

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities for the Future: Challenges to Doctoral Education

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Global Challenges

Addressing Basic Human Needs

- Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger
- Achieve universal primary education
- Promote gender equality and empower women
- Reduce child mortality
- Improve maternal health
- Combat HIV / AIDS, malaria
- Ensure environmental sustainability





Capacity Building

The Role of Science & Technology

- Energy
- Agriculture
- Water
- Health
- Education that includes S&T
- Democratic governance, rule of law, respect for human rights, and peace and security
- Interdependency between growth, poverty reduction, sustainable development

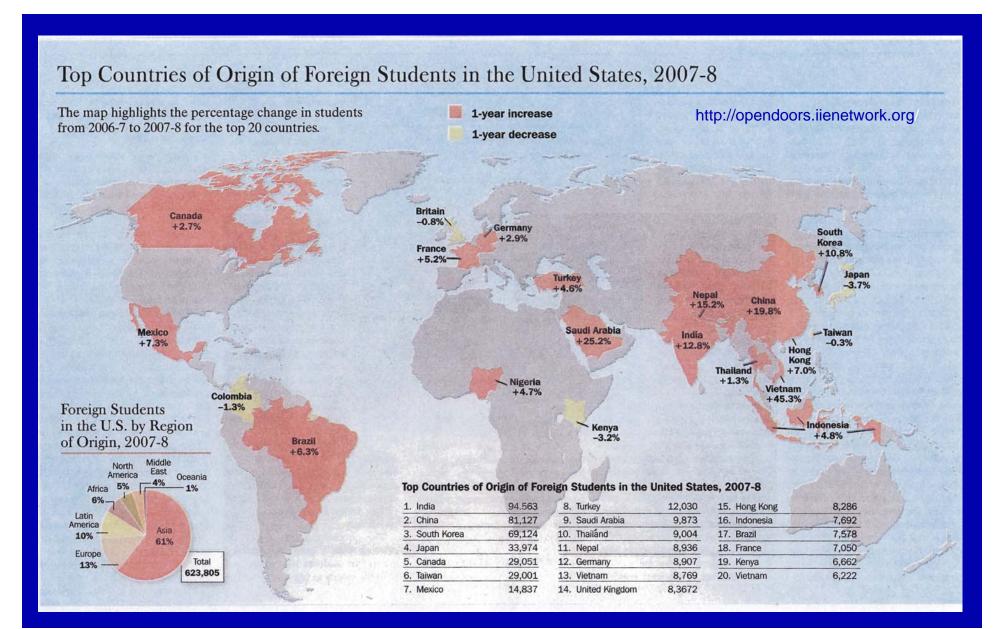


Environmental Scan

For academic research faculty

- Changing views of the nature of teaching and learning
- Changing expectations for faculty
- Changing student body







Environmental Scan

For all career options

- Growing dissatisfaction with job readiness of new Ph.D.'s (graduates and employers)
- Job markets are rapidly changing
- More competition & more collaboration



Twenty-first Century Skills

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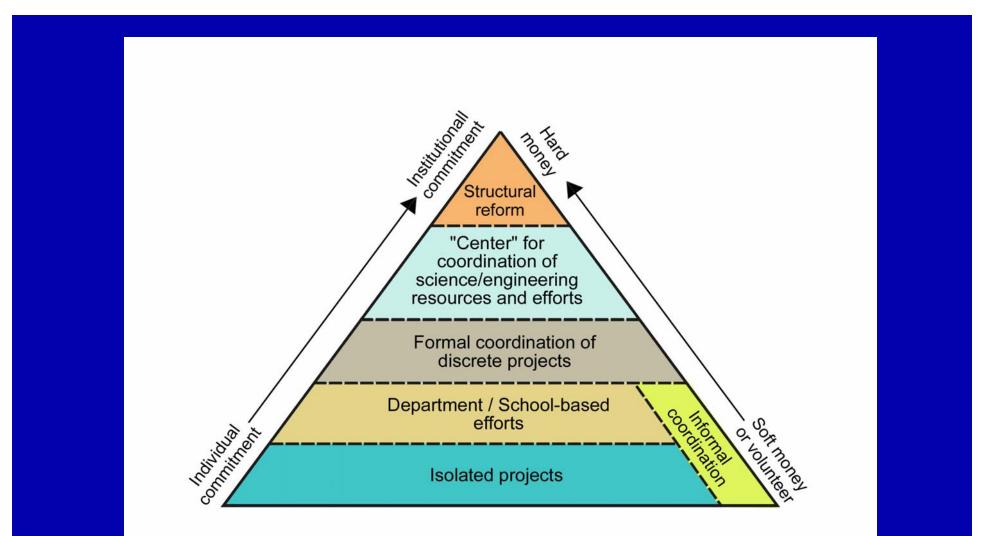
Source: Partnership for 21st Century Skills



Basic Assumptions

- The Ph.D. is a research degree
- Not all Ph.D. students aspire to faculty / academic research careers
- Not all Ph.D. programs aspire to prepare students for faculty careers or for the full range of career opportunities available to PhD trained scientists









The **Preparing Future Faculty (PFF) program** at Arizona State University is a professional development opportunity for students who are seeking a Doctorate or MFA degree and are interested in pursuing a faculty position upon graduation or those who are giving it considerable thought.

Through the Preparing Future Faculty program, students learn about the many roles faculty members are asked to perform (research/scholarship, teaching, service) and are given an inside look into other aspects of the faculty position from distinguished faculty and administrators at ASU.

Another component of the Preparing Future Faculty program is to provide participants with an overview and comparison of how the roles of faculty may differ depending on the type of institution (large public research, small private religious, etc.). Students who complete the Preparing Future Faculty program are better prepared for the academic job search and are more successful in their first faculty position.

http://graduate.asu.edu/pff/index.html



THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN Intellectual Entrepreneurship: "Educating Citizen-Scholars" A Cross-Disciplinary Consortium

Intellectual Entrepreneurship (IE) is an inter-collegial Consortium of the Colleges of Communication, Liberal Arts, Fine Arts, Natural Sciences, Engineering, Law, Education, Pharmacy, and the Schools of Information, Public Affairs and Social Work. The mission of IE is to educate "citizen-scholars"--individuals who creatively utilize their intellectual capital as a lever for social good.

https://webspace.utexas.edu/cherwitz/www/ie/





The Professional Science Master's (PSM) is graduate degree designed to allow students to pursue advanced training in science or mathematics, while simultaneously developing workplace skills highly valued by employers. PSM programs consist of two years of academic training in an emerging or interdisciplinary area, along with a professional component that may include internships and "cross-training" in business and communications. All have been developed in concert with industry and are designed to dovetail into present and future professional career opportunities.

http://www.sciencemasters.com





FairerScience began because researchers and advocates for women in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) have not been effectively communicating their findings in ways that allow the public including policy makers, educators and parents to understand and evaluate these findings and, where appropriate, make decisions based on them.

FairerScience is committed to changing that both in terms of gender and where gender issues in STEM interact with issues of race/ethnicity and disability.

http://www.fairerscience.org



Communicating Science tools for scientists and engineers



Communicating Science: Tools for Scientists and Engineers online resources include webinars, how-to tips for media interviews, strategies for identifying public outreach opportunities, and more. Workshops for scientists and engineers interested in learning more about science communication tools and techniques are also available.

http://communicatingscience.aaas.org/



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- What will you need to know and be able to do in that job?
- What will you wish you had learned / done in graduate school to prepare for that job?







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Questions, Comments, and Ideas Welcome

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