

Guidelines for obtaining/retaining departmental support for Graduate students

1. Priority will be given to applicants who declare a Ph. D. objective.
Applicants who do not have an MS degree can declare Ph.D. as their degree objective (they need not complete a MS degree to obtain the Ph. D. degree).

2. It is expected that all students will move from departmental support to their advisor's research grants. In the unlikely event that they do retain departmental funding, preference will be given to students who make good progress toward the Ph. D. degree. Benchmarks for good progress are:
 - Maintaining a minimum GPA of 3.25.
 - Selecting an advisor by the end of the second semester of study.
 - Taking the qualifier in the first spring semester following the semester of admission.
 - Passing the qualifier in at most two attempts.
 - Passing the Comprehensive exam within three years of admission.
 - Graduating within eight semesters from admission.