Cumulative Ten-Year PhD Program Attrition Rates by Institution Type and Broad Field

		Attrition Rate (%)									
Institution Type	**Broad Fields**	**Year 1**	**Year 2**	**Year 3**	**Year 4**	**Year 5**	**Year 6**	**Year 7**	**Year 8**	**Year 9**	**Year 10**
Private	Engineering	6.4	14.7	23.6	27.5	28.7	29.1	30.4	30.8	30.8	31.0
	Life Sciences	8.1	11.8	19.6	24.0	25.5	27.1	28.0	29.0	29.0	29.0
	Mathematics & Physical Sciences	5.1	11.9	18.3	23.8	25.1	26.5	27.6	28.4	28.7	28.9
	Social Sciences	5.1	11.6	16.3	19.3	22.8	24.7	25.7	27.1	28.5	28.8
	Humanities	5.6	12.6	16.7	20.8	23.0	26.1	29.0	31.4	33.0	33.8
	Total	***5.7***	***12.4***	***18.5***	***22.8***	***24.8***	***26.5***	***28.0***	***29.3***	***30.0***	***30.4***
Public	Engineering	5.2	14.4	19.2	21.7	22.7	23.7	24.3	25.0	25.3	25.4
	Life Sciences	6.3	10.9	16.5	20.2	21.4	22.8	24.1	24.7	25.2	25.4
	Mathematics & Physical Sciences	9.4	20.1	29.2	33.6	35.8	37.2	38.5	39.3	39.8	40.1
	Social Sciences	6.4	11.8	16.8	20.2	21.7	23.0	24.0	25.0	25.7	26.3
	Humanities	5.5	9.9	14.0	17.2	19.4	22.5	25.4	27.9	29.4	30.6
	Total	***6.9***	***14.3***	***20.4***	***23.9***	***25.6***	***27.2***	***28.6***	***29.6***	***30.3***	***30.8***

Source: Council of Graduate Schools Completion and Attrition Program Data