

- Funding provided by Pfizer Inc and the Ford Foundation
  - Phase I (2004-2007)
  - Phase II (2007-2010)
- 29 Research partner institutions received grants
- 25 Project partner institutions currently participate in various aspects (unfunded)



# Phase I Research and Project Partners

- Arizona State University
- University of California—Berkeley
- University of California—Los Angeles
- University of Cincinnati
- University of Colorado—Boulder
- Cornell University
- Duke University
- University of Florida
- Florida State University
- Fordham University
- George Washington University
- University of Georgia
- Howard University
- University of Iowa
- University of Illinois—Urbana Champaign
- Jackson State University
- University of Kansas
- Louisiana State University
- University of Louisville
- Marquette University
- University of Maryland—Baltimore Cty
- McGill University
- University of Melbourne (Australia)
- University of Michigan
- Michigan State University
- University of Minnesota
- University of Missouri—Columbia
- Université de Montréal
- New Mexico State University
- New York University
- University of North Carolina—Chapel Hill
- North Carolina State University
- North Dakota State University
- University of Notre Dame
- Pennsylvania State University
- Princeton University
- University of Puerto Rico
- Purdue University
- University of Rhode Island
- Rutgers-State University of New Jersey
- University of Southern California
- Southern Illinois University—Carbondale
- Syracuse University
- Washington University—St. Louis
- Western Michigan University
- Yale University



# Phase II Research and Project Partners

- Arizona State University
- University of Arkansas
- Brown University
- University of California—Berkeley
- University of California—Los Angeles
- University of California—San Diego
- University of Cincinnati
- Colorado State University
- Cornell University
- Duke University
- University of Florida
- Florida State University
- University of Georgia
- Howard University
- University of Illinois—Urbana Champaign
- University of Kansas
- University of Louisville
- Loyola University Chicago
- Marquette University
- University of Maryland—Baltimore County
- McMaster University
- University of Michigan
- Michigan State University
- University of Missouri—Columbia
- University of North Carolina—Chapel Hill
- North Carolina State University
- Northwestern University
- Ohio State University
- Pennsylvania State University
- Princeton University
- Purdue University
- University of Rhode Island
- Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey
- University of Southern California
- Syracuse University
- Washington University in St. Louis
- Yale University

